Port Report



Port Studies Water and Sewer Infrastructure Needs

The current water and sewer infrastructure in the Port's Industrial Park is insufficient for most businesses.

The current 8-inch water line in Cramblett Way connected to the Oxbow reservoir won't provide enough water flow for fire suppression. A large development will require a 12-inch water line. Constructing a 12-inch water line from Herman Creek Lane down Forest Lane into the Industrial Park is estimated to cost \$440,000. Additional water pumps or storage might be necessary. One alternative might be to drill a well with a pump and backup generator in the Industrial Park, providing a secondary water source.

The Cascade Locks sewer plant is not currently equipped to handle the industrial food-processing businesses that have recently looked at Port property. The solution to this sewer capacity challenge is likely new pretreatment equipment at a cost of \$200-\$500,000. This new equipment would allow the Port to bring in new industrial businesses and sorely needed jobs that will pay for much of the community's infrastructure fixes.

These well and pre-treatment alternatives are examples of real projects which the Port could fund, in partnership with the City, to increase our competitiveness in recruiting companies to build in our Industrial Park and bring jobs and revenue to our community. The Port and the City of Cascade Locks are currently drafting an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to outline collaboration on future infrastructure projects and to continue to work together to create jobs.

Port Commission Budget Decisions

In an effort to significantly enhance economic development within the community, the Port Commission has directed that \$250,000 be cut from the Port's 2013-14 operating budget. The Port Budget Committee held two meetings to review and adjust the proposed budget before sending it to the Port Commission for approval. The proposed budget was adopted on June 20th. As a result of this budget process, the Port will eliminate three current staff positions, hire a Maintenance and Construction Manager, and hire a new Maintenance Worker One. These staffing changes will allow the Port to better focus maintenance and construction activities. Overall budget reductions will position the Port to leverage resources to borrow necessary funds to pay for critical infrastructure in the Industrial Park to create new jobs for local residents.





The primary purpose of the Port is to facilitate economic development of the Cascade Locks Community; operate in a fiscally prudent manner; enhance tourism; create employment opportunities for Gorge residents; provide recreation facilities; provide safe and effective infrastructure; and promote new and existing businesses. Public meetings are held at 6 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the Cascade Locks City Hall Council Chambers.

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Port Refreshes Strategic Business Plan and Capital Facilities Plan

The Port has hired consultants PARC Resources of Bend, Oregon to refresh the Port's Strategic Business Plan and Capital Facilities Plan.

The new plans will chart the course for the Port's future priority projects and investments. All Oregon Ports are required to update their Strategic Business Plan in order to qualify for state economic development funding. The planning process will take about three months, to be completed in September.

Residents are encouraged to get involved and share their feedback through a series of public meetings.

The first opportunity will be Thursday, June 27th at 7pm at City Hall during the Joint Work Group for Economic Development (JWGED).

Upcoming Events

June 27th @ 7pm: Port Strategic Planning Public Meeting during JWGED in City Hall

June 30th: Sternwheeler Days with ducky derby, bingo, fun run, mountain men and parade in Marine Park

July 4th: Fireworks in The Marine Park



The Port is also completing a Master Plan for the Marine Park in conjunction with the strategic planning process.

The Master Plan will assist the Port Commission and Staff in making future improvements and decisions regarding way finding, vehicular and pedestrian circulation and amenities. Jason Sergeant, the current AmeriCorps RARE Volunteer will be interviewing park users and completing the park master plan.