

# NEWS RELEASE

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## PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY

Meeting of the Port of Chelan County  
Wednesday, October 22, 2008

### **Meeting Highlights**

*A meeting of Pangborn's Governing Board was held for the purpose of considering the following items:*

#### **East Wenatchee Urban Growth Area Boundary**

The governing board received a presentation on a potential expansion of the City of East Wenatchee Urban Growth (UGA) that might have impacts on the airport. The presentation was made by the airport's land use consultant, Lisa Parks of the Alliance Consulting Group. The governing board directed airport staff to prepare written comments, noting the need to protect the airport from incompatible development and suggesting mitigation measures such as clustering residential development away from the centerline of the main runway and requiring additional insulation to reduce noise impacts in selected areas.

#### **Standardization of Emergency Procedures**

The Board adopted a resolution to put in place the National Incident Management System (NIMS) standardized procedures for all incident management and incorporating the NIMS into the Airport Emergency Plan for Pangborn Memorial Airport. Tina Flohr, Pangborn Airport Operations Specialist, reviewed the directive from the TSA and explained that a number of airport staff members have been trained for effective, immediate response to potential incidents that could occur at Pangborn.

#### **Regional Emergency Exercise**

Tina Flohr presented an update on the upcoming, **regional emergency exercise** at Pangborn Memorial Airport. The exercise is the culmination of planning by a number of local and county agencies who respond to such incidents when they occur to provide medical, traffic, and information assistance. The November 13<sup>th</sup> exercise will take place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and will also involve in excess of 40 actors who will play the parts of "critically injured passengers" on a downed aircraft. Various members of the community have agreed to participate as those casualties.

#### **Airport Projects Report**

Ron Russ, Pangborn Airport Operations Supervisor, described the Jet A Tank installation, security fence and briefly summarized plans for next year. Plans also include terminal expansion that will take place in two phases, subject to available federal funding and matching grants. Plans must be submitted to the FAA no later than March 20, 2009 to be eligible for AIP funds. The airport governing board will meet again on December 17<sup>th</sup> at which time it will entertain approval of the final project plans for the \$1.4 million project. It is expected to go out for bid in early January, 2009.

#### **2007 Financial Report**

The Board approved the 2007 Airport Financial Report, as presented by Monica Lough, the airport's internal auditor from Cordell, Neher, and Company.

#### **Preliminary Airport Budgets**

Airport Manager Pat Moore reported that the airport is facing a loss of income and increased spending for maintenance programs in the coming year. This will require the ports to contribute approximately \$200,000 to balance the airport budget in 2009 with 70% of that amount coming from the Port of Chelan County and 30% from the Port of Douglas County. Ms. Moore stated that she will prepare a marketing plan for the airport to generate more revenue to reduce the local taxpayer subsidy. These concerns, as well as updates regarding capital funding for both the

supplemental 2008 and final 2009 budgets were considered. Final action to adopt these budgets will be taken by each port as they adopt their respective 2009 budgets in November. Copies of these budget documents may be obtained by contacting the airport administration office or either port district.

### **Schall Property Purchase - \*8 Acres on the Approach to Runway 25**

The Board approved the agreement to purchase eight acres at the approach to Runway 25. The property is owned by Angie Schall who has already signed the purchase and sale document. This acquisition will enhance the safety of those using the crosswind runway.

### **Airport Orchard**

Airport Staff will continue to work with the present orchard manager (PNV) to institute a plan of management that will retain the organic certification and viability of the orchard. A final management plan will be introduced to the Board at the next airport board meeting.

*Pangborn Airport Governing Board adjourned and the Port of Chelan County Commission Meeting addressed the following items:*

### **Ohme Gardens Presentation**

Mike Short/Ohme Gardens manager, Bonnie Orr/Friends of Ohme Gardens, and Sally Brawley/Ohme Gardens Marketing Director briefed the commissioners on the current status of the park. The long time tourist attraction has been owned by the State for the past several years, and its management will be turned over to Chelan County in 2009. The three representatives explained that Ohme Gardens is one of only two, man-made alpine gardens in the United States and is visited by travelers from all over the world, and as such represents a significant asset in economic development. The commissioners were impressed with the future development plans for the Gardens that were presented and asked to be kept informed for future partnership opportunities.

### **Cashmere Mill Property Change Order – Fencing**

Commissioners approved Change Order No. 3 to the Cashmere Mill Site Project. Staff became aware of an undocumented water line break caused by the contractor during cleanup work this past week. The contractor's cost estimate to make the appropriate repair to the water line is approximately \$1770.

**The 2008 Supplemental Budget** was presented by the Port's internal auditor, Monica Lough, who reviewed figures that were based upon third quarter data (reviewed at this past week's Commission meeting). No major changes were requested in the supplemental budget. The 2008 supplemental budget will remain on file at the Port office for public review prior to the annual budget hearing to be held at the November 17<sup>th</sup> commission meeting.

### **Storm Water Update**

The Port's legal counsel, Pete Fraley, offered a brief update of the progress of storm water system discussions with Chelan County staff. The county is preparing to consider the transfer of the system to its ownership and management, and Port commissioners have directed its attorney to proceed toward concluding this transaction.

### **Executive Session**

An executive session was called to consider real estate matters. No action was taken.

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