



SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Don Barnes called the Special Commission meeting with the Board of Trustees of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) to order at 10:03 a.m. in the Quarterdeck Room at Clover Island Inn, 435 Clover Island Drive, Kennewick, Washington.

The following were present:

Board Members: Don Barnes, President
Skip Novakovich, Vice-President
Thomas Moak, Secretary

Staff Members: Tim Arntzen, Executive Director
Tana Bader Inglima, Director of Governmental Relations & Marketing
Amber Hanchette, Director of Real Estate and Operations
Nick Kooiker, Assistant Auditor
Larry Peterson, Director of Planning & Development
Lisa Schumacher, Special Projects Coordinator
Bridgette Scott, Executive Assistant
Lucinda Luke, Port Counsel

CTUIR Members: Leo Stewart, Vice-Chairman, Board of Trustees
Justin Quaempts, Member, Board of Trustees
Dave Tovey, Executive Director
Bobbie Conner, Director Tamastlikt Cultural Institute
Stephanie Seamans, Department of Economic and Community Development

OPEN WITH INVOCATION

Vice-Chairman Stewart led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) and Port of Kennewick members and staff introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Blotz, 405 Clover Island Drive, Kennewick. Mr. Blotz, General Manager of the Clover Island Inn, welcomed everyone to the Island and thanked the Port Commission and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation for their support.



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Mr. Stewart stated the relationship between the CTUIR and Port began several years ago and created a good foundation for projects that effect both the Tribes and Port. Mr. Stewart appreciates the partnership and thanked the Commission for hosting the meeting.

Mr. Quaempts expressed his gratitude for the invitation and thanked the Commission for the opportunity to be present today. Communication and collaboration is so important in today's world and communication is the threshold for a positive and healthy relationship. Traditionally speaking, Kennewick is part of the Tribes homeland and Mr. Quaempts is very appreciative that the Port is aware and cognizant of that and believes the land is in safe hands with the Port of Kennewick.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Mr. Barnes thanked the CTUIR Board of Trustees for joining the Commission today. Mr. Barnes stated, this year marks the 100 year anniversary of the Port of Kennewick and it is important to remember that the Port and Tribes are inextricably combined. Today, as we look ahead, let us have growing awareness that economic measures alone do not fully capture social progress. Our greatest successes will be achieved from mutual understanding and collaboration.

Mr. Moak stated, like Mr. Quaempts, he is new to the table and feels it is great that our two entities can work together. Mr. Moak stated, that although the Boards do not meet frequently, staff meets on a regular basis and works together to carry out policies. Mr. Moak believes this is an enormous opportunity and hopes to continue the dialogue and do great things together.

Mr. Novakovich is pleased and honored that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and partnership was established and the partnership is mutually beneficial. He stated it is very critical, as this is the Tribe's ceded territory, and would like to see the Tribe's rights protected. Mr. Novakovich stated it is a high honor to be a part of the Tamastslikt Trust Board and work with Ms. Conner.

1135 SHORELINE PROJECT

Ms. Bader Inglima reported the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in the Walla Walla office is very excited about the Clover Island 1135 project that will improve the shoreline for endangered and listed species habitat, and enhance the public recreational access to the shoreline.

This project has been in the works since 2008 when the Port submitted a letter to USACE requesting an 1135 project review. This would not only substantially benefit the environment for fish and riparian species, it will help create a more inviting island for further economic development.

The USACE Walla Walla office is in the public scoping process now; their staff will likely have the Clover Island alternatives selected this summer; and we then need to seek agency reviews/permitting, but will be looking for design funding in 2016 and construction in 2017. The Clover Island project is already a budgeted item for the Design/ Implementation phase in the national database.



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The 1135 program cap was raised early this year from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000; however, Walla Walla does not think we'll exceed the original \$5,000,000 cap. The 1135 program is a 50-50 match for the phase one feasibility; and then 75-25 percent partnership for the construction phase. Ten percent of the dollars can be utilized for recreation, and we hope to continue the shoreline trail.

However, it is still important to encourage our federal representatives to support the USACE 1135 program for funding in the next budget cycle. While the 1135 cap program is relatively small compared to other Federal/USACE programs, it is still very important and significant enough in terms of the dollar amount to make huge difference locally and environmentally.

