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Highlights: Port Commission Meeting of February 6, 2008

New commission meeting dates/time to be advertised

Due to conflicting schedules, the commissioners will consider a resolution to hold future port commission meetings on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 8:30 am in the Port offices. The new schedule, if approved, will begin March 5th.

Comprehensive Plan Additions

The port is finalizing a draft of a major port comprehensive plan update. Several items were added including the port's commitment for the Orondo street moorage and Chelan marina enhancement projects, as well as an improved connection for bicyclists and pedestrians from the Olds Station Business Park campus to the Riverfront Loop Trail via Confluence Park.

Pangborn

Ron Russ, Pangborn's operations supervisor, informed the board that the repair of the instrument landing system has been completed by the FAA, and the ILS is back in service. He also advised the commission that when larger commercial aircraft such as Horizon's Q400 begin service to Pangborn, a new and upgraded security plan will be required by the FAA. He is working with Airport Manager Pat Moore to expedite completion of that plan.

LOTS Funding Availability

The Chelan County website indicates that the county will accept proposals during the month of February for projects that would make use of up to \$300,000 in LOTS funds. The commissioners and staff reviewed some ideas for a few potential Port projects. The commission identified infrastructure funding for utilities upgrades to the Cashmere Mill Site as the project that the port will submit to the county for consideration.

Storm Water Utility Update

Pete Fraley and Karen Kornher represented the port in a meeting with Chelan County Public Works and their legal counsel last week and offered an update from those discussions. The port district has been serving as the lead agency for the Olds Station storm water system operation and maintenance since it was developed approximately 9 years ago. The county is considering taking this responsibility since much of the run-off into the system originates from county property. Significant progress is being made to transfer ownership from the port to the county.

Confluence Technology Center

CTC Manager Laura Jaecks informed the Board that a CTC technology business tenant, GCI Broadband, will be extending its lease of office space on the CTC's first floor for an additional 12 month period. GCI provides information technology services to a variety of medical providers

Executive Session

An executive session was held to discuss real estate negotiation matters, with no action taken.

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