



**2014 Year in Review** continued

**MARCH**

- Joe Pounders retired after 26 years of service to the Port. A potluck celebration was held in his honor.
- The March 20 Spring Planning Work Session focused on key issues and projects outlined in the Port's 2014-2018 Strategic Business Plan.
- Marc Even Construction was awarded the Boathouse Dock Replacement project for \$179,365.

- A contract was approved with Blackline, Inc. for slurry and crack seal on numerous Port roads and parking lots.
- The third meeting of the NBWE PAC was held March 18, reviewing two conceptual plans for the ped/bike trail, water access, and areas for upland development. Consensus was to implement features from each design into a final design concept.

**APRIL**

- The Port's Budget Committee convened to review staff's proposed FY 14/15 budget.
- An application for a zone change from C-2 to LI on a 2.33 acre portion of the Expo property was submitted to the City of Hood River.

- The Port of Hood River agreed to sponsor Art of the Community, and allowed installation of four concrete slabs on Port property for juried art, as part of the Big Art Walking Tour.



- A fourth Project Advisory Committee meeting was held for NBWE project, reviewing the preferred concept plan and phase one scope of work, dependent on funding.
- The Port Commission reviewed the FY 14/15 work plan for the Hood River Interstate Bridge prioritizing essential, priority, recommended and elective categories of work.
- A property tax rate of \$.0332 per thousand of assessed value was approved by the Port Commission for FY 14/15.
- Bridge deck welding on the Hood River Interstate Bridge was completed, with budget allotted for future repairs as needed.

**MAY**

- John Mann joined the Port staff as Facilities Manager, replacing Joe Pounders. John previously served as a supervisor at Klickitat County.
- Big Winds was selected to operate a SUP board storage concession at Nichols Basin with a self-serve rack system for 24 boards.
- The Commission adopted Ordinance 24 to regulate conduct on Port property, with built-in flexibility to allow changes over time and place, replacing Ordinance 22.
- The Port Commission authorized two contracts with Century West Engineering for airport projects: one for an updated Airport Master Plan (for which FAA would cover 90% of cost), and the other for general engineering services as needed.

- A waterfront Emergency Access Points signage system was developed by the Port, CGWA, CGKA and Hood River Fire Chief Devon Wells to improve location identification for emergency response.

- The Port entered into contract for the purchase of the Hanel Mill site in Odell, subject to due diligence period of five months. As part of the process the Port contracted with Coles Environmental Consulting for Phase 1 Environmental Assessment.

- A server failure shut down the office BreezeBy program for almost 10 days.
- Slurry seal projects were successfully completed at the Marina, Big 7, Portway Avenue, and the Airport.
- The Port was awarded a \$445,000 grant from the OPRD Local Governments Grants Program for the Nichols Basin West Edge Trail Project.



**JUNE**

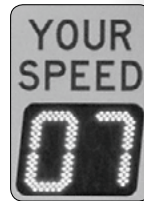
- A lease was approved with Oregon Brineworks, LLC for 2,500 square feet of space at the Port's Timber Incubator building at John Weber Business Park.
- The Port contracted with Next Door, Inc. to provide a summer work crew made up of high school students to assist with summer landscaping projects around Port properties at a cost of \$16,500.
- Wildish Standard Paving was awarded the Bridge approach ramp repaving project to remove and replace concrete surface on the deck approaches.
- The Port's FY 14/15 budget was presented to, and approved, by the Port Commission.



- New docks were off-loaded for the Marina boathouse dock replacement project.
- Port Executive Director Michael McElwee made a presentation about the Hood River Interstate Bridge at the Pacific Northwest Waterways Assn. in Coeur d'Alene.

- The Port Commission discussed the Budget Committee recommendation to eliminate bridge tickets and modify discounts for BreezeBy customers.

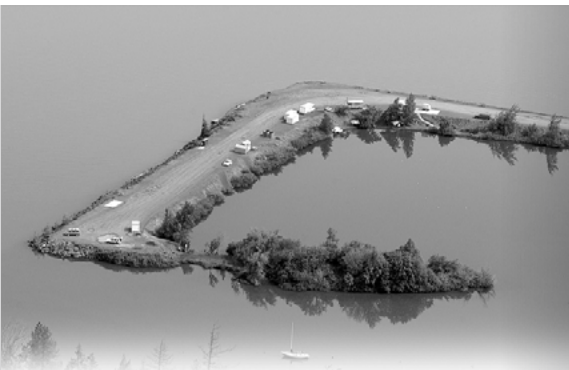
- An electronic speed sign was installed on the bridge in efforts to slow southbound traffic near the tollbooth.



