

NEWS RELEASE

PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY

Meeting of the Port of Chelan County
Monday, November 26, 2008

Meeting Highlights

Pete Fraley reviewed the Port's process for granting variances to the protective covenants that were created for Olds Station property that the Port has declared surplus and sold to private entities. This review was driven by a request for a variance for signage and building height requested by Steve and Tanya Tramp for their proposed Comfort Suites hotel construction project on E. Penny Road. The board considered but did not take action on this issue, pending additional information from the applicants.

The commissioners approved a proposed change order in the amount of \$1776.67 to repair a water line break at the Port's Cashmere property. The break in the water line occurred during site cleanup activities. Project Manager Laura Jaecks reported this change order increases the total cost of the original contract to \$17,376.67, and keeps the project total to well below the engineer's project estimate.

The Port of Douglas Commissioners joined the meeting to convene the regular monthly meeting of the Pangborn Memorial Airport Governing Board. The joint commission approved the purchase of 8 acres of property from Angie Schall. This property is immediately adjacent to runway 25 and will enhance the safety of aviation operations.

Mark Urdahl reported that the proposed \$1.4 million airport terminal expansion project has been submitted to a variety of agencies, including WSDOT, the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, and the FAA for funding under the economic stimulus package which the Congress will be soon considering and is likely to approve.

The Airport Governing Board authorized staff to let bids for repair of the airport septic system pumps. This repair is not a budgeted expense and will increase the M&O deficit by an estimated \$22,000. Airport Operations Manager, Ron Russ apprised the governing board that the USFS has offered to seek funding to update the electrical service in the Fire Cache Building at an estimated cost to them of \$45,000 - \$50,000. Ron is seeking a cost from RH2 for a broad design cost estimate and indicated the airport staff will be looking for potential funding sources.

Ron Russ also reported that plans for winter operations have been developed and that the airport staff is ready to meet the winter weather challenges. Staff has

been cross-trained to provide backup, should a winter weather event make that necessary.

After the conclusion of the Airport Governing Board meeting, the Port of Chelan County held an executive session to consider potential litigation and a real estate matter. No action was taken following the executive session

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