

concerned with the lack of ability to sell forest products in Chelan County. They no longer have the ability to process forest products and are selling timber to Western Washington companies, White Swan, and Yakima Nation. There is also some interest from Oregon and Idaho. Sales consist primarily of commercial saw logs, which require logs at least 6-8 inches in diameter. Heath stated many forest acres contain small trees and branch material that could be utilized. As the forest service works to restore forest health and decrease fire risk these smaller materials need to be removed. Burning is difficult for the service, due to their air quality concerns. Many individuals in the area have been discussing biomass and there seems to be a high level of interest. Discussion ensued regarding a possible biomass industry in Chelan County. Heath stated there is a delicate balance between supply and demand. They are currently working to assess the supply available.

Heath also reported on the development of a summer motorized travel plan for forest areas ranging from the Okanogan forest to Mt. Rainier. She stated there are currently approximately 3 million acres technically open for motorized travel. Motorized travel is legal in those areas unless posted otherwise. This wide range of travel is starting to cause resource issues. She stated there are many roads and trails not included in the forest road and trail system. After a plan is finalized, motorized travel on these other roads will be illegal unless they are adopted into the forest service system. The service has been involved in public outreach regarding this new plan. Discussion ensued.

PANGBORN MEMORIAL AIRPORT

FAA Grant for Runway 12/30 Extension Environmental Assessment Phase II

Greg Phillips reported that Phase II is the final allocation to conduct and complete the assessment. It has already been approved by the Board of Commissioners at the Port of Douglas County.

Motion No.

Moved By:

Seconded by:

03-02-11

Michael H. Mackey

Craig N. Larsen

To accept an FAA grant for the environment assessment phase II and authorizing the executive director or current port chair and legal counsel to sign the required documents.

Motion carried unanimously.

Greg Phillips stated the work would be complete around the end of November. There will be a meeting in June and a public hearing in September or October regarding the project. Commissioner Larsen inquired about the next steps. Phillips reported next steps would include land acquisition and the right of way road relocation. The project could be complete in approximately 3-5 years.

Phillips reported he will join Commissioner Larsen and Commissioner Spurgeon at next week's 2011 Western Region Small Airports Air Service Conference. They plan to meet with representatives from Seaport Air, SkyWest Delta, and Gulf Stream. He also reported the recent movie filming at the airport went well. The production team donated a polar bear decoration used during filming, to the airport.

CONFLUENCE TECHNOLOGY & CAPITAL PROJECTS

Interlocal Agreement with City of Cashmere

Pete Fraley distributed a copy of Exhibit C, Summary of Quantities. He stated the interlocal has been reviewed at meetings with the City of Cashmere. The City will serve as the lead agency. Laura Jaecks reported the City would cover 70% and the Port would cover the remaining 30% of the project. RH2 will serve as the engineer for both the City and the Port. Discussion ensued regarding cost sharing. Both the City and Port have received grants and loans associated with the Sunset Highway Improvement project.

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Karen Kornher reported RH2 completed an independent cost estimate with an engineer not involved in this project. Discussion ensued. In the event change orders are requested, the cost of the change order will be paid by the benefiting party. The degree of benefit will be determined by RH2. Fraley stated the City of Cashmere has approved the agreement as to form.

Motion No.
Moved By:
Seconded by:

03-03-11
Craig N. Larsen
Michael H. Mackey
To approve an interlocal agreement with the City of Cashmere related to the Sunset Highway improvements benefiting the Cashmere Mill Site, subject to final review and approval of the exhibits by one Commissioner.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2011-06 declaring scrap metal from Worthen Street structure demolition surplus to the needs of the Port

Laura Jaecks reported bid opening began on Tuesday. She plans to discuss a contract at the next commission meeting, scheduled for March 23rd. The next phase will include the demolition of the structure. She stated it is estimated there will be steel, aluminum siding, and copper available for recycling. Since the copper is more valuable and more portable it is suggested to include it in the demolition contract. She stated the steel and aluminum could be stock piled on site and scrap metal bids can be requested at a later date.

Motion No.
Moved By:
Seconded by:

03-04-11
Michael H. Mackey
Craig N. Larsen
To approve resolution 2011-06 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS (continued)

Commissioner Larsen reported on an upcoming Tourism Alliance meeting scheduled for March 31st in Seattle.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (continued)

February Budget vs. Actual

Monica Lough stated the February budget vs. actual report reflects exactly what was approved this year. She also stated they are working to speed up the invoice approval process to increase efficiency.

Letter of Support – HRA VEBA Technical Fix

Judy Bradford reviewed the background of and reason for the HRA VEBA technical fix. She explained it would allow funds to transfer to the estate or non-dependent beneficiaries when no surviving spouse or dependents remain after a participant's death. Brief discussion ensued.

Regular session recessed for a five minute break at 9:40 am.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regular session reconvened at 9:45 am and immediately recessed to an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss real estate matters pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (b and c). Final action on selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.

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Regular session reconvened at 10:18 am.

No action taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:18 am.

Signed and dated this 23rd day of March, 2011.

PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY



JC Baldwin, President



Michael H. Mackey, Vice President



Craig N. Larsen, Secretary



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