

PORT COMMISSION SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING – Tuesday, October 6, 2020

The Port of Port Townsend Commission met for a special business session via Zoom

Present: Commissioner Hanke
Commissioner Petranek
Commissioner Putney
Executive Director Berg
Port Recorder Erickson

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Hanke called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

II. US Economic Development Administration grant funding resolution, Point Hudson Jetty project, Commission authorization to submit supplemental documentation reflecting updated project cost, Port match contribution, and amount requested from EDA (20:38)

Executive Director summarized the agenda item by saying that although the Port was unsuccessful with a grant application at the 80% funding level, the EDA asked the Port to resubmit at a lower level. He said that the Resolution 725-20¹ would authorize him to update the forms and commit the Port to an increased match of \$4.781 million.

**Commissioner Petranek moved to approve Resolution 725-20¹.
Commissioner Putney seconded the motion.**

Commissioner Putney asked whether our percentage of the cost would stay the same regardless of the cost of the project. Executive Director Berg answered that Port staff don't know the answer to that right now, but are hoping it is still an 80-20 grant with a cap of \$9.281 million, rather than shifting to a 66-34 grant. So that in the event bids came in lower, the local share would go down, but never less than 20%. He promised to find out and follow up.

Commissioner Petranek stated she was never more excited at a Commission meeting. Executive Director Berg replied that fingers are crossed that the second view of this application is successful. If so, he suggested that the Port work with Representatives Tharinger and Chapman and Senator Van de Wege for a capital request for approximately \$2 million in the next session, and the remaining portion would be funded with IDD funds, which is right in line with what the 5-year capital plan shows. If not successful with legislative funding, we could look at other options (debt or increased IDD support).

Commissioner Putney asked whether or not the permit was still stalled, and Executive Director Berg stated that the Port is in consultation on this, and it is not stalled.

Commissioner Hanke read a public comment aloud: Ashlyn Brown of Port Townsend Watercraft commented in support for the proposed EDA funding of the jetty rebuilds at Point Hudson, saying this appears to be a great opportunity to finally get this project funded.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m., there being no further business to come before the Commission.

ATTEST:


Pamela A. Petranek, Secretary


Peter W. Hanke, President


William W. Putney III, Vice President

¹ "Authorizing the Executive Director to Adjust the Port's Local Match Commitment for the Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) Disaster Recovery Program Grant Submitted to the EDA on July 23, 2020 for Demolition and Reconstruction of the Point Hudson Breakwater."