



SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Skip Novakovich called the Special Commission meeting with the Board of Trustees of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Clover Island Yacht Club Building, 104 Clover Island Drive, Second Floor, Kennewick, Washington.

The following were present:

Board Members: Skip Novakovich, President
Don Barnes, Vice-President

Staff Members: Tim Arntzen, Executive Director
Tana Bader Inglima, Director of Governmental Relations & Marketing
Tammy Fine, Director of Finance/Auditor
Larry Peterson, Director of Planning & Development
Bridgette Scott, Executive Assistant
Lucinda Luke, Port Counsel

CTUIR Members: Les Minthorn, Chairman, Board of Trustees
Woodrow Star, Member, Board of Trustees
Fred Hill Sr., Member, Board of Trustees
Dave Tovey, Executive Director
Debra Crosswell, Deputy Executive Director
Stephanie Seamans, Dept. of Economic and Community Development
Ryan DeGrofft, Department of Economic and Community Development
Carey Miller, Department of Natural Resources
Stuart Harris, Department of Science and Engineering
Dan Hester, Attorney

OPEN WITH INVOCATION

Chairman Minthorn led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Novakovich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the Board of Trustees of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and members from the Port of Kennewick introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Novakovich requested anyone wishing to address the Commission to state their name and address for the record. No public comments were made.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS



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Chairman Minthorn would like to continue developing partnership opportunities; he feels the Tribe has very carefully selected the Port as a partner. Mr. Hill enjoyed participating in the shoreline dedication ceremony in 2011. He feels it is a great testament to the relationship between the Tribes and the Port. Mr. Woodrow explained the ancestral history of the area and feels continuing to build the relationship is very important. He stated meeting together strengthens the relationship and appreciates being involved in projects that involve treaty rights or business involvement. Mr. Tovey explained the ceded territory of the Tribes and the Trustee's vision for the Tribe.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Mr. Novakovich shared his appreciation of the Port's relationship with the CTUIR and is looking forward to working together for the benefit of the Port's constituents and the CTUIR. As the relationship grows and the Port learns more about the CTUIR's culture and their needs; the Port can play a role in helping the CTUIR in the future, as the CTUIR has helped the Port. Mr. Barnes welcomes the opportunity to work with the CTUIR and believes as we strive to make advancements in the areas of economic development, job creation, or efforts to enhance the quality of life for our citizens, the Tribes will be a vital partner. Mr. Barnes welcomes the opportunity to explore further areas of mutual interest and mutual benefit that is consistent with both organizational objectives. Mr. Arntzen believes this relationship will bring great opportunities, and shared his appreciation for the Tribes support and assistance when the Port was working with the Corps of Engineers on the shoreline. He is very optimistic that whatever direction the Port and CTUIR selects, it will be the right direction.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

Mr. Arntzen shared the Port traveled to D.C. in 2012 to meet with their lobbyist and federal legislative staff. Mr. Arntzen suggested the Port and CTUIR may want to schedule a joint trip to D.C.

Mr. Minthorn stated the CTUIR has gained great results working with the legislative staff. He feels if we blend our strengths with our common goals that we would have a unique strategy to present from the Washington and Oregon delegation and it would provide more strength to the relationship. Mr. Minthorn will be meeting with Governor Inslee to explain the history of the CTUIR and the partnership with the Port of Kennewick.

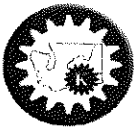
Mr. Minthorn and Mr. Novakovich directed staff to work together to define common goals with the intention of planning a joint trip. Staff will report individually to each agency.

CTUIR REGIONAL CONFERENCE/MEETING IN THE TRI-CITIES

Mr. Minthorn requested Ron Wyden, the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman, to attend the Tribes regional conference in New Mexico as the keynote speaker. Mr. Wyden preferred not to travel to New Mexico; therefore, the CTUIR tried to find a closer alternate location. The CTUIR is considering the Toyota Center in Kennewick. Mr. Minthorn gave a brief background about the regional conference. Mr. Minthorn will keep Mr. Novakovich apprised of any development in the planning such a conference.

