

PORT COMMISSION REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING – Wednesday, September 13, 2023

The Port of Port Townsend Commission met for a regular business session at the Point Hudson Pavilion Building, 355 Hudson Street, Port Townsend, and also online via Zoom.

Present: Commissioners Petranek, Hanke, Hasse  
Executive Director Eron Berg  
Deputy Director Eric Toews  
Operations Manager Chris Sparks  
Harbormaster Kristian Ferrero  
Lease and Contracts Administrator Sue Nelson  
Recorder Joanna Sanders  
Via Zoom: Attorney Seth Woolsen

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Rec. 00:00:10)  
Commissioner Petranek called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Rec. 00:00:52)  
**The agenda was approved by unanimous consent as written.**

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL (Rec. 00:01:05)

Jake Beattie of the Northwest Maritime Center (NWMC) spoke about the successful 2023 Wooden Boat Festival and preliminary figures showing increased attendance by about 9-10% over 2022. He expressed deep appreciation of the good working relationship with the Port.

Joni Blanchard provided written comment on the topic of slip protocols.

IV. Consent Agenda (Rec. 00:05:03)

A. Approval of Minutes from August 9, 2023 Workshop and Regular Business Meeting

B. Approval & Ratification of Warrants

Warrant #067295 in the amount of \$1,000.00

Warrant #067298 through #067341 in the amount of \$260,881.54

Warrant #067342 through #067343 in the amount of \$590.50

Warrant #067344 through #067348 in the amount of \$246,755.89

Warrant #067349 through #067428 in the amount of \$216,366.06

Electronic Debit in the amount of \$19,341.60

**The Consent Agenda was approved as written by unanimous consent.**

V. SECOND READING - None

VI. FIRST READING- None

VII. REGULAR BUSINESS (Rec. 00:03:45)

A. TIMING OF SECOND OCTOBER COMMISSION MEETING

The October 28 WPPA Small Ports Seminar meeting necessitates shifting the regularly scheduled to Tuesday, October 24 and it will be a Special Meeting.

VIII. STAFF COMMENTS (Rec. 00:07:20)

Executive Director Eron Berg reported Lou Geraghty of Horus Horizon Marine will move into Building 19 (formerly the MRW site). Port staff met with 43 people in Quilcene along with PUD Commissioner Randall to report on the RCO-funded project, the PUD's south county program to extend broadband, and resurrect the RV campground to temporarily house PUD staff during their project and generate future revenue. Despite past expressions of support, there were positive comments as well as concern about the RVs utilizing the area. The next Port agenda will include another opportunity to discuss the Herb Beck Marina RV Park.

Deputy Director Toews spoke about the disappointment in the Quilcene meeting after efforts to listen to suggestions and being awarded a grant for the rehabilitation of the facility. The comments may not represent the broader community. Commissioners spoke in favor of the grant improvements, the RV campground, adding broadband infrastructure, and further expanding the tent camping areas. The amendment to the City zoning code regarding the

Point Hudson duplex will appear before the City Planning Commission tomorrow as well as before City Council on October 2.

Operations Manager Chris Sparks anticipates the shipyard will soon fill up with the changing weather. The new moorage office is expected to be moved in the next two weeks.

Harbormaster Kristian Ferrero spoke about the good collaboration with the NWMC on the festival. There were three days of operations trying out the pump out skiff and staff has big hopes for the program. The Point Hudson marina is cleared and ready for construction of the south jetty.

Lease and Contracts Administrator Sue Nelson spoke in unison with staff about her pleasure working with Barb and Courtney of the Wooden Boat Festival. Naval Architects has moved from the PH duplex into the PH Main Building so the duplex is now empty. There are Larry Scott Trail running events coming in September, October, and November.

Capital Projects and Port Engineer Matt Klontz (report by Eron Berg): The contractor had a two-day early start on the in-water jetty work and will be driving temporary pilings for the purpose of containment. Roughly 4,000 sea creatures have already been moved. Multiple parties are working on an added project to remove the WWII submarine net and utilize the 256,000-pound concrete anchor dolphin as shoreline protection as well as a habitat feature. Section 7 approval is in hand for that project and staff is still working on the Section 106 permit. There is a delay in receiving electrical materials for the taxiway connector project. Although scheduled to begin next month, given the approaching wet time of year, the project may have to be postponed. While the Port's fixed cost is unaffected, WSDOT Aviation will not be providing \$40,000 (5% grant match) even though 90% of the project is FAA funded.

Capital Projects Engineer Dave Nakagawara (report by Eron Berg): A waterwalk presentation was made to the Marine Resources Committee (MRC) last week. Consultant KPPF is working on cost analysis work on the sea-level rise project. FEMA reported yesterday that the damage claim of Boat Haven may result in a \$4.7 million bulkhead repair and replacement.

Administrative Assistant Joanna Sanders reported the Port website now has the complete history of Port resolutions hosted by Code Publishing, along with the Comprehensive Scheme and Port Rules and Regulations, and is a keyword searchable archive.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (Rec. 00:43:04)

Commissioner Hanke gave kudos to Harbormaster Kristian Ferrero on the efforts and support of Puget Sound Express over the weekend.

Commissioner Hasse expressed gratitude for the latest Port report, receiving Wooden Boat Festival (WBF) tickets, Karl Sebastian's new art in the Administration Office, Matt and Dave's report to the MRC on the sea level rise, jetty project, the great reception of the whale exhibit "Gunther" at Union Wharf. Steve Stone does great films about wooden boats and said wooden boats live where there are festivals. She adds too, that wooden boats live where there are yards and wooden boat schools to care for them. Eron Berg announced Hasse was appointed as WPPA representative to the National Maritime Heritage Area Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Petranek reported attending the WBF achievement awards: Ray Speck, Neil Rabinowitz, and Betsy Davis were 2023 recipients. It was pleasing to see the kids of Port employees sitting on *Lorraine* during the festival. Last Friday, she participated in four separate tours of the PT senior class through the boatyard (5 shops, 5 boats). *Our Working Waterfront* featured the tour. She attended an EDC Board Meeting and is excited about Douglas Hammel's workshops and upcoming book. The recent PT Marine Trades Association meeting was focused on leases. The ICG meeting is being held next week, hosted by the City, to talk about the water walk, flood control, fiber by the PUD, and Healthier Together.

X. NEXT PUBLIC WORKSHOP & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (Rec. 01:22:04)

Next Meetings: Intergovernmental Collaborative Group Meeting on Thursday, September 21 at 5:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, 4pm September 28 is the Boatyard Barbeque.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

XII. ADJOURNMENT (Rec. 00:59:00)

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m., there being no further business before the Commission.

ATTEST:

  
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Peter W. Hanke, Secretary

  
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Pamela A. Petranek, President

  
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Carol L. Hasse, Vice President