

PORT OF BREMERTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

MINUTES

March 8, 2022
10:00 AM

Remote Access Only
Zoom Meeting ID: 335 903 0010
Zoom Call-In: (253) 215-8782
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Commissioners and Staff Present

Commissioners

Axel Strakeljahn
Gary Anderson
Cary Bozeman

Staff Members

Jim Rothlin
Fred Salisbury
Jeremiah Wiley
Arne Bakker
James Weaver
Warren Hendrickson
Ginger Waye
Taylor Korizon
Anne Montgomery, Atty

Call to Order

President Strakeljahn called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by ANDERSON to:

Approve the Agenda as presented.

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Consent Items

- A. Minutes of the regular business meeting of February 22, 2022.
- B. Payment of checks #901497 and #901498 through #901500 and #E00883 and #E00884 and #83370 through #83415 and #E00886 through #E00900 from the General Fund for \$258,943.93; #E00885 and #83365 through #83369 from the Construction Fund for \$54,692.23.

It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by ANDERSON to:

Approve the Consent Items as presented.

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Information Items

1. Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission (CACC) Update – David Fleckenstein, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation Director and CACC Chair

Mr. Fleckenstein provided background on the CACC which was put together by the Legislature to look at aviation capacity throughout the state noting the three areas they were charged with considering: commercial air passenger service; air cargo operations; and general aviation. He discussed their robust public engagement campaign which centered around the six front runners in terms of airports that were thought to meet one of the capacity buckets - Bremerton National being included as having limited opportunity for air cargo. He provided the Commission's recommendation on uses of all six airports noting that in October the list needs to narrow to two and in February 2023 a single preferred location is to be presented along with a greenfield option. Discussed emerging aviation technology and how we think it will transform aviation in the future.

Robert Hodgman, WSDOT Senior Aviation Planner, discussed air cargo and general aviation specifically, what the demands are for the State, what we see in 2050, and what the opportunities might be for Bremerton.

Lynsey Burgess, PRR Public Outreach & Environmental Lead, discussed the public outreach process providing an overview of what has been done to date and how they are moving forward. Mr. Fleckenstein commented that as the work of the Commission continues, the efforts for public engagement will be focused on the communities of the shortlisted airports.

The CACC team responded to questions and comments from the Board related to infrastructure, funding, and public outreach results of neighboring Mason County on their airport.

2. Legislative Update – Dylan Doty, President, Doty & Associates

Mr. Doty reported on the 60-day legislative session scheduled to conclude on Thursday, March 10 highlighting the following:

- Cleanup efforts from previous sessions including law enforcement reform issues and a number of high-ticket items from the Governor mainly related to renewable resources and growth management act issues.
- Supplemental budgets are anticipated to get done on time; if they do not, it would be the transportation package (Move Ahead Washington) that could bring them back.
- Capital budget which does not include the requested \$2.2M for the Port Orchard Marina breakwater replacement. Local community projects were capped this year, but it is anticipated there will be a favorable reaction to that in the next biennial budget. There was discussion among the Board of the disappointment in the level of support from the city and local legislators and that this may become more of an emergency funding issue. It was also discussed that the breakwater goes beyond

local community; it involves fisheries, tribal fisheries, affects Puget Sound, and is the economic driver for downtown Port Orchard. It should be a regional priority.

- Move Ahead Washington package which currently includes transportation projects in Gorst and the SR3/Belfair area.
- Derelict vessel removal funding bill for which Director of Marine Facilities James Weaver testified will provide for a dedicated pot of money to support the removal program.
- Washington Public Ports Association focused issues.
- Mr. Fleckenstein provided info on the aviation fuel tax bill that is still in play to add 7 cents to aviation fuel which could add \$1.4M in additional funds to the aeronautics account for aviation grants and to assist in funding a portion of the state-managed airports.
- CEO Rothlin discussed letters of support that have been received for the breakwater replacement project and noted that Congressman Kilmer and Senators Cantwell and Murray are involved in this process.

Citizen Comments - None

Action Items

1. Final Acceptance of the Marina Piling Repairs Project with Aqua Dive Services.
Presented by James Weaver, Director of Marine Facilities

Following presentation;

It was moved by ANDERSON, seconded by BOZEMAN to:

Accept as final the Port Orchard and Bremerton Marina Piling Repairs contract with Aqua Dive Services, LLC in the amount of \$154,758.20

Following discussion;

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Staff Reports

Jim Rothlin, Chief Executive Officer

- Congratulated the following employees on reaching anniversary milestones with the Port:
 - Ann Lieseke, Marina Port Attendant, 14th anniversary
 - Kristina Hedrick, Accounts Payable Specialist, 7th anniversary
- Welcomed the following new employees:
 - Lee Howell, Marina Port Attendant
 - Chase Williams – Airport/Industrial Port Attendant

- Business development updates:
 - Hangar construction status by new South Hangar tenants
 - Multi-Purpose Facility
 - Significant interest in new leases
 - Last phase of converting runway taxiway lighting to all LED lighting
- Northwest Aviation Conference was held last weekend at the Washington State Fairgrounds. Detail was provided on the Port's booth.
- Washington Public Ports Association Spring Meeting will be held in May; he will be giving a Port report on the Port of Bremerton.

Commission Reports / New Business

Commissioner Bozeman

- Reported on conversations he has had with the Marina Square project owners regarding the project's parking garage that includes parking for Bremerton Marina tenants. There is still no definite timing on when the parking will be available but potentially between June and November. This continues to be a top worry and priority.
- Looking forward to the commission/staff retreat. It will be good to do a bit of brainstorming and make sure we are headed in the right direction.

Commissioner Anderson

- Toured the marina square facility which will be a wonderful asset and give our marina an uplift in stature in the Puget Sound area. With the help of Commissioner Bozeman, the parking should get pushed over the line this year.

Commissioner Strakeljahn

- Reported on the two-day Washington Economic Development Alliance (WEDA) in-person winter conference held in Olympia. Felt the meeting was valuable and would like to connect with the organization a bit more. Was asked to provide a Port overview to a French delegation that will be visiting Bremerton in April.
- As president of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District (CPSEDD) Board, discussing in-person tours in the region to showcase the four counties.
- Discussed aviation and the need for the Port to focus economic development in that direction.

Executive Session

President Strakeljahn recessed the meeting at 11:12 a.m. and reconvened into executive session for approximately 20 minutes regarding: real estate issues [RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)]. At 11:33 executive session was extended 10 minutes and at 11:42 a.m. extended another 15 minutes.

At 11:56 a.m. the regular meeting was reconvened.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Submitted,



Jim Rothlin
Chief Executive Officer
March 17, 2022

Approved,



Cary Bozeman
Commission Secretary
March 22, 2022