Ms. Bader Inglima will be traveling to Washington D.C. in June to talk with agency representatives about the importance of this program to the community. The Port appreciated the letters of endorsements from the CTUIR for permitting. Ms. Bader Inglima thanked the Board of Trustees for their support and invited the members to the April meeting with the Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Stewart will relay the information to the Board of Trustees and the Cultural Resources and stated there is a possibility we could work with the Department of Natural Resources, who would be heavily involved in the project. Mr. Stewart will follow up with Ms. Bader Inglima.

Mr. Tovey received an update from Erik Quaempts, Director of Natural Resources, who stated the Port has been wonderful to work with and this is a reciprocal relationships and great things are being accomplished.

Ms. Bader Inglima stated if CTUIR staff has an interest in being involved in the April meeting, she encourages them to attend and express their input to see the shoreline revitalized.

Mr. Quaempts stated, he has been a Board Member for a short period, but appreciates the dialogue between the CTUIR and the Port. Many times, Mr. Quaempts has come across agencies that are not aware of treaty rights, ceded territory or the importance of the shoreline and fish and finds it enlightening that the Port of Kennewick is aware of their cultural heritage. Mr. Quaempts appreciates the dialogue and stated it demonstrates the respect that the Port has for the CTUIR. Mr. Quaempts stated if there is anything he can do to assist Port staff, he is available.

Ms. Seamans inquired if there has been additional monitoring of fish in Duffy's Pond.

Ms. Bader Inglima stated the Department of Natural Resources has not done additional monitoring, however, empirical evidence suggests there are more fish due to the increase of predatory birds on the island.

VILLAGE AT ISLAND HARBOR

Mr. Peterson reported the Village at Island Harbor design will focus on the shoreline, boardwalk, plaza, artwork installation, a water feature, and connection back to the street. The first phase will focus on the shoreline pathway improvement, with placement of the cultural art installation. The Port will also be installing kiosks which will provide cultural displays and information from the CTUIR.



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Ms. Bader Inglima shared her appreciation for Bobbie Conner and Melissa Minthorn's input and assistance with the bronze statues. Ms. Bader-Inglima believes this is the most significant piece of art the Port has installed, as it honors our partnership with the CTUIR. The Port has long recognized the important contributions CTUIR has made in the Port's redevelopment of Clover Island and is excited about the art project honoring the CTUIR to be located on Clover Island.

Ms. Conner stated the liaison, Barb Carter has been wonderful during this project. Our challenge was to create a site specific interpretation of the artwork. Ms. Conner conveyed the goal was to illustrate what the environment was, prior to becoming Clover Island. The landscape was primarily marshland with an abundance of dogbane and Tule reeds, the fabric of their lives. The installation will feature a bronze of an elderly woman in a traditional deerskin dress representing a time period of about 200 years ago. This grandmother figure will be gathering Tule reeds with a traditional knife, and will be installed at a higher level, gazing across the water feature toward the figure of a young man who is also gathering Tule--symbolically looking forward toward the Tribes' future. Alternatively, the bronze of the young man, who is also gathering Tule reeds, will appear in modern dress of cut-off jeans and t-shirt, and using a modern knife, will be gazing back across the pond and across time toward the elderly woman—symbolically recognizing and reflecting on the Tribes' past. Currently, we are working on creating the text and panel for the artwork.

Ms. Conner appreciates the Port Commission's commitment to the historic value of the artwork, and expressed her gratitude that the Commission financed the extension of the contract with the artist, Mr. Rodd Ambrosen.

Ms. Conner stated there have been discussions on the kiosks and what story should be told in these spaces. Originally the kiosks would house artifacts, however, for security reasons, reproductions would be more suitable. Ms. Conner stated the 27 miles of the Sacajawea Trail is greatly used and we hope to tell a site specific story, beginning with the story of the land, the historic presence of our people and contemporarily, who the CTUIR is today.

Mr. Novakovich stated he was Chair of the fundraising committee for the rebuilding of the Playground of Dreams and since the construction was completed, there is approximately \$40,000 in remaining funds. He stated there is a beautiful statue of Sacajawea in Wallowa County that is available. Mr. Novakovich has had discussions with Ms. Conner regarding the statue and potentially placing the statue on the Sacajawea Trail.