POSSIBLE CULTURAL EVENT

The cultural event falls in line with the idea of a regional conference. The event promotes healthy



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lifestyles and is one of the biggest in the nation. Mr. Minthorn inquired if the Port could host or sponsor the event. Mr. Novakovich suggested a joint committee be formed to explore the possibility of a future event.

ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Various ideas were discussed, including energy issues and transportation.

FUTURE DIALOGUE

Mr. Novakovich feels the meeting was fantastic and beneficial. The Port is very grateful for the opportunity build relationships. CTUIR and Port staff will schedule another meeting in the future; possibly a tour of the CTUIR facility.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barb Carter, 3907 S. Dennis Street, Kennewick. Ms. Carter is a member of the Kennewick Arts Commission as well as the Mid-Columbia Arts Foundation. Ms. Carter is a strong advocate for the economic value of the arts. She has had the opportunity to work with the members of the Tamastlikt Cultural Institute and the Cultural Resources Committee on the current art project. Ms. Carter is very excited to hear Mr. Hill talk about a dance performance and feels it could be incorporated into arts events.

Tom Moak, 418 W. Kennewick Avenue, Kennewick. Mr. Moak is a former City of Kennewick Mayor and Councilmember. Mr. Moak worked on the Confluence project with former CTUIR Chairman Anton Minthorn. Mr. Moak commented that mutual respect is evident from each entity. He is concerned that the CTUIR and Port are into the goal of working together, which is important; however, not every project will be the right one to work on. With mutual respect, sometimes you have to be able to say no to certain things and yes to others. He stated the staff at the Port is small and may not have the resources to put towards new great ideas. Vista Field is a great example; a lot of effort needs to be put there. Properties along the Columbia River and other ideas are all good ideas and projects, but they cannot all be done. The projects need to be sifted through to determine which will benefit the tribes and creates jobs for the tribes and create jobs in the Tri-Cities. He feels these are the projects that should be focused on. Not every project will be the best one to focus on. Respect is being able to go back and say "This is a good idea; maybe we can put you in with other resources who might be able to be more appropriate." But, if the Port is going to plan events or art, maybe we should let Ms. Carter be in charge of that. But, the focus as the Port and the CTUIR are those areas where they can create jobs and create the economy and make the most success, you want to be successful at whatever you do. He believes each party brings certain things to the table that the other lacks. If you can work together to find that credibility you can help both of you achieve goals of creating jobs. He appreciates both entities and the work together and feels it will be a good model for Tribes working with other governments and the Port working with other governments and other entities to create similar partnerships that will bear fruit in the future.

Jose Chavallo, 5927 W. Quinault, Kennewick. Mr. Chavallo agrees with Mr. Moak and likes what he heard. He stated there is strength in numbers. If you can work together there is a lot of opportunity in the Tri-Cities and Pendleton areas.

Mike Rodriguez, 8407 W. Falls Place, Kennewick. Mr. Rodriguez found the meeting very interesting



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and enlightening. He is hopeful good will come from the meeting.

No further public comments were made.

CLOSING PRAYER

Fred Hill led the prayer and presented the Port with a drum made by the CTUIR. The Tribal patch and the Port's logo were incorporated on the drum.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTING REVITALIZATION PLANS FOR CLOVER ISLAND AND COLUMBIA DRIVE

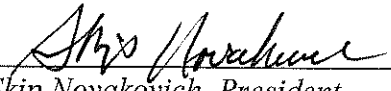
The group and several members of the public toured Clover Island and Columbia Drive. Mr. Peterson narrated the tour highlighting the revitalization and conceptual plans for Columbia Drive and Clover Island.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to bring before the Board; the meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

APPROVED:


**PORT of KENNEWICK
BOARD of COMMISSIONERS**



Skip Novakovich, President



Don Barnes, Vice President



Gene Wagner, Secretary