- OneGorge, a regional advocacy group composed of public agencies and private businesses began meeting to discuss an action plan for regional priorities.

**JULY**

- The Port Commission nominated and elected officers for the 2014-15 Fiscal Year into the following positions: Rich McBride, President; Brian Shortt, Vice President; Hoby Streich, Secretary; Jon Davies, Treasurer; Fred Duckwall, Commissioner.



- The Port received permits for the new Hook launch, following engineering specifications and applications prepared by Flowing Solutions in spring.

- Century West Engineering prepared a specific schedule for the Airport Master Plan process, with an initial step of selecting an advisory committee.

- A contract was approved with Surround Architecture for conceptual design of an upgrade to the Jensen building breezeway.

- The Port Commission authorized the final, amended Disposition and Development Agreement with Key Development Corp. on the Expo Center property.



- The Port agreed to collaborate with Gorge TransLink and Mt. Adams Transportation Service to inform the public of options to transport bicycles via MATS fixed route system over the Hood River Interstate Bridge.



- Walker/Macy completed 25% construction drawings for the Nichols Basin West Edge project, and a PAC meeting was held to review them.



**AUGUST**

- The inaugural "Commissioner's Cup" was held August 17. The regatta included Bic and Optimist sailboats manned by individuals under age 12, and seven 420 boats manned by two sailors between 12 and 18. The fun event featured participation from Port Commissioners Jon Davies and Rich McBride, and three members of Port staff. The event was organized by Kassen Bergstrom, Jaime Mack and the rest of the Gorge Sailing Team, a Hood River Valley High School program.

- Port Development Manager Anne Medenbach presented the Port's annual Capital Improvement and Maintenance Plan for Port properties to the Commission and outlined a strategy for tracking status, expenditures and timelines as a follow-up to the baseline Facilities Assessment.

- The Port began enforcing 90-minute parking regulations on North 1st Street and Portway Avenue after a two-week period of warnings.

- Event Site hosts John and Sharon Chow provided a report of activities to the Port Commission, along with a "wish list" of improvements to consider in 2015.

- The Port received a bomb threat on the Hood River Interstate Bridge, which resulted in immediate response from the Hood River and Bingen/White Salmon Police Departments. No device was found.

**SEPTEMBER**

- Port crews worked hard to prepare the Airport for the WAAAM Fly-In.

- Full repaving of E. Port Marina Drive occurred, through the Chamber of Commerce and DMV parking lots.

- The City and Port co-hosted a public meeting to bring the public up to date on the preliminary approach to the Waterfront Refinement Plan.

- The Port contracted with HDR Engineering, Inc. for tolling upgrade project management services.

- The Port contracted with Coburn Electric, Inc. for completion of a lighting upgrade at the Jensen building, with 36% of cost reimbursed by Energy Trust of Oregon.



**OCTOBER**

- A structural analysis of the old Cruise Ship dock (Event Site) by KPFF Consulting Engineers was approved to evaluate the structural integrity, load capacity, and any needed repairs.

- The Waterfront Refinement Plan advisory committee met twice in October for input on appropriate activities and zoning for specific areas of the waterfront, as well as design standards for buildings and trails.

- Due to repeated vandalism of Marina restrooms, access was restricted to moorage tenant card access only.

- Waterfront Coordinator Liz Whitmore presented the 2014 Waterfront Annual Report to the Port Commission, which summarized usage, site improvements, and events along the waterfront.

**NOVEMBER**

- The Port Commission held its Fall Planning Work Session on November 20 to more deeply review financials, development, recreation, facilities conditions, bridge and airport policies and work plans, and the Waterfront Refinement Plan overlay zone.

- HDR Engineering conducted an inspection of the Bridge's moveable lift span.

- Port Commission President Rich McBride and Executive Director Michael McElwee traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with legislators and staff to discuss Port and regional priorities.

- Work by the Waterfront Refinement Plan advisory committee continued in three November meetings that focused on review and consensus for the draft overlay zone.

**DECEMBER**

- The Port received a \$900 matching grant from Special Districts Assn. of Oregon towards a new fresh air intake system at the Hood River Bridge Toll Booth. The equipment was installed December 23.

- A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held December 2, with thirteen contractors attending, for the Nichols Basin West Edge project.

- Bid opening for Hook Launch and Trail project occurred on December 9, with Crestline Construction providing the low bid just under the engineer's estimate.

- A public meeting was held December 10 on the Airport Master Plan.

- The Waterfront Refinement Plan neared completion as City Planning Commission held a hearing, and City Council adopted the amended Waterfront Overlay Zone.

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