

**PORT OF ALLYN  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 3, 2015  
MINUTES**

**The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance**

Present were Commissioners Jean Farmer (Chair), Scott Cooper and Judy Scott; Lary Coppola, Executive Director, LeAnn Dennis, staff, Kaye Massie, Linnie Griffen, Jeff Carey, Bonnie & Richard Knight, Del Griffey, Phil Wolfe, Dinah Griffey, Travis Couture, Wes Martin, public, and County Commissioner Randy Neatherlin.

Commissioner Judy Scott made a MOTION to change the agenda to move the Executive Session to the end of the meeting. Commissioner Scott Cooper SECONDED, MOTION CARRIED.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. Minutes of Special Meeting July 22, 2015
- b. Financial Reports

Commissioner Judy Scott made a MOTION to accept the consent items a & b, Commissioner Scott Cooper SECONDED, MOTION CARRIED.

**ACTION**

- a. General Fund Vouchers #15-228 to 15-249 for \$11,429.53
- b. Payroll Vouchers #15-250 to 15-259 for \$15,583.39
- c. Water Fund Vouchers #1523 to 1525 for \$212.48

Commissioner Judy Scott made MOTION to accept action items a, b & c. Commissioner Scott Cooper SECONDED, MOTION CARRIED.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**Scott Cooper**

Commissioner Cooper is currently the Port's Board representative for the Mason County Economic Development Council (EDC) but believes the Port would be better represented by the Executive Director and not an individual commissioner and if the Board agrees, Lary Coppola will take that position. Commissioner Cooper stated there are several versions of the Belfair bypass funding being discussed out in the community and he asked County Commissioner Randy Neatherlin to attend the Port meeting to clear up any confusion. He attended Allyn Days both days and suggests the Port have something at their booth for the Taste of Hood Canal to hand out to the public. Several community members came to the Port's booth at Allyn Days and discussed the Sargent Oyster House project and had positive feedback from all but one individual.

**Judy Scott**

Commissioner Scott helped Leslie Ring and other volunteers remove the old playset in the waterfront park to make room for the new one. She is not sure about installation, Leslie Ring should help with that and schedule it for later September after the wedding season. She also attended the port meetings. Commissioner Scott will be able to work at the booth at Taste of Hood Canal.

**Jean Farmer**

She stated she did not have much to report, as she has been exceptionally busy with her business and regular job.

The Board discussed the old playset that was removed from the park decided it was best to surplus it as there is no real value due to its age. Commissioner Scott made a MOTION to surplus the playground equipment. Commissioner Cooper SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Lary Coppola has been trying to schedule a meeting with Dana Rosenbach from North Mason School District to discuss the Port's proposal for the Theler Center. He has requested year-to-date financial statements and has yet to receive them.

He stated that construction of the Lakeland Sidewalk project commenced this morning, and that the contractor was confident that it would be completed within the 30-day time window specified in the contract.

Executive Director Coppola has put together a spreadsheet detailing expenses to date for the Sargent Oyster House and will have staff transfer the data to an excel spreadsheet. He has also discussed the project with, and asked for some input from members at the Homebuilder's Association (HBA) on the viability of the project as a restoration.

The pay station has been ordered for the North Shore boat launch. Executive Director Coppola handed out a design for a kiosk that our maintenance staff will build. It was recommended to not have a cash option for the machine as that might help discourage theft if there is no cash. That can be added to the equipment later if necessary.

The policy for criminalization for non-payment at port facilities is almost complete.

**OLD BUSINESS****Sargent Oyster House**

Commissioner Scott gave an update of the progress. Kathleen Byrne-Barrantes suggested getting a business plan, and Rodika Tollefson agreed to help them with that.

She has support from Artifacts Consulting (Michael Sullivan) and she handed out what he sent her about location. The old launch ramp is first choice. Other choices include acquiring property to keep it on the water for historical purposes. Commissioner Scott would like to meet with the North Bay Historic Society to discuss further action and possibly have the Society take ownership to help move the project forward faster. She would like to hold a meeting with the Historical. Society.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Executive Director stated that Janet Rogerson of the State Historical Society has approached the Port about purchasing some waterfront property adjacent to ours. The owner is aged, and wants to sell it. It's a tidal parcel. Commissioner Cooper would like to consider it, while Commissioner Farmer wants to walk over and see it. Commissioner Scott said that in 1902 the property had been deemed an oyster bed so it may be a good opportunity. The oyster house won't fit but the Port may still want to purchase the property.

County Commissioner Randy Neatherlin was moved to the end of the meeting after the executive session to give him time to get here to speak

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kate Massie asked about Theler, and if the Port has been able to meet with school district. Commissioner Cooper replied that the Board has decided to stick to the original proposal the Port offered. Josiah Rowell from Representative McEwen's office was here to clarify Belfair bypass questions, and stated it HAS been funded in full. A lot of work went into it prior to legislative session. It is the 5<sup>th</sup> project in line for funding and the focus is to keep the money there and not divert it to other projects as has been done in the past. Phil Wolfe updated the Board about the last Port of Grapeview commission meeting, saying there was some support for repairing the current boat ramp but not a lot of support to purchase the marina or other property. Mason Lake Commissioner VanDeWol resigned for health reasons. They have an ambitious plan, and an IDD is still being considered. Mr. Wolfe stated he would like to see the Port of Grapeview and Port of Allyn merge, noting there are only 2 commissioners left and no staff. He also said he saw an interesting project in New Orleans - an oyster house. Travis Couture said the Belfair bypass has its best chance of being built, and warned not to count the chickens before the eggs hatch but offered his thanks to our legislators.

An executive session for 20 minutes was called at 6:46 p.m. to discuss real estate acquisition, and was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

The regular meeting was called back to order at 7:03 p.m.

Commissioner Cooper stated that County Commissioner Randy Neatherlin was here to discuss the Belfair Bypass – and clarify the misinformation out in the community. Commissioner Neatherlin also stated the project has been fully funded, saying that

information to the contrary is inaccurate. He too noted it is the 5<sup>th</sup> item on the state's priority list. The Belfair bypass will begin being paid for in year 2019. It is also the first project that has been "right sized" - meaning the monies go to actual necessary construction to help bring the cost down. He added that the gas tax isn't perfect, and gave kudos to the Westsound Alliance – which the Port is part of – saying it was a huge help. Executive Director Coppola asked if there will be any interchanges between the connecting points. The answer was there may be, but they are not currently in the plans, although Commissioner Neatherlin said there are some that are "no brainers" like Romance Hill, and said Developers are willing to pay for them, so they may happen. He stated that interchanges also allow for additional "escape routes" in the event of a disaster. Commissioner Scott asked if they have decided where on 302 that it will connect, and Commissioner Neatherlin answered that there are several options still under consideration.

There was no additional public comment.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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LeAnn Dennis, Office Manger

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