



Media Release
Port of Chelan County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of October 1, 2015

Meeting Highlights

Outdoor Recreation Economics Study

The Port of Chelan County Commissioners heard an update from Shiloh Schauer and Matt Kearney with the Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce on a proposed study to examine the economic impacts and potential growth of outdoor recreation in Chelan County. Mr. Kearney stated in a 2014 state study on Economics of Outdoor Recreation that \$477 million are spent in Chelan and Douglas Counties on trips and equipment. The Wenatchee Valley Chamber is proceeding with securing a consultant to look in depth at the regions strengths and weaknesses in regards to the current and potential growth of outdoor recreation. Commission President Mike Mackey stated, "Outdoor Recreation has been an industry cluster the Port has identified as one with potential for growth, and we look forward to partnering on this study." For more information, contact Shiloh Schauer, Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce, 509-662-2116.

Port Side Lunch at Campbell's in Chelan October 14.

The Port of Chelan County will host a Port Side Lunch at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, October 14, 2015, at Campbell's Report, located at 104 W. Wooding Avenue, Chelan, WA, 98816. Port Side Lunches, held around the county, are an opportunity to update communities on local and regional economic development activities.

Agenda topics include 2015 fire impacts and recovery efforts, Pangborn Airport Runway Extension Project update, City of Chelan construction activity, Holden Mine update, and US Forest Service outdoor recreation update. Please RSVP to Kathleen Knappert at Kathleen@portofchelancounty.com or 509-663-5159 by Thursday October 8th.

Lake Chelan Airport Land Purchase for Runway Realignment

City of Chelan Administrator Paul Schmidt, presented to the Port Commission the purchase of property necessary for the Runway Protection Zone surrounding the Lake Chelan Airport. The Port of Chelan County as part owner in the airport, unanimously passed Resolution 2015-04 for the purchase. The runway at the Lake Chelan Airport is being realigned to meet with various FAA requirements, and the additional property is required for the Protection Zone.

Port Reaffirms Signature for Olds Station Annexation

The Port of Chelan County Commissioners reaffirmed authority for the Port's Executive Director to sign the 60% petition to annex Port owned property in Olds Station to the City of Wenatchee. Area property owners indicated they will refile after the Chelan County Assessor stated the petition did not meet the threshold. For more information, contact Mark Urdahl, Port of Chelan County Executive Director, at 509-663-5159.

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Pangborn Memorial Airport (PMA)



Pangborn Airport Runway Extension Project Update

Phase 2 of the Pangborn Airport Runway Extension Project reached a milestone with the opening of realigned Grant Road. After installing dry utilities and paving, the realigned Grant Road opened to traffic September 18. Work is still occurring at the entrance to the Pangborn Airport Terminal, but the new road is open. Realignment of Union Ave will occur next and the construction of the runway will occur in 2016. Updates on Runway Extension Project activities can be found on the Pangborn Airport Facebook page and YouTube Page. The total project cost is estimated at \$29.7 million, with 90 percent of the funding provided by the FAA. The local share will be funded by the Ports of Chelan and Douglas counties, with Chelan providing seven percent, and Douglas the remaining three percent. For more information, contact Trent Moyers, 509-884-2494.



Pangborn Airport Completed Clean 2014 Audit Report

Washington State performs an annual audit of Pangborn Airport's records. The report stated there were no deficiencies in financial statements or internal controls over major programs. The Port of Chelan County Commissioners, acting as the Pangborn Airport Governing Board, thanked staff and the airport's contracted internal auditor for their diligent and impeccable record keeping.

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