

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: Commissioner Hasse, Petranek and Hanke
Executive Director Eron Berg
Port Recorder Joanna Sanders

Via Zoom: Attorney Seth Woolsen

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Rec. 00:00:00)
Commissioner Hasse called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Rec. 00:01:05)
There were no changes.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL (Rec. 00:01:15)

Maggie asked to petition the Port to use the Port Townsend Yacht Club as a day center for marginalized and disenfranchised populations experiencing homelessness. She provided her written remarks.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA (Rec. 00:07:11)

A. Approval of Workshop and Business Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes May 12 and May 14-16, 2025

B. Approval & Ratification of Warrants

Warrant #070175 through 070209 in the amount of \$209,619.77

Warrant #070210 through #070234 in the amount of \$42,887.56

Warrant #070235 through #070237 in the amount of \$20,455.60

Warrant #070238 through #070240 and Electronic Payments in the total amount of \$149,287.41

Warrant #070241 through #070244 in the amount of \$27,784.46

Electronic debits in the amount of \$84.95 and \$16,181.25

Electronic debit in the amount of \$10,473.48

Warrant #070176 in the amount of \$23.70 is declared void

Warrant #070245 through #070248 in the amount of \$318,178.01

C. Resolution 843-25 Authorizing Sale of Vessels – Jacque O and Silver Linings

D. Armstrong Consolidated, LLC d/b/a ACI Boats, Point Hudson Lease

E. Resolution 844-25 Authorizing Application for Washington Department of Transportation Aviation Funds to Support Pavement Preservation at Jefferson County International Airport

Unanimous approval of the Consent Agenda as written.

V. FIRST READING – None

VI. SECOND READING - None

VII. REGULAR BUSINESS (Rec. 00:08:05)

A. Economic Development Council Discussion

Discussion centered on the multi-party agreement and the capability and sustainability of the EDC, including awareness of other scenarios. It was noted that the decision on the EDC Team Jefferson's Associate Economic Development (ADO) is a county decision. However, with the recent hiring of a new director for the EDC, an ICG discussion about options for structuring the EDC outlined in the multi-agency agreement is warranted.

Commissioner Petranek briefed the Commission on the discussions she had regarding other EDCs at the Spring Meeting of the Washington Public Ports Association and components of the existing agreement. She urged the Commission to hold a workshop to set specific Port priorities and objectives for the EDC.

Commissioner Hanke noted there might be a chance for the Port's take over ADO position (such as in the Port of Walla Walla). With the funding provided by Port, City, County and PUD, there could be agreement on the future direction.

Commissioner Hasse appreciated the work of Commissioner Petranek on the EDC and expressed excitement about the new director. She had concerns with the idea of the Port taking on the responsibility of assuming oversight of the ADO due to the associated costs of assuming those responsibilities.

Mark Knudsen EDC Board President reviewed the funding that supports the EDC, including some grant funding for the activities and the contract with a new director. He agrees with taking a hard look at the multi-party agreement and the governance structure and its effectiveness.

There was some Commission support for discussing the EDC at a July workshop, including inviting the new EDC director and discussing a plan for a larger ICG September topic for a different way to structure the EDC model. Executive Director Eron Berg urged creating an economic development strategy for the EDC and what kind of businesses would be well suited in Port Townsend.

VIII STAFF COMMENTS (Rec. 01:09:00)

Executive Director Eron Berg reported Director of Finance and Administration Connie Anderson is focused on completing the annual report. The engineering team completed a bid process for the Gardiner Boat Launch Project with the low responsive bidder, Van Ness Construction. Engineering is also considering options for boatyard creosote mitigation. Tomorrow is the Strategic Plan Review Committee Open House at 5:30 p.m. Executive Director for the school of woodworking, Heron Scott, will be assuming Sue Nelson's position as Lease and Contracts Administrator. Tomorrow is the bid opening on the pavement preservation project at the airport. With Commission support, he agreed to bring forward an action item consistent with a newly signed bill by the governor allowing six-year terms for Port Commissioners through a ballot measure before the voters. Bjorn Sorenson from Denmark will get a tour of the boatyard, including marine trades businesses, on June 3 as an expert on industrial symbioses and how it might be applied at the Port. He noted there is a WPPA-associated trip in Denmark in the information materials related to Industrial Symbiosis for which he would need travel authorization. Commissioners were interested in receiving more information about the Denmark trip. Joel Hanson Artemis electric foiling ferry will be coming to the area June 14.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (Rec. 01:36:41)

Commissioner Petranek reported giving two boatyard tours -- one for the Quilcene High School and the other to the Port Townsend Maritime Academy.

Commissioner Hanke announced his pleasure at the education sessions and networking at the Spring Washington Public Ports Association. He was excited to discuss a market collaboration at the Port of Port Angeles and Port of PT collaboration

Commissioner Hasse reported she will attend the Olympic Peninsula Blue School Summit tomorrow. At the last NODC meeting there was a great presentation from the Clallam County Attainable Workforce Housing leader. The *PDN* reported on a goodwill visit by Lt. Governor Denny Heck to Victoria. Recompete grant funding is still forthcoming with subrecipients signing agreements. PN&L labs is now able to publish their draft research work on marine renewable energy. NODC was awarded a Washington Sea Grant Fellow for a five-year secure award to create a coastal resilience hub advancing a sea level rise project.

X. NEXT PUBLIC WORKSHOP & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (Rec. 01:48:00)

Thursday, May 29 at 5:30 p.m., is an advertised Special Commission Business Meeting associated with the Public Open House on the Strategic Plan Review Committee.

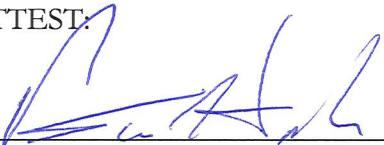
Wednesday, June 11 at 9:30 a.m. Workshop and at 1:00 p.m. Business Meeting at the Pavilion Building & via Zoom

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None


XII. ADJOURNMENT (Rec. 01:50:00)

At 7:22 p.m., the meeting adjourned there being no further business before the Commission.


ATTEST:



Peter W. Hanke, Secretary



Carol L. Hasse, President



Pamela A. Petranek, Vice President