

Port of Cascade Locks

The Port of Cascade Locks Commission Meeting was held Wednesday April 8, 2020 via Zoom in Cascade Locks, OR 97014.

- 1) **Commission meeting called to order:** CP Groves called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.
 - a) **Roll Call:** Commissioners Groves, Bump and Caldwell were present. Commissioner Lorang was excused. Commissioner Stipan was absent.
Others present: GM Kaganova, Accounting Specialist Melissa Warren, Port Attorney Tommy Brooks, Cascade Locks Museum Executive Director Janice Crane, Secretary Sally Moore, Butch Miller, and Economic Development & Property Manager Don Mann.
 - b) **Modifications, additions and changes to the Agenda – None**
 - c) **Declarations of Potential Conflicts of Interest: - None**

2) Presentations and Reports

a) Discussion about the response to the COVID-19

GM Kaganova stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss COVID-19 and where the Port is at. GM Kaganova stated that Hood River County has its 3rd confirmed case of the COVID-19 virus; noting that testing is not keeping up. She stated Oregon schools closed for the rest of the year. GM Kaganova stated that there is a 70% accuracy rate for the tests. GM Kaganova stated that internally the Port has heard from the public about the Park closures. The public have been advocating for both. The Boat launch is open, and the Park is closed weekends not weekdays. This has been done to prevent gatherings. CP Groves said this is an extremely tough issue. The Port does not enforce the law, and staff can only ask to leave the park based on the governor's issue. The Port cannot close off the port because of the native in lieu site; they live there and fish. Thunder island brewing is still trying to do business. There are tenants in the Marina. CP Groves stated some people are using the RV park as a picnic area, and the Port may want to shut that off. The Port cannot screen everyone to see if they are local. Every weekend restaurants are open, trying to make money if people are keeping social distance. Commissioner Caldwell stated a lot of people coming into the park. Commissioner Caldwell would like to see some security in the park to ensure people are following governors' orders. Commissioner Bump has seen many people at the beach. CP Groves does not want to endanger staff by having them enforce laws; he noted that there are signs up in the park. It was decided that the RV park will be closed for the weekend and no day use signs will be put up there, as maintenance is not working on the weekend. Send out notification to critfc. To notify us. GM Kaganova stated the revised bridge plan has sent out today, directive to go ahead and implement it and start staffing the toll booth by this weekend.


COMMISSIONER CALDWELL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REVISED TOLL BOOTH DIRECTIVE BECAUSE OF COVID 19. SECONDED BY BUMP. The motion was unanimous. 3-0.

GM Kaganova stated she would like to convey to community members that they are complying with all the orders and would like to see them come down to the park so that they and their children can enjoy it. CP Groves stated he would like the community to use the Business Park and the EZClimb Trail as well. GM Kaganova stated she would like this communicated by word of mouth, not advertised on Facebook. Groves stated that doctors from Integrative Health want to come out here with a tent; wanting to be helpful and he has no issue with that adding they can go inside the building if they are doing testing etc. CP Groves stated to let them do their thing at no charge. CP Groves wants to do this for the community. They offer critical medications, and this is a good thing. Commissioner Caldwell agreed. Economic Development and Property Manager Don Mann said the office area may work for one patient at a time; and the Port could ask them if they are interested. Don stated that even if they do not come out, let them know we appreciate them. Commissioner Caldwell stated she feels humbled and pleased the Port can offer this to them. Don Mann stated the got their award; and the state is putting final contract together.

CP Groves stated that he wanted to talk about was on the Union Pacific RR project, to obtain this property the Port has leased for many years. GM Kaganova stated the Port has asked Union Pacific for the property to be transferred to the Port, or for a long term lease for a nominal cost. She stated this is a benefit to the RR as it would provide maintenance and upkeep. Event Coordinator Brittany Berge has done a power point on the subject that will be included on the next agenda. CP Groves said that talking to people it is difficult to plan when we do not know what the future is; there is speculation that Oregon will reach its pinnacle in the next week and a half, and the Governor may start back the economy. CP Groves stated the Renewal Workshop (TRW) has been working three shifts in order to comply with social distancing, as they continue to operate. CP Groves stated that that toll takers it will be uncomfortable, doing it for a while at the bridge. Commissioner Caldwell asked if there will be any summer events. CP Groves stated the port will get creative and figure out different ways to get things done. Butch Miller stated the Governor will not open economy unless 10 -14 days without a death. . Butch stated he attended an Energy Task Force Committee meeting in Hood River and the Renewal Workshop will be getting more energy proficient uses. Right now, they are looking at different lightings, washer dryer and kickbacks. Don Mann stated the TRW are sewing gowns for medical teams and pFriem is making sanitizer for the County.

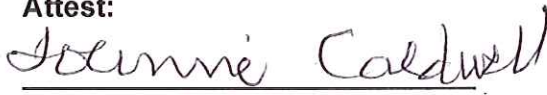
3) Adjournment: - Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Bump. The motion was unanimous. 3-0 The meeting adjourned at 6:53PM.

Port of Cascade Locks:



Jess Groves, President
Port Commission

Attest:



Joeinne Caldwell, Secretary
Port Commission

DATE APPROVED: 4-16-2020
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