Media Release
Port of Chelan County Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting of November 16, 2015

Meeting Highlights

Leavenworth Chamber Growth

Nancy Smith, Leavenworth Chamber Executive Director, presented an annual summary of growth and planning. Ms. Smith presented an anticipated growth in lodging and retail sales tax despite the varying degrees of fires in the County. The addition of outdoor recreation activities including zip lines, mountain bike trail, and guided tours fueled some the growth in the region.

Peshastin Soil Removal Project

The Port of Chelan County previously entered the voluntary cleanup program with the Department of Ecology for the Peshastin Mill Site. The Commission authorized staff to pursue a small works contract, as necessary, as part of these efforts so that a 'No further action' letter can be obtained from the Department of Ecology. The property has been closed due to contractor activities and related test pits necessary to complete the steps recommended by the Port's engineers. Port Staff will evaluate options to reopen portions of the property for winter recreation activities.

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Pangborn Memorial Airport (PMA)

Substantial Completion for Grant Rd and Union Ave

The Port of Chelan County Commissioners, acting as the Pangborn Memorial Airport Governing Board, unanimously approved Substantial Completion of Grant Rd and Union Ave construction as part of the Pangborn Memorial Airport Runway Extension. The maintenance of the new roadways will be provided by Douglas County. Completion of the roadway realignments allow for construction of the extended runway to occur in 2016. The Runway Extension Project is funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (90%) and a local match (10%) provided by the Port of Chelan County and Port of Douglas County.

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