

PORT OF OLYMPIA COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

**June 6, 2001**

---

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Steve Pottle called the Special Meeting of June 6, 2001, to order at 5:07 p.m. at the Port of Olympia in the Large Conference Room. Commissioners Dickison and Van Schoorl were in attendance.

Staff in attendance were: Executive Director Nick Handy, Administrative Manager Jeri Sevier, Engineering and Planning Director Andrea Fontenot, Cascade Pole Site Manager Don Bache, and Facilities Project Engineer Rod Hudson. Public in attendance were as follows. Representing the Olympian was reporter John Dodge. Representing Legal Counsel was Sandy Mackie.

**ACTION CALENDAR**

**Cascade Pole Sediment Removal Bid Award**

Mr. Don Bache indicated to the Commission that seven bids for the Cascade Pole Sediment Removal, Contract #269, were received on May 24, 2001. The Port of Olympia received the permit from the Corp on May 30, 2001. The bids were therefore opened on June 1, 2001 at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Bache reported that RCI Environmental, Inc. was the lowest responsible responsive bidder in the amount of \$3,299,915.00. The engineer's estimate was in the amount of \$4,611,770.00. Mr. Bache indicated to the Commission that the bid submitted from RCI Environmental, Inc. was complete. Staff checked references and found them to be very experienced in a wide range of environmental projects. Mr. Bache recommended to the Commission they award the bid to the lowest bidder, RCI Environmental, Inc. for contract #269 in the amount of \$3,299,915.00.

Commissioner Van Schoorl questioned why the range of bids came in from \$3.3 million to \$8.8 million, and to what level are we satisfied that this is a realistic bid when the average was \$5.5 million. Mr. Bache indicated staff has checked all of the elements of the lowest bid and talked with them to make sure they understand the entirety of the requirements. Mr. Bache said all elements have been checked and they fully understand the project.

President Pottle asked what the differences were between the engineer's estimate and the lowest bid. Mr. Bache responded that the main differences are in items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9A, 10, 11, and 12. Commissioner Dickison asked staff to focus on #12 regarding the Gunderboom. The lowest bidder was at 17 percent of the other bids, Commissioner Dickison asked if they have an adequate understanding of what will be required by the Port and by other regulatory agencies.

Mr. Bache said he specifically asked if they were clear on our expectations. RCI indicated they had experience and specific instructions from Gunderboom on how this is to be maintained and installed. Mr. Bache indicated the project manager for RCI is very experienced and is personally familiar with the site. In addition, he has had successful cleanups in the past. This bid is a good price for good experience.

Commissioner Van Schoorl made a motion to award contract #269, the Sediments Remedial Action for Cascade Pole to the lowest responsible bidder RCI Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$3,299,915.00. Commissioner Dickison seconded the motion.

President Pottle asked Mr. Bache if the conversations with RCI Environmental assuring their full understanding of the contract has been documented. Mr. Bache responded yes. The motion passed unanimously to award contract #269, the Sediments Remedial Action for Cascade Pole to the lowest responsible bidder RCI Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$3,299,915.00.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Pottle adjourned the Special Meeting of June 6, 2001 at 5:35 p.m.

PORT OF OLYMPIA COMMISSION

\_\_\_\_\_  
President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Vice President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary-Treasurer