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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 6 PM Via ZOOM Conference Call

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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Commissioner David Day, Commissioner John Mishasek, Commissioner Mohammad Mostafavinassab, Executive Director Chris Michalopoulos, and Community Administrative Specialist April Booth were present via ZOOM conference call.

4. CHANGES TO AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT - *This time is set aside for members of the public to speak to the Board regarding subjects of concern, interest, or items on the Agenda. The Board will take all information under advisement, but generally will not take any action unless it is emergent in nature. To ensure your comments are recorded, please state your name and city of residence. Please limit comments to 5 minutes. If you have any documents to present to the Board, please email them to the Port Executive Director prior to the meeting.*

Kelsi Mottet of Oak Harbor spoke on behalf of the Conservation District and noted their support for One Willow Farm and the practices they would like to implement at Greenbank

Farm. This is a service provided for farmers to use voluntarily, and they are happy that Mark Stewart is seeking out their support and guidance.

Marianne Burr of Coupeville submitted questions regarding the chicken farming practices prior to the meeting and stated concerns there is no notation regarding animals or livestock in the 2018 Comprehensive Scheme that was created with community input. The Greenbank Farm Special Review District notes grazing not raising livestock.

Kim Gruetter of Oak Harbor and also with Salty Acres, an agricultural tenant at Greenbank Farm also spoke of her support for One Willow Farm and the soil revitalization pilot program. She uses similar practices on her farm and noted the benefits of noxious weed control, bugs, and the return of nutrients to the soil. It is responsible farming that eliminates the need for chemicals. The tractors allow chickens to graze and keep them safe from predators.

Tonelli Gruetter of Oak Harbor and also with Growing Vets, another agricultural tenant at Greenbank Farm, also noted the benefits of One Willow Farm's pilot program and how desperately the soil at Greenbank Farm needs soil conditioning. Growing Vets only utilizes organic farming and would love to see Greenbank Farm returned to being certified organic.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Discussion: Industrial Development District Update

Executive Director Chris Michalopoulos gave an update on the status of the Industrial Development District process.

6.2 Discussion: Island County RCEDF Grant for Broadband Phase 2

Executive Director Chris Michalopoulos gave an update on the Broadband Phase 2 project.

6.3 Discussion: One Willow Farm Pilot Program Update

Mark Stewart of One Willow Farm in Oak Harbor gave an update on his chicken farming and soil revitalization pilot program proposal at Greenbank Farm.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Introduction: Holiday Paid Days and Vacation Pay (PTO) Policy Update

Executive Director Chris Michalopoulos discussed the need to expand the current holiday schedule and update the vacation pay policy. **Commissioners tasked staff to further research the local city, county, and other ports to compare what other localities and municipalities offer for further consideration.**

7.2 Action: Resolution #282 – Electronic and Digital Signatures

Executive Director Chris Michalopoulos presented Resolution #282 to allow Port Commissioners and staff to utilize electronic signature software for electronic records. Commissioner Mohammad Mostafavinassab made the motion to approve Resolution #282, authorizing the Port to conduct business utilizing Electronic and Digital Signatures, with the amendment to remove the wording in the last WHEREAS "to promote social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic". **Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marianne Burr of Coupeville stated it was reassuring to hear the discussion on the farm pilot program and that most of her questions were answered. She asked the commissioners to consider being more specific in future updates to the Comprehensive Scheme, to include the notation of animals as part of the agriculture at Greenbank Farm.

9. COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION

Commissioner Mohammad Mostafavinassab attended the Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization meeting today and the focus was on charging stations for electric vehicles.


Commissioner John Mishasek noted that he attended the recent Island County Planning meeting regarding shorelines and sea level rise.

Commissioner David Day asked for more details on the end goal for introducing chicken farming at the Greenbank Farm from both One Willow Farm and from the Port of Coupeville and raised the question of developing a plan for the farm as a whole. Mark Stewart stated he would send further information to be shared with the Commissioners.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.


David Day (Apr 21, 2021 07:35 PDT)


John Mishasek (Apr 19, 2021 10:14 PDT)


Mohammad Mostafavinassab (Apr 19, 2021 18:54 PDT)

David Day

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