ANDERSON ISLAND FERRY COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 10, 2020 MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

This ferry committee meeting was called to cover some still outstanding ferry issues.

Attendance: Members of AICAB plus guests from Pierce County and, Hornblower Marine Services—as well as representatives from Ketron Island--were present. A quorum was verified

Call to Order: Chair David Albertson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag was observed.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as written.

Approval & Adoption of Minutes: It was moved, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2019 ferry committee meeting.

Discussion of Steilacoom's Proposed Round-about:

There was discussion of this proposal and whether we or the county could have any input into these plans. It was noted that these plans are being pursued under a federal grant and the city of Steilacoom is paying for this. At this time, Steilacoom is going forward with this planning effort. The county and AICAB will be notified when public hearings are scheduled.

Ferry Schedule Change Proposals and Update:

Ferry administrator, Randy Rogers presented the proposed new ferry schedule.

He has been working in conjunction with the school district to make the schedule work better for the students, so that they are not always late for class and do not have to leave classes early to catch the ferry. For this reason, the school district requested a slightly earlier ferry in the morning as well as a 2:45 and a 3:50 ferry in the afternoon. These were worked into the schedule.

Fuel runs were eliminated and will now be run by the second boat rather than impacting the schedule.

Training will now occur between the 12:10 and the 2:45 runs and will no longer impact the schedule.

A daily 10:20pm run has been added.

The new schedule is expected to begin March 1st.

There will be no fare increase at this time.

Ferry Report on Other Issues:

There is discussion about handouts for the new ferry loading rules and guidelines.

It was noted that the left behind vehicles are recorded in the Captain's log for each trip.

It was noted that there is no budget for having ferry workers direct traffic in the lines.

Vehicles will be screened if the tides go below 2 feet.

There is no budget for making the ferry ticketing system compatible with the ORCA system.

There is discussion about reducing youth fares and vehicle widths in the future.

Adjournment: It was moved, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting.