



**PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY**  
**Board of Commissioners**  
***Special Public Meeting Minutes***  
**Confluence Technology Center, 285 Technology Way, Wenatchee, WA**  
**January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**7:30 am**

**Present:** Rory Turner, President  
JC Baldwin, Vice President  
Donn Etherington, 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. Approximately 100 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 Partner feedback is welcomed and encouraged.

Commissioner Turner provided updates on:

- Pangborn Memorial Airport
- GWATA's upcoming Flywheel Conference
- Cashmere Mill District Development
- Real Estate inquiries and needs in Chelan County

Commissioner Turner introduced and welcomed Diamond Foundry COO Kyle Gazay. Mr Gazay provided background on Diamond Foundry and why they chose Wenatchee for their second location. Diamond Foundry is scheduled to begin production in 2018 at a former Stemilt warehouse site. Mr. Gazay thanked all the business partners in Chelan County who made this move to Wenatchee possible.

Commissioner Turner introduced Laura Jaecks. Jaecks provided an overview and demonstration of the new features on the ChooseChelanCounty.com website.

Commissioner Turner introduced and welcomed the morning's three panelists to discuss Emerging Agriculture Industry issues:


- Jake Gutzwiler, Stemilt
- Drew Zabrocki, Centricity
- Patrick O'Brian, Van Doren Sales

Commissioner Turner moderated the discussion and following the discussion the public was encouraged to ask the panelists questions. Commissioner Turner thanked attendees and announced the date for the next Economic Development Partner Breakfast is May 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 am at the Wenatchee Convention Center.

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Signed and dated this 6th day of February, 2018.

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