

**PORT OF ALLYN
Regular Meeting
March 2, 2020
MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Flag Salute.

Present were Commissioners Ted Jackson (Chair), Scott Cooper; and Judy Scott. Staff present were LeAnn Dennis, Operations Manager; Lary Coppola, Executive Director, Travis Merrill, Security Officer; Kaye Massie, Ken VanBuskirk, Bonnie & Richard Knight, Public.

CONSENT ITEMS

All matters listed under Consent Items have been distributed to each member of the Commissioner for reading.

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting February 3, 2020.
- B. Minutes of Special Meeting February 10, 2020.

Commissioner SCOTT made a MOTION to approve the minutes. SECONDED by Commissioner COOPER. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

- a. Payment of GF Vouchers #200302001 to #200302022 for \$12,580.83
- b. Payment of Payroll Vouchers #200301001 to #200301011 for \$18,873.08
- c. Payment of Water Fund Vouchers #200303001 to 200303005 for \$742.59
- d. Payment of GF Voucher #200304001 to 200304002 for 3,168.07

Commissioner SCOTT made a MOTION to accept Action items a, b c & d. SECONDED by Commissioner COOPER. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Scott attended the Port meetings; Oyster House; PRPTO; a DNR Focus Group meeting, noting that DNR needs volunteers to clear the downfall in the trails; the NMCV, and the Chamber Gala – where she was named as the Citizen of the Year.

Commissioner Jackson attended the Port meetings, the EDC luncheon, and Chamber Gala.

Commissioner Cooper attended the Port meetings, EDC Board Meeting, and its annual luncheon, the Chamber Gala and NMCV.

SECURITY REPORT

Security Officer reported that someone locked their keys in their car at the North Shore. He also said the Port continues trying to get Ecology to deal with sunken vessel to the Port side of the dock. He did mention that it's time for everyone to recertify for first aid training. Finally, he investigated some strange vehicles at the Allyn dock and learned that a film for the high school was being made.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT *SEE ATTACHED

OLD BUSINESS *see Executive Director Report

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion of water system issues took place with the Executive Director reporting on the requirement from Ecology to drill new well. He has asked for a 3-year extension and should be able to work through it. He also suggested scheduling a special meeting/workshop with grant writer Kathleen Barrantes, with the expectation that grants could cover the cost of a new well. The question was asked if it is possible to modify the Allyn Carey Water System well if we obtain his well and system, but there was no definitive answer. The Executive Director is talking with Squaxin Tribe and setting up a meeting with them, DOE and all parties to figure out what we need to know. The operations Manager was directed to find documents that the tribes already approved concerning the two wells. Robison Noble should have information about that. Commissioner Jackson believes having a meeting with everyone is a good idea and tentatively set it for Monday March 16, at 6 p.m. for that.

A discussion about rescheduling the July 6, Regular Meeting took place. The Executive Director will be on vacation that week, and Commissioner Jackson suggested moving the meeting to July 13. That does create a problem with approving Vouchers and collecting warrants, so it was decided to keep the meeting on March 6, and the Executive Director will call in.

Judy Scott was reappointed as the Ports Representative to PRTPO. Commissioner JACKSON made a Motion to reappoint Commissioner Scott to PRTPO. Commissioner COOPER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED. Commissioner SCOTT made a MOTION to appoint Commissioner JACKSON as altherante. SECONDED by Commissioner COOPER. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Van Buskirk discussed Sweetwater Park, and handed out some information which documented fundraising emails from Brian Peterson to others (including a couple of Port Commissioners). However, there were no violations of the Open Public Meetings Act or the Public Records Act. He also stated there was already a survey (might be on file with the county). As for the water rights issue being a red herring as the Port's attorney claimed, Mr. Van Buskirk stated the original water rights were for drinking water and the fish pond. He also thinks re-creating the water wheel will complicate the water rights. The Port's attorney disagrees.

Earl Iddings discussed the proposed Grump Venture gravel pit. The county has revoked the permits for the existing use. Mr. Iddings stated that the applicant can go through the proper steps to obtain their permits (SEPA, public comment, etc.), due process and a re-zone.

The other thing he is concerned with is lowering the speed limit on North Shore Road near the Port's boat launch. The Executive Director explained that he had met with someone from the County who agreed to do s for part of the year. However, the Port's Maintenance Supervisor was given conflicting information from the Public Works Department. The Executive Director said he will follow up. Mr Iddings is hopeful the County will agree to lower it year-round. Commissioner Jackson stated it is definitely a safety issue doing the summer when the boat launch is busy, but lowering it all year may be problematic as people are used to a higher limit, and will get upset when the County lowers it.

Bonnie Knight reported that all the state contracts are signed, and that she is signing a contract with a contractor tomorrow who will begin work on the stabilization portion of the work on the Oyster House next week. She is excited. Commissioner Jackson asked her about the MOU being signed the next day by the Mason County Commissioners for the Totten Oyster House. She

explained this has been in process for some time but due to some unrelated problem could not be signed at the last County Commission meeting as originally scheduled. Commissioner Jackson offered his congratulations on finally moving this forward.

Commissioner Scott discussed the need for additional fencing, as the Port paid for the existing fence. Ms. Knight thinks they are just going ahead and doing it.

Richard Knight suggested adding the new well down in the park and pumping the water up to the storage tank.

Good to the Order

Commissioner Scott was honored as the North Mason Chamber's Citizen of the Year.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

LeAnn Dennis, Operations Manager

COMMISSIONERS:

Scott Cooper, Chair

Ted Jackson, Vice Chair

Judy Scott, Commissioner