

**PORT DISTRICT OF SOUTH WHIDBEY ISLAND**  
Minutes of the Special Meeting  
August 17, 2011  
Freeland, Washington

**Commissioners Present:** Chris Jerome (Langley), Curt Gordon (Clinton) and Geoff Tapert (Freeland)

**Others Present:**

**Port Staff:** Ed Field (Port Manager), Dane Anderson (Port Finance Manager) and Molly MacLeod-Roberts (Port Clerk); **Others:** Six applicants for the position of Port Finance Manager

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** The Special Meeting of the Port District of South Whidbey Island's Board of Commissioners was convened on Wednesday, August 17, 2011, in the Port office conference room at 1804 Scott Rd. in Freeland, WA. As announced, the primary purpose of the Special Meeting was to conduct interviews with candidates for the open Port Finance Manager position. Given the confidential personnel issues to be addressed in these interviews, they will be conducted in Executive Session. Commissioner Jerome, President, called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. for an expected duration of 2 hours and 45 minutes to interview the Finance Manager candidates. At 9:45 p.m. the Board agreed to extend the Executive Session for up to an additional 30 minutes. The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:03 p.m.

**FINANCIAL ACTION ISSUES**

**Finance Manager Selection**

**ACTION:** A Motion was made by Commissioner Gordon and seconded by Commissioner Tapert to offer the position of Port Finance Manager to Ron Rhinehart, subject to background check and reference verification. The Motion passed unanimously.

Jerome said, "I would like to acknowledge something in this public meeting (something I forgot to do at the regular public meeting), which is Dane Anderson's contributions, not only tonight, but during his entire time working with the Port. I thank him for his service which has really helped us." Gordon added, "I think it takes replacing somebody to really understand how lucky you were to have the person you did have, and how much knowledge they brought. Dane, it was great to have you around while I cut my teeth. My learning curve was steep and I appreciate all the information I got from you whenever I needed it. Good luck to you." Anderson thanked the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Special Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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Commissioner Chris Jerome, Langley

  
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Commissioner Curt Gordon, Clinton

  
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Commissioner Geoff Tapert, Freeland

Minutes prepared by:

  
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Edwin S. Field, Port Manager