



PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Special Public Meeting Minutes
Wenatchee Convention Center, 121 N. Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee, WA
September 27th, 2017
7:00 am

Present: Donn Etherington, President
Rory Turner, Vice President
JC Baldwin, Secretary
Patrick Jones, Executive Director
Monica Lough, Director of Finance & Admin.

Craig Larsen, Business Development Director
Laura Jaecks, CTC
Raylene Dowell, Property & Facilities Manager
Aimee Pope, Marketing & Communications Manager
Cami Harris, Administrative Assistant

The purpose of the Special Public Meeting was a breakfast for Partners in Economic Development, which included Chelan County businesses and organizations, civic leaders and community members. Over 110 people were in attendance.

Commissioner Turner welcomed guests and provided an overview of the purpose of the breakfast. He announced the Port will hold these meetings three times a year and Economic Partner feedback is welcomed and encouraged.

Commissioner Turner announced the adoption of the Port of Chelan County Strategic Plan and provided an overview of its highlights.

Executive Director Patrick Jones reviewed the Port's Economic Development Program and described the five industry sector committees who will meet three times a year to work with Commissioners and port staff on business development work plans for Chelan County. The five sectors are:

- Technology
- Manufacturing
- Agriculture
- Real Estate
- Outdoor Recreation

Jones announced two companies who are expanding their operations to Chelan County:




- Diamond Foundry – will be located in a Stemilt warehouse in Wenatchee and initially create about 40 jobs.
- Louws Truss, Inc. – will be purchasing four acres from the Port at the Cashmere Mill Site to construct a plant and will initially create about 30 jobs.

Jones announced the Port's new GIS-based real estate website www.choosechelancounty.com and provided a demonstration on what the website will provide to Chelan County and to companies outside of Chelan County looking to relocate here.

Jones announced "Destination San Francisco Bay Area" has exceeded its \$400,000 fundraising goal. The next steps are to secure the FAA Grant, and to secure an airline for service to San Francisco. Jones thanked all the supporters who made reaching this goal possible.

Commissioner Turner introduced the three Recruitment/Business Development Panelists:

- BJ Louws, President, Louws Truss, Inc.
- Greg Cerbana, Vice President, Weidner Apartment Homes
- Greg Mercer, Owner/Partner, LocalTel

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Commissioner Turner moderated the discussion and following the discussion the public was encouraged to ask the panelists questions. Commissioner Turner thanked attendees and invited them to pick up a binder on the way out that contains a copy of the Port of Chelan County Strategic Plan.

Signed and dated this 24th day of October, 2017.

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