

ANDERSON ISLAND CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD
March 14, 2019 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

Call to Order and Verification of Quorum: In the absence of a Chair, Vice Chair Albertson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:31 p.m. A quorum was confirmed. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag was observed.

Attendance: Current Members David Albertson, Dave Jacobsen, Eric Cunningham, Larry Nelson, Tiffany Waggoner, and Ellen Kaspi and were present. Current Members Wade Winkler, Elizabeth Emerick and Kelly Lynn Hallock were absent and excused.

A nominated potential member, Joyce Besancon (Tanner Electric Cooperative) was present and introduced. It was noted that her appointment is pending with the County Executive and County Council. Dave Jacobsen agreed to record the meeting and prepare summary minutes in the absence of a Secretary.

Approval of Agenda: The Acting Chair offered two revisions to the written agenda. Buzz Thome has agreed to continue to act as the coordinator for the website so a new volunteer is not needed for that. Also, The Riviera Manager, Bill Palmer is here to discuss issues with the Riviera boat launch ramp. It was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote to adopt the agenda as revised.

Election of Officers: The Acting Chair advised that two offices, those of Chair and Secretary still needed candidates. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Dave Albertson for the office of Chair. The Acting Chair called for additional nominations. None were proffered. The Acting Chair closed the nominations and called for a motion on the question of election of a Chair for the balance of 2019. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved by voice vote to elect Dave Albertson as Chair. Chairman Albertson then called for nominations for the office of Secretary. After a brief discussion of the duties of Secretary, Tiffany Waggoner was nominated for the position of Secretary. The Chair called for additional nominations. None were proffered. It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to close the nominations and elect Tiffany Waggoner as Secretary for the balance of 2019.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jacobsen provided a summary of checking account transactions year-to-date 2019 and a summary of the AICAB budget for 2019 as approved by the County. The only checkbook transactions for 2019 to date are two monthly bank service charges of \$5 each. The checkbook balance as of February 28, 2019 was \$481.81. The County approved 2019 budget is as proposed by AICAB and totals \$1,084.90.

Appointment of Ferry System Liaison: The Chair noted that with Buzz Thome's term ending, a replacement for the Ferry Liaison volunteer is needed. After a brief summary of the role, the

Chair called for a volunteer. Members Jacobsen and Cunningham both offered to fill that role. It was agreed they would share the role, covering for each other.

Pierce County Reports: The Chair shared e-mails from Councilmember Richardson and Pierce County staff. **Ferry Line Management.** They are working on an ordinance and a plan to provide Law Enforcement at the ferry lines on busy summer holiday weekends. The Ferry Administration has also developed signage listing the ferry loading guidelines to be posted at the ferry docks and potentially other locations. Board members discussed the concern that if the rules can't or won't be enforced by the crew or volunteers, it encourages some to just ignore them. While the Captain can deny boarding, it slows loading and puts the crew in a difficult situation. **Community Plan Update.** The Chair noted that at the last AICAB meeting a member raised a concern that the Anderson Island Community Plan may be out of date and no longer relevant given our population growth. Currently the County is working on Plan updates for four communities that make up the majority of the urban growth area in the County. Updates for rural area communities including Anderson Island are scheduled for 2024. AICAB is encouraged to begin to document community concerns and develop recommendations in anticipation of that process. It was agreed that AICAB members should start reviewing the Anderson/Ketron Community Plan now, and to include a discussion of any concerns on future AICAB agendas. While the Plan is on-line, Dave Jacobsen will try to get each member a hard copy of the current version of the Plan.

Approval of prior meeting minutes: The Minutes of the AICAB January 10, 2019 Regular Meeting were reviewed and one spelling correction was made. It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve the minutes as corrected.

Old Business: AICAB Membership Status. The County hopes to have Joyce Besancon's appointment as the Tanner-nominated member of AICAB approved at the April 2nd Council meeting. At that same meeting they hope to have the creation of the American Legion sponsored AICAB position approved, along with the appointment of the American Legion nominee Jim Cook. **AICAB Meeting Schedule.** At its January meeting, AICAB voted to move from quarterly meetings to monthly meetings. However, the recommendation from our County Councilmember is to stay with regular quarterly meetings and schedule special meetings as needed or warranted. The Chair noted that the regular quarterly meetings would always be scheduled on the second Thursday of the first month of the quarter (January, April, July, and October). It was agreed to return to the earlier regular meeting/special meeting model with the request that we try to provide at least a month's prior notice of special meeting dates.

New Business: Status of Eckenstam Johnson Road Repairs. Councilmember Richardson has advised that the start of repairs on EJ are awaiting the acquisition of easements on three private property parcels. Repairs could start in a month or so if those easements are granted by

the owners. If the County has to go through the legal eminent domain process to acquire the easements, it could take a year or more. AICAB will be kept up to date on the issue.

Ferry Dry Dock Status. The boat yard completing the Dry Docking of the Steilacoom II has declared bankruptcy. The Ferry Administration reported that the bankruptcy court has delayed the company's liquidation to allow time for the work on the ferry to be completed. The County has assigned an engineering consultant to oversee the repairs going forward and has arranged for assurance that the workers are paid through the completion of the work. Weather problems have delayed the maintenance by about three weeks. Work is about 60% complete, and the estimated completion of the dry docking is now in May. **Ferry Schedule Format**

Change. The Ferry Administration has revised the format of the printed schedule for improved readability. The actual schedule of runs has not changed. It is available on line. **Other New**

Business. The question of eligibility for Disabled ferry tickets for non-residents was brought up. It was noted that valid disability identification is limited to certain forms of ID that may be Washington specific, but does include federal Medicare/Medicade cards. The Ferry Liaisons will review the concern with Ferry Administration, as well as noting that the Coast Guard prohibition on gas cans is not on loading guidelines.

Riviera Boat Ramp Update. The Riviera Manager shared the status and concerns with repairs to the Riviera Boat Ramp and DNR lease renewal. The plan is to replace the ramp. They are working through a number of issues with DNR including addressing work done in the past without a the required permit, minimizing and mitigating forage fish impact, and the fast approaching lease expiration for the existing ramp. At this point AICAB's involvement is not needed. Bill Palmer will stay in touch.

Maintenance of potentially dangerous vegetation within the County road easement. It was observed that we have a lot of dead or dying vegetation in, or hanging over the County roads and easements, sometimes from private property. Whose responsibility is it to identify and address those dangers? Joyce Besancon offered to discuss our concerns with the Pierce County Forrest and Environment Manager and get some direction on how we should proceed, which may involve action from the AICAB. **Island Emergency Preparedness.** Related to the discussion regarding storm dangers, the Chair of the Anderson Island Community Club board advised AICAB that AICC is working with the Red Cross to start up an effort to develop or update an Emergency Preparedness Plan for the Island. AICC will be asking all major Island organizations to be a part of that process. AICAB voiced its support.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by motion, second and unanimous voice vote at approximately 8:25 p.m.