



PUBLIC MEETING: Port Commission Meeting

DATE: Tuesday **July 18, 2023, 6 PM**

LOCATION: Cascade Locks City Hall 140 Wa Na Pa St, Cascade Locks, OR 97014

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85806615790>

MINUTES

- 1) Commission meeting called to order 6:00 PM
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Roll Call
 - i. President Lorang
 - ii. Vice-President Klute
 - iii. Commissioner Nance
 - iv. Members of the Staff and Other Support – GM Jeremiah Blue, Secretary Keriane Stocker, Accountant Chuck Mosher, Accounting Specialist Melissa Warren, Attorney Tommy Brooks, Gov't Relations Consultant Mark Johnson
 - v. Members of the Public – Rob Peterson, Pam Thweatt; Zoom Attendees – Nikki Adler, Diane Amoth, Hallie Ballou, Brittany Berge, Paul Cosgrove – AWI Counsel, Janice Crane, Butch Miller Councillor Cascade Locks, Matthew Miller, Gary Munkhoff, Suzanne Peterson, Shania Weldon, Philip W / Pioneer News, Caden's iPhone, Jessie, Morgan
 - c. Modifications, Additions and Changes to the Agenda
 - d. Declarations of Potential Conflicts of Interest

2) Commission Interview

3) Appointment of Position #4 and #5

VP KLUTE MAKES A MOTION TO APPOINT ROB PETERSON AND PAMELA THWEATT TO THE COMMISSION; C NANCE SECONDS; Passed Unanimously

4) Swearing in Ceremony of Newly-Appointed Commissioners – Secretary Keriane Stocker

5) Public Comment (Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes)

6) Presentations

a. Legislative Update – Mark Johnson

- i. Johnson reports that, in regards to the Harvey Parking Lot Project, asphalt has been put down and striping for parking spots. There is also a place where the restroom will be installed later. C Nance inquires about maintenance and asks for confirmation that the Port will be responsible for that. Johnson concurs, adding that the Port will also be responsible for the landscaping. He informs that PCT days is coming up on August 18th or 19th which will be instrumental in gathering support for the bridge. Once petitions are gathered, they will be delivered to Oregon Senate President Rob Wagner and House Speaker Dan Rayfield during September Legislative Days down in Salem. He also mentions that the Washington Joint-Transportation Committee will be having a bridge tour at the end of September and will be in Hood River and Cascade Locks on September 27th. Johnson adds that Ixtapa is asking for the Port's help in acquiring a Conditional Use Permit from the City. Lastly, he informs that OneGorge is asking for signatures to support a letter to Secretary Pete Buttigieg, the Department of Transportation Secretary, regarding the White Salmon–Hood River Bridge Replacement Project which is looking for a Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant

opportunity from the Department of Transportation. Johnson requests just a general consensus to approve supporting the letter. The Commission gives consent.

- 7) Consent Agenda (***)Consent Agenda may be approved in its entirety in a single motion. Items are considered routine. Any Commissioner may take a motion to remove any items from the Consent Agenda for individual discussion).
 - a. Approval of minutes for Commission Meeting from July 6, 2023 and for Special Commission Meeting July 11, 2023
 - b. Ratification of bills in the amount of \$51,531.59
 - c. Approval of payroll for 01/19/2023 in the amount of \$42,542.45

VP KLUTE MAKES A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS A WHOLE; C THWEATT SECONDS; Passed Unanimously

- 8) General Manager Report
 - a. GM Blue reports that traffic use on the bridge has risen, largely due to the Wind River Fire. He also informs the Commission that beginning, September 1st, the Hood River Bridge will be raising its rates so the Bridge of Gods may see an increase in traffic. He also notifies that Business Oregon accepted the receipts they submitted for the Emerging Opportunity Grant and the Port should be receiving a check at the end of the week. Lastly, he informs the Commission that he has been in contact with the Oregon State Surplus Property representative and the Port will be holding a Saturday Sale in an attempt to offload the remaining items in the Visitor Center.
- 9) Commissioner and Sub-Committee Reports
 - a. C Nance comments on the Port's Harassment Training and suggests that it be updated and posted on the website. He also encourages that the Commission also get official training. He also reminds the Commission that the Secretary and Treasurer positions need to be assigned.
- 10) Business Action Items
 - a. Approval to Add and Remove Bank Signers to Umpqua Bank Account

VP KLUTE MAKES A MOTION TO REMOVE JESS GROVES, JOEINNE CALDWELL, DEAN BUMP, JOHN STIPAN AND OLGA KAGANOVA AS BANK SIGNERS; C NANCE SECONDS; Passed Unanimously

VP KLUTE MAKES A MOTION TO ADD CARRIE KLUTE, ALEBERT NANCE, BRAD LORANG, ROB PETERSON, PAM THWEATT AND THE PORT GENERAL MANAGER AS BANK SIGNERS; C NANCE SECONDS; Passed Unanimously

- b. Consideration of Final Resolution of Protest of Sternwheeler Concession Agreement Filed by AWI (***)Commission intends to meet in executive session under ORS.192.660(2)(f) and ORS192.660(2)(h) as a part of its consideration of this item)
- 11) Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(f) Discussion of exempt public records and ORS.192.660(2)(h) Legal counsel regarding litigation or litigation likely to be filed
 - a. Recess from Regular Session, into Executive Session at 7:05 pm
 - b. Recess out of Executive Session, into Regular Session at 10:00 pm
 - c. GM Blue reports that in the prior meeting the Commission directed him to continue the process of resolving AWI's protest to award JettyLight a contract. He has provided them with a proposed order that addresses the protest, it concludes that the challenges in the protest be rejected. In brief summary, the Port's Procurement Rules allows the Port to directly negotiate Concession agreements and Sternwheeler Operation agreements. The proposed order explains that in more detail and also addresses each of the arguments AWI presented. GM Blue advises that the Commission can approve this order and directly to send it to AWI and other interested parties or he can revise this order as the Commission sees fit.

VP KLUTE MAKES A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CURRENT PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF SPECIAL PROCUREMENT AND DIRECT APPOINTMENT PRESENTED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER AND SEND THE ORDER TO INTERESTED PARTIES; C NANCE SECONDS; Passed 3-2 IN A ROLL CALL VOTE: P LORANG - NAY, VP KLUTE - AYE, C NANCE - AYE, C PETERSON - NAY, C THWEATT - AYE

12) Adjournment 10:04 pm

Port of Cascade Locks

Port Commission President
Brad Lorang

Port Commission Secretary/Treasurer
Albert Nance

Date Signed

Date Signed