



MEETING MINUTES
Special Joint Meeting with Clallam County Commission
Port of Port Angeles, 338 West 1st Street
March 6, 2017
10:30 AM

PRESENT:

Colleen McAleer, President
Connie Beauvais, Vice President
Mark Ozias, Clallam County
Commission President
Bill Peach, Clallam County
Commissioner

Randy Johnson, Clallam County
Commissioner
Karen Goschen, Executive Director
Jim Jones, Clallam County
Administrator
John Nutter, Dir. of Finance & Admin
Holly Hairell, Admin. Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (0:00 to 1:17)

Commissioner McAleer called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM and County Commissioner Ozias led the pledge of allegiance. Commissioner McAleer introduced the Clallam County Commissioners.

II. EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION (total session up to 20 minutes)

None offered

III. TOPICS

A. Three presentations by WA State Dept. of Commerce, Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board and Impact Washington (01:54 to 36:06)

Mike Brennan, Grant Manager of the Washington State Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board gave a presentation entitled "The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board – Make it Washington – Washington State's Make it in America Grant" to the joint commission and audience.

Deloit Wolfe, Director of Business Development of Impact Washington gave a presentation entitled "Impact Washington – Building Better Companies" to the joint commission and audience.

Terry Lawhead, Sarah Lee and Anne Nelson from the Department of Commerce introduced themselves. Anne Nelson gave an oral presentation on entrepreneurial skills, a local business plan competition and the economic gardening program.

Discussion and questions followed.

B. Time Specific at 11:00 am - BNR Impact Study Presentation by Olympus Consulting (36:09 to 2:17:44)

Dr. Dan Underwood of Olympus Consulting introduced the draft presentation entitled "Analysis of the Department of Natural Resources' Sustainable Harvest Alternatives: Impacts on Employment, Wages, Business Taxes and Timber Harvest and Excise Tax Revenues." Jason Cross of Olympus Consulting began the presentation discussing and explaining the analysis of the study. Questions and discussion followed. Dr. Underwood of Olympus Consulting continued the presentation detailing alternatives 1 through 5.

Dr. Underwood asked for feedback from the joint Commissions.



Joint Commission Direction: The joint Commissions requested that an “even flow alternative” be included in the main body of the study with the other 5 alternatives instead of in the appendix.

Dr. Underwood stated that the additional analysis would be included in the final study which would be submitted to the Port Commission by 8 AM on Wednesday, March 8th.

Commissioner McAleer introduced the draft comments prepared by the Port’s consultant, Timber Advisory Committee and staff intended for submission to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding the draft environmental impact statements (DEIS) for the sustainable harvest level and the long-term conservation strategy for the marbled murrelet. Commissioner McAleer noted that she made presentation changes to the draft statements. Discussion followed on submitting a joint letter or separate letters to DNR and whether the County Commission is ready to sign a letter.

Port Commission Action: Commissioner Beauvais made a motion to approve the draft letter to DNR from the Port Commission including the red-line changes recommended by Commissioner McAleer and with the omission of the sentence regarding the Nippon Paper mill. Commissioner McAleer seconded the motion for discussion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The County Commission did not take action.

C. Other Joint Port/County Business (2:17:48 to 2:25:44)

Commissioner McAleer asked the County Commission what Opportunity Fund dollars could the County offer if a new manufacturing facility located on public property were to come to Clallam County. Jim Jones, County Administrator presented information on the Opportunity Fund to the group. Discussion followed.

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION (total session up to 20 minutes) (2:25:49 to 2:36:13)**

Ed Bowen (Clallam Bay) – Mr. Bowen encouraged the County board to put forth a statement about Clallam County not being merged with 19 other counties and take a stronger approach about the county’s needs. He spoke of the “cumulative effect” and the impact of the federal lands. He asked the Commissions to think about which counties in the 19 counties are considered federal timber counties. Mr. Bowen also spoke about commercial thinning projects and road abandonment.

Janet Marx (Port Angeles) – Ms. Marx voiced her concerns about the draft letter and the process. She stated that citizens might not agree with the letter, because they didn’t know about it. Ms. Marx stated that she objects to the process and the public not knowing about it.

Harry Bell (Port Angeles) – Mr. Bell stated that sustainable timber harvest issues have been known for years. The County Commission should not be surprised that they are being asked to take a position on the issue. He stated that Clallam County Commission not commenting before the deadline reflects terribly on them as a Commissioners.

Carol Johnson (Port Angeles, NOTAC) – Mrs. Johnson backed up what Mr. Bell said. She stated that the draft EIS that is out for comment has been out for 90 days and in the works for the past three years. She stated that the DNR process has been very transparent and well vetted. Mrs. Johnson stated that to not to comment on the process would be a very disappointing outcome.

V. **NEXT JOINT MEETING (2:36:20 to 2:36:28)**




A. April 24, 2017 Joint Meeting at Clallam county

VI. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner McAleer adjourned the meeting at 1:08 PM.

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