Ms. Conner stated the Sacajawea Trail is a tourism anchor for the river and people know Lewis and Clark traveled through the area. It could be a way for the CTUIR to link to a larger, national story, which brings tourism our way.

Mr. Moak appreciated Ms. Conner's words and stated Kennewick is one of the few cities with an Indian Place name, which creates an opportunity to learn more about our heritage, and who we were and who we are going to be.

Mr. Quaempts appreciates the Port's awareness of the Tribe's historical presence and ceded territory. As we struggle to keep the connection with youth, who are placed with the task of maintaining their cultural identity in a modern time with technological advances, the artwork will



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provide awareness to our youth and our community.

Mr. Barnes stated it is gratifying to take an opportunity to preserve history. Mr. Barnes is interested in learning more about the available Sacajawea statue and asked staff to gather more information.

Mr. Arntzen will work with Ms. Conner and Mr. Novakovich to garner more information on the available Sacajawea statue. Mr. Arntzen expressed his desire to begin a new project with the CTUIR, whether it is Clover Island, Columbia Drive or Vista Field.

THE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE NORTHWEST INDIANS (ATNI) CONFERENCE

Mr. Arntzen stated that he and Ms. Bader Inglima attended the Affiliated Tribes of the North West Indians Convention in Pendleton. Mr. Arntzen was asked by Mr. Tovey to speak at the convention, which rotates around the Northwest. Mr. Arntzen gave a short presentation regarding the shoreline and the Port's relationship with the CTUIR and stated the experience was amazing and he hopes the Port has the opportunity to attend ATNI again. Mr. Arntzen appreciated the invitation and would like the Port to be an advertising sponsor again. He requested that the Commission be available to attend as well a future conference as well as there are many learning opportunities throughout the conference. Mr. Arntzen believes there are a lot of interesting economic development opportunities for the Port and the CTUIR partnering.

Mr. Arntzen was asked by Ron Allen of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe to help establish a relationship with the Port of Port Angeles.

Mr. Tovey thanked the Port for their advertising partnership and stated the next conference will be at the Kah-Nee-Ta Warm Springs in May. Mr. Tovey stated Mr. Allen is an iconic Tribal Leader in the Northwest and across the nation, and for him to identify the Port of value is very high praise.

Ms. Conner thanked the Port for their advertising sponsorship for the Annual Golf Tournament.

Mr. Quaempts stated the Port's presentation at ANTI exemplifies a strong relationship and should be considered best practices for diplomacy and bipartisanship. The relationship between the CTUIR and the Port should be a model for other Tribes and demonstrates how to communicate in a positive fashion.

Mr. Barnes called for a recess at 11:17 a.m. for ten minutes.

Mr. Barnes reconvened the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

PORT OF KENNEWICK'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Ms. Bader Inglima stated the Port is celebrating 100 years, which began with the citizens of Kennewick voting to create a Port district on March 6, 1915, and the first Port of Kennewick meeting was held on April 12, 1915. The Port will hold a Special Commission Meeting on April 14, 2015 to celebrate the anniversary. A reception will be hosted by TRIDEC, Visit Tri-Cities and the Regional Chamber of Commerce and will be held at the Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau. Ms. Bader Inglima stated the Port will be recognizing former Commissioners and will be



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emphasizing the Port's role in economic development and contributions to the community. Ms. Bader Inglima would like to highlight the MOU with the CTUIR and inquired if a Board Member would be interested in speaking at the invocation.

Ms. Bader Inglima stated the Port is inviting our partners and the public to contribute a small item of significance for a time capsule, which will be secured inside the Clover Island Lighthouse during a ceremony in the fall. The time capsule will be registered with a University, who will notify the Port in fifty years, when it is time to open it. As part of the ceremony, the Port will be dedicating the following island improvements; the heritage artwork, the new boat launch, Village at Island Harbor, and the shoreline. The mid-October ceremony will conclude the Port's 100th Anniversary Celebration, and Ms. Bader Inglima stated the Port would like to recognize the CTUIR and their long history, beyond the Port's 100 years.

Mr. Stewart suggested the CTUIR tots to teen dancers take part in the celebration ceremony.

Mr. Novakovich stated that would be an awesome inclusion in the program.

