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Port of Douglas County Commissioner Robert Corkrum to Retire

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EAST WENATCHEE – After serving 12 years as a member of the Port of Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Bob Corkrum has announced that he will not run for a third term. Corkrum was elected to the Commission Board in 1993, representing district #3. “I believe the campaign promises I made 12 years ago were kept. With the cooperation of our staff and great commissioners, we have restored honesty and professionalism to the Douglas County Port,” said Corkrum. “We are now a full partner with the Chelan County Port and other public entities in Chelan and Douglas Counties.”

While he served on the Commission Board, the Port worked on maintaining and improving Pangborn Memorial Airport and the Business Park along with the general aviation airports in Waterville and Mansfield. The Port also made improvements at the Orondo River Park and a two-mile sewer extension line up Grant Road to the Business Park. To assist with the farm worker housing needs in NCW, the Port cooperated with other public and private entities to provide a temporary cherry harvest tent camp on the non-aviation side of Pangborn Memorial Airport. Commenting on improvements made at the Pangborn Airport Business Park, Corkrum stated, “Our business park has been developed and now

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has all the infrastructure of any modern and efficient industrial business park.”

“Serving Douglas County in public service has been a pleasure and honor,” said Corkrum. “It’s been a great 12 years and while everything we accomplished took a little longer than we planned, we stuck with our objectives and got things done.” Port Director, Pat Haley added, “Corkrum never forgot that we were dealing with the taxpayers’ money and always maintained a fiscally conservative attitude while looking toward future needs.”

Corkrum also commented on his reason for retiring from the Board. “My life is changing with the death of my wife. My daughter lives in Seattle and I have no family in NCW.” He added, “It’s time to let someone else serve as Douglas County Port Commissioner, someone who has the desire and attitude that the taxpayers deserve.”

The election for the next six year term will be held in November of 2005 and the deadline to file for election is July 29. Those seeking the position must reside within the boundaries of district #3 (a map can be found at <http://douglascountywa.net/pdf/countycommissionerdistricts.pdf>). Informational packets on the Port of Douglas and the responsibilities of commissioners can be picked up at the Port Offices or by calling 884-4700.

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* A photograph of Bob Corkrum can be obtained by calling the Port office.