



Media Release
Port of Chelan County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of February 5, 2015

Meeting Highlights

Educational Services District Purchases Port Property in Olds Station Business Park

The Port of Chelan County has closed on the sale of approximately 2.8 acres of vacant property on Wenatchee's Isenhardt Ave to the North Central Educational Services District. The acreage is adjacent to the existing North Central Educational Services headquarters, and is intended to be the future home of a Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Academy. The educational cluster in Wenatchee's Olds Station is already home to the Wenatchee Valley Tech Skills Center, and the training resources of the Port's Confluence Technology Center. When built, a STEM Academy will be another example of connecting the dots between economic development and the educational community.

Port of Chelan County Commission Focuses on Outdoor Recreation Industry Cluster

Mark Urdahl, Port of Chelan County Executive Director, summarized the many recreational opportunities our region enjoys. The Outdoor Recreation Industry Cluster is already used for employee recruitment, and has an untapped opportunity for business recruitment in the field. As there are many existing businesses in the recreation industry, the Port of Chelan County will focus efforts on business expansion and recruitment related to manufacturing in the Outdoor Recreation Industry Cluster, as well as promotion of outdoor recreational activities to prospective entrepreneurs and professionals.

Cascade Valley Wine Country 2014 Successes

Susan Trimpe, Director of the Cascade Valley Wine Country, presented the highlights of marketing events and activities in 2014 to promote Wine Tourism in Chelan County. Events included the standards like Taste of Washington and NCW Wine Awards, to new events including Belltown Crush Party, Dirty Face Music Festival and Sunset Supper at Pike Place Market. The directional sign project was successfully completed, and businesses are seeing increased traffic already. Director Trimpe thanked the Port of Chelan County Commissioners for their financial support and look forward to continued growth in the wine tourism industry for Chelan County.

Cashmere Chamber of Commerce Presents 2014 Successes

Wendy Le Sesne, Cashmere Chamber Manager, highlighted their many successes in 2014. The Cashmere Chamber continues to strengthen marketing materials, events and activities including Octobers Scare-Crazy, the Discover Cashmere brochure, Celebrate Cashmere, Gnomes of Cashmere, and the 9/11 Memorial to be unveiled September 11, 2015. Ms. Le Sesne stated 2014 was a great year with a 12% growth in membership, and the Cashmere Chamber appreciates the support by the Port of Chelan County. The Chamber will work with the Port and City of Cashmere to market the Port's mill site property.

Small Business Development Center Presents Business Counseling Program and Successes

Jim Fletcher, Certified Business Counselor for the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), presented to the Port of Chelan County Commission a summary of the services he provides to businesses. Mr. Fletcher counsels existing or new businesses with business planning, marketing, accounting, exportation, government contracting, financial analysis, and human resources. Mr. Fletcher works with a network of

counselors across the state with varying expertise that business can use as well. The SBDC office is located at the Port of Chelan County, 238 Olds Station Rd, Suite A, Wenatchee, WA. To contact the SBDC, call 509-888-7252.

Economic Development Partnership Agreements Approved

Economic Development Partnership Agreements are used by the Port of Chelan County to facilitate the development and enhancement of industry clusters and to further the Port's economic development and tourism promotion strategies. Agreements were approved for the following entities: Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, Entiat Chamber of Commerce, Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, Cashmere Chamber of Commerce, and Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce. The Commission expressed its gratitude for the hard work from these groups.

Firefly Chosen as the Port's IT Service Provider

The Port of Chelan County interviewed two of three companies which submitted a Statement of Qualifications for Information Technology Services. The Commission approved entering into a two year Agreement with Firefly for Information Technology Services.

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Pangborn Memorial Airport (PMA)



Pangborn Airport Runway Extension Project Update

The Port of Chelan County Commissioners, acting as the Pangborn Memorial Airport Governing Board, approved entering into agreements with the Douglas County PUD No.1 and with Falcon Video Communications (a subsidiary of Charter Communications) to relocate utility and communication lines necessary for the Runway Extension Project. The Pangborn Airport Runway Extension Project is wrapping up Phase 1 after grading, relocating the US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) irrigation lines, and demolition of unnecessary structures. The Governing Board also approved going out to bid on Phase 2. The formal bid process will occur after FAA approval. Current activities and updates can be found on the Pangborn Airport Facebook page and YouTube Page.

Pangborn Airport Thanks Port of Ephrata

The Port of Chelan County Commissioners, acting as the Pangborn Memorial Airport Governing Board, formally thanked the Port of Ephrata in a Resolution for loaning critical weather equipment in November during an equipment failure at Pangborn Airport. The National Weather Service operates and maintains the weather equipment. When components malfunctioned in November 2014 and the National Weather Service expected a two week wait for parts, the Port of Ephrata offered their equipment to ensure uninterrupted commercial service at Pangborn Airport. Thank you, Port of Ephrata. You saved our flights.

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