

FRIDAY HARBOR PORT DISTRICT

Port Commission *Special Meeting* at the Port of Friday Harbor Office
Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Port Commissioners Present:

Mike Ahrenius, Greg Hertel and Barbara Marrett

Port Staff Present: Marilyn O'Connor, Executive Director

Tami Hayes, Harbormaster

This was a special meeting for the Commission to discuss a proposed Bellingham to Friday Harbor daily passenger ferry service year round. A proposal was made by Bartlett Developmental & Maritime Services Corporation to operate this business and they were requesting that the Port of Friday Harbor provide financial backing.

The Commission discussed the proposal presented. Grants from several sources would be mandatory in order for the Port of Friday Harbor to participate on a financial level.

The Commission agreed that the Port was not ready to participate to the extent proposed at this time and that it might take a few years before they are.

The Commission, although not accepting the proposal, did agree that continuing to pursue the idea of daily year round passenger ferry service with the Port of Bellingham was important.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Mike Ahrenius, Commissioner

Greg Hertel, Commissioner

Barbara Marrett, Commissioner