Mr. Moak stated October 2015 represents the 210th anniversary of Sacajawea's visit to our territory and the Port's celebration may coincide with the Heritage Trail Celebration.

ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Arntzen stated the Port will start construction this summer on Columbia Gardens and believes there will be plenty of opportunities available, which will bring people to the Island. Currently, the Port is working on the master plan for Vista Field, which is 103 acres in the center of Kennewick. Mr. Arntzen hopes the property can create opportunities for the area.

Ms. Seamans stated the CTUIR opened up Coyote Business Park in 2007, which houses commercial and industrial development, and are currently slated to open up Wanapum Industrial Site, a 195 acres near the Port of Umatilla. The CTUIR is working with a number of state agencies to develop the site, and received \$3,500,000 from the State Legislature for infrastructure.

Ms. Seamans is proud that the Port of Kennewick is educated and can convey to residents the history of the CTUIR. Ms. Seamans stated the CTUIR has been partnering with TRIDEC, who has been most welcoming, and are helping sponsor FABRIO, a food processing event in June. Ms. Seamans thanked the Port for the advertising funds for the Site Link Selectors event, which brings majors businesses to the area, in hopes of spurring economic development in our region.

Mr. Tovey appreciates the relationship with the Port of Kennewick Commissioners and stated local cooperation across jurisdictions is incredibly important for business recruitment for the region. The Port has been very good at sharing projects and opportunities with the CTUIR, and Mr. Tovey hopes others can learn from our relationship.

Mr. Barnes stated it would be interesting to discuss opportunities that are mutually beneficial on our properties along Columbia Drive, as it is ceded territory. Mr. Barnes would like to continue the dialogue and look for opportunities that are worthy of pursuit.



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Mr. Arntzen hopes to see a joint project with the CTUIR, one that is bricks and mortar and would recognize the relationship between the two entities. Mr. Arntzen stated he would like to continue consulting with the CTUIR on Vista Field, because the Tribes have been very successful in commercial ventures.

Mr. Tovey stated the current Board of Trustees is currently focusing on a health clinic and wellness center, and new school facilities and would like to consult with the Port on how to make the shift from business to community facilities.

Mr. Novakovich stated a mutual economic development project would be a wonderful opportunity and would like to see it happen in a way that creates an opportunity for tribal members to succeed off the reservation.

Mr. Moak would like to see if there are partnership opportunities around the Plymouth property, either for future economic development or other uses.

Mr. Stewart stated he would like to move forward with constructive ideas and create a project that helps each entity.

FUTURE DIALOGUE

Mr. Barnes stated the desire of the Commission is to continue these joint meetings on a regular basis and suggested the next meeting take place in Pendleton, Oregon.

Mr. Stewart agrees with Mr. Barnes and stated it is important to keep in contact with each other and stated staff can work out the details for another joint meeting and encouraged staff to staff communication.

Mr. Barnes looks forward to seeing members of the Board of Trustees at the Port's 100th Anniversary reception on April 14, 2015 and again at our fall celebration, celebrating the artwork installation.

Mr. Arntzen stated the MOU states we meet twice a year, however, he believes once a year works well and stated that staff speaks frequently. He inquired if yearly meetings are acceptable.

Mr. Stewart agrees that yearly meetings are acceptable, as everyone has a busy schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

Mr. Arntzen takes great pride in our relationship with the CTUIR and appreciates all the assistance on the shoreline development and work on Columbia Drive. Mr. Arntzen stated our partnership will become stronger and more valuable as time goes on, and is excited about future partnership possibilities.

Mr. Barnes stated it is with great pride to see how the Port of Kennewick has evolved over the past



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100 years and is very proud to be involved with the CTUIR.

Mr. Quaempts appreciates the dynamic around the room today and embraces the relationship with the Port of Kennewick. Mr. Quaempts is proud to be in attendance today and thanked the Port for making him feel equitable.

CLOSING PRAYER

Mr. Stewart led a closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to bring before the Board; the meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

APPROVED:

**PORT of KENNEWICK
BOARD of COMMISSIONERS**

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Don Barnes, President

A blue ink signature of Skip Novakovich, written in a cursive style.

Skip Novakovich, Vice President

A blue ink signature of Thomas Moak, written in a cursive style.

Thomas Moak, Secretary