



# SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

PORT OF KENNEWICK

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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 12:10 p.m. at the Tamastlikt Cultural Institute Theater located at 47106 Wildhorse Boulevard, Pendleton, Oregon.

### The following were present:

**Board Members:** Skip Novakovich, President  
David Hanson, Vice-President  
Gene Wagner, Secretary

**Staff Members:** Tim Arntzen, Executive Director  
Tana Bader Inglima, Director of Governmental Relations & Marketing  
Larry Peterson, Director of Planning & Development  
Bridgette Scott, Secretary/Special Projects  
Barb Carter, Kennewick Arts Commission/Port Art Liaison

**CTUIR Members:** Les Minthorn, Chairman, Board of Trustees  
Aaron Hines, Chairman, General Council  
Leo Stewart, Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees  
Bill Quaempts, Trustee, Board of Trustees  
Kat Brigham, Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Dave Tovey, Executive Director  
Debra Croswell, Deputy Executive Director  
Audie Huber, Deputy Director, Department of Natural Resources  
Bobbie Conner, Director, Tamastlikt Cultural Institute

## 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.



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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Mr. Stewart stated he appreciated the opportunity to attend the Lighthouse Dedication Ceremony last year and enjoyed seeing the dedication in the community for the Clover Island shoreline.

Ms. Brigham stated she has worked with the Tri-Cities and fish sales and it is a positive experience; fishing will start again soon for the four tribes to fish the same areas.

*Recessed at 12:20 p.m.*

*Reconvened at 12:55 p.m.*

## PORT OF KENNEWICK APPRECIATIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

### *A. Express Appreciation to Board of Trustees*

Mr. Novakovich shared pictures illustrating the progression of the Clover Island shoreline improvements. Mr. Arntzen stated before he had a personal working relationship with the Tribes, the Tribes helped the Port start the process of restoring Clover Island. He is very appreciative of their efforts and has not forgotten that people to people relationships are vital. Mr. Arntzen stated the Port is very willing to work together and partner with the Tribes on future projects. He indicated the Port would like to work with the Tribes on a project from a conceptual idea to the finished project.

Mr. Novakovich presented a picture of Clover Island to Chairman Minthorn in appreciation for all the Tribes have done to support Clover Island.

Chairman Hines presented glass coffee mugs to Commissioner Novakovich and staff.

### *B. Share Vision for Clover Island and Columbia Drive*

Mr. Arntzen discussed the Port's conceptual plans for Columbia Drive and Clover Island and the wish to revitalize the area. There are areas that artwork may be utilized, and the Port would like to include Indian or wildlife pieces. The Port would like the artwork to be meaningful and beneficial to the Tribes. Mr. Arntzen suggested this may be an opportunity to partner with the Tribes to increase economic development in the area.

Chairman Minthorn feels the Port and Tribes are on the path forward to building our working relationship and partnership. Mr. Novakovich instructed Port staff to work with the CTUIR. Mr. Novakovich presented copies of the Clover Island Master Plan.

Mr. Arntzen briefly described the Village at Island Harbor project and the proposed concept and building layout for Clover Island. He stated the Port would like to include an area for an extension of the Cultural Institute for educational purposes. The extension would bring additional interest to the island and share the cultural heritage of the Tribes.

## COLLABORATION ON ART PROJECT

Ms. Carter has been working with Ms. Conner to find artwork that would incorporate the Tribes and Clover Island. Ms. Carter briefly explained the history of the Tribes on Clover Island and would like to see artwork used to depict life experiences. For example, a bronze statue of a women



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collecting tule reeds or making a tule mat. Ms. Carter shared a map with potential sites for artwork locations and the location of the potential site for the Cultural Institute display. Ms. Carter explained the brick walls along Clover Island Drive could also be used to display artwork. Ms. Carter commented should the Tribes decide to consider this concept, be assured the Port will coordinate fully with the CTUIR's representatives in the creation of any public art or informational displays to ensure the accuracy of any portrayal of tribal history or cultural events.

Ms. Conner explained various artwork ideas and how they can connect the artwork to the extension of the Cultural Institute, and that it may be a phased project with artwork at the Gateway, on the walls, and a display area in The Village at Island Harbor. Ms. Conner stated a plan should be established and a budget set for the project.

Chairman Minthorn stated the Tribes want to share their story and feels this would be a good way to do it.

Ms. Carter commented once the artwork is selected it will take approximately a year to receive the piece and install it.

Mr. Arntzen inquired if this is a partnership project the Tribes would like to pursue. If so, he will include funding in the Port's budget.

Chairman Minthorn indicated the Tribes are interested in the project and directed staff to create an exploratory resolution. Mr. Stewart commented the extension of the Cultural Institute would provide an opportunity to advertise the Cultural Center.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS**

Chairman Minthorn would like to continue discussions and requested staff to work together to set a date for another meeting to consider artwork ideas and response to the concepts.

Ms. Conner suggested adding the artwork project to the 2012 Work Plan.

## **FUTURE DIALOGUE**

Mr. Novakovich feels the meeting was fantastic and beneficial. The Port is very grateful for the invitation and opportunity build relationships.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Debra Croswell, 74131 Thorn Hollow Road, Pendleton, shared her appreciation of the Port's continued support of the Salmon Walk.

Kat Brigham mentioned an interest in sharing the CTUIR's story with the area schools and stated that curriculum is available.



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Leo Stewart would like to see the Port and Tribes meet for a one-day educational meeting; perhaps a Saturday forum at Clover Island to share the CTUIR with the community.

No further public comments were made.

## CLOSING PRAYER

Ms. Conner led the prayer.

## ADJOURNMENT

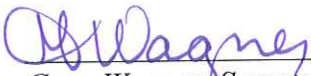
With no further business to bring before the Board; the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

**PORT of KENNEWICK  
BOARD of COMMISSIONERS**

  
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