

PORT OF ALLYN
Regular Meeting
April 4, 2022
MINUTES

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Flag Salute via the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

Present were Commissioners: Judy Scott, Chair; Ted Jackson, Vice Chair; John A. Sheridan, Secretary. Staff present were Lary Coppola, Executive Director; LeAnn Dennis, Operations Manager; and Sunshine Mars, Administrative Assistant. Public present were Ken Van Buskirk, Brad Carey, Jeff Carey; Phil Wolfe.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner SHERIDAN made a Motion to APPROVE the Agenda. Commissioner JACKSON SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brad Carey objects the Port spending any money for the water system. He had other comments and opinions concerning the water system. He wants the taxpayer's money back.

Ken Van Buskirk stated he attended the hearing on the proposed Belfair sewer extension and hopes the Port would take a position. He also commented that the ecology blocks on the Sweetwater Park property were not moved to where he believes they should be located.

Mr. Van Buskirk asked to revisit the minutes as the meeting was conducted out of order according to the agenda. Mr. Van Buskirk stated that he takes issue with Dr. Brian Peterson, stating that he knows how one specific tree on the Sweetwater Park property got a cut in it. Commissioner Sheridan stated Dr. Peterson did state that, but he has not spoken to anyone about it. No one at the Port has spoken to Dr. Peterson since the last meeting. Mr. Van Buskirk would like the minutes to reflect what was in the minutes. After discussion, it was agreed that the minutes would be approved as written.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each member of the Commission for reading and study, are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the Commission with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed.

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting March 7th, 2022.

Commissioner JACKSON made a MOTION to APPROVE the Minutes. Commissioner SHERIDAN SECONDED with a clarification. He would like the minutes to say "imminent threat" not immediate. MOTION CARRIED with the change.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Payment of General Fund Vouchers: #220402001 to 2220402026 for \$20,911.64
- B. Payment of Payroll Vouchers #220401001 to 20401010 for \$23,223.36
- C. Payment of Water Fund Vouchers #220403001 to 2220403004 For \$21,673.25
- D. Approve the Use of Digital Signatures on all Documents Approved at This Meeting

Commissioner JACKSON made a MOTION to APPROVE Action items A, B & C and D. Commissioner SHERIDAN SECONDED. MOTION APPROVED.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Ted Jackson attended the PRTPO meeting, and he briefed the board that he will put together a report to be shared with the Board.

Commissioner John Sheridan attended the Port meetings and he reached out to Mendy Harlow.

Commissioner Judy Scott attended the Port meeting, the Oyster House, EDC and Chamber's legislative meetings..

SECURITY OFFICER'S REPORT* Read into record by Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT* Read into record by Executive Director

OLD BUSINESS

The Oyster House has new siding installed, but still needs windows, The ACOE permit is still an issue. We have a permit number however it looks like WDFW consultation and final permit application still needs to be done. The Executive Director is working on getting it all sorted out.

The Executive Director stated he had met with Kathleen Barrantes, the grant manager working on the Sweetwater Park project, and Mendy Harlow. He also stated that the Ecology blocks have been moved back to leave more room for parents waiting to pick up kids from neighboring school. The property will be surveyed and the Port has hired a licensed Arborist to evaluate the trees. He also asked for direction on having the property walked by the Sheriff, Fire Department, etc., and needed to know if all the commissioners want to be there so it can be noticed as a meeting.

A discussion ensued about the walkthrough of the Sweetwater Park property, Commissioner Sheridan would like to wait until after cleaning up the site. Commissioner Jackson agrees.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Decision of Contribution to the Salmon Recovery Task Force for its Website: Commissioner Jackson discussed the Port of Grapeview and Allyn each contributing \$100 to run the website. Who would be responsible to handle records is to be determined, but most likely the Port of Grapeview. Commissioner Jackson will discuss this with other committee members, but the website administrator should be responsible for any public records. Commissioner SHERIDAN made a MOTION to contribute to the website, Commissioner JACKSON SECONDED and he will work with Grapeview to host. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Set a Date for the July Commission Meeting, as the Regular Meeting Falls on July 4. It was decided to move the meeting to July 7

C. Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements Update: The meeting was closed at 6:50 p.m. and the Public Hearing opened. No one testified on the Comprehensive Scheme update and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:00 p.m., and the Regular Meeting was reopened.

D. A presentation and report by Port Lobbyist Holly Cocci on the recent Legislative Session took place, and a discussion of future projects The Port would like for the Lobbyists to pursue during the 2023 Legislative Session was held. Commissioner Sheridan asked, "What would be the path of least resistance as far as the projects the Port is discussing for the comprehensive plan?" She answered that both the projects she discussed, including the multi model walkway through Allyn, and the Veterans Memorial will require time. Commissioner Scott thanked Ms. Cocci for her work on behalf of the Port.

E. Discussion on the Comprehensive Scheme Update took place and included approval of Resolution 2022-007, adopting the Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements Update. Commissioner Scott read Resolution 2022-007 into record. Commissioner SHERIDAN made a MOTION to APPROVE Resolution 2022-007. Commissioner JACKSON SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED

F. A brief Discussion on the State's new Meeting Regulations took place.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Carey commented on the objective outlined in the Comprehensive Plan to acquire other water systems. The Executive Director clarified that it must be in the Comprehensive Plan to qualify for

eminent domain. Mr. Carey stated he would like to see it better clarified/worded or “quantified.” He disagreed with the term “legacy” water systems. He also disagrees with the Port becoming involved with EV systems and charging stations, as well as the Port being involved in Sweetwater Park, as he thinks it’s a stretch of what Ports should be involved in..

Mr. Van Buskirk thinks the Port should take a stance on the Belfair sewer. He also takes issue with the Port acquiring other water systems, and aired his usual complaint about Sweetwater Park, as he thinks the board should meet with him privately about it.

Brad Carey mentioned the Executive Director’s report and the item on litigation, asking if the Legislators know of the litigation. He wants public to know he has brought a suit against the Port of Allyn for an RCW 53 08 040 section 4 violation and other state laws. He feels the Port is spending money to threaten him and Ken Van Buskirk from exercising their civil rights. He also requests that all officials and staff read House Bill 1329.

Jeff Carey is concerned that the Port and he aren’t discussing his water system purchase in any public meeting. Mr. Van Buskirk agreed. Commissioners Sheridan and Scott stated that while it is still being discussed, there isn’t anything in writing to bring to the table yet. The Executive Director said that out of respect for Jeff Carey, it wasn’t being discussed publicly, but if he was comfortable with the potential sale being public knowledge, it wasn’t a problem. Since the Port is still in negotiations with Mr. Carey, the Executive Director said once there is something to bring to the board, it will be. Commissioner Sheridan also stated that once there is something to discuss it will be, and nothing will be discussed without the board and out of the public eye.

Mr. Van Buskirk said he thinks there is a whole lot of CYA going on.

Phil Wolff finds it sad what happened to the Port of Tahuya, He supports local government to help where others can’t (in regard to the Port being involved in water service). As far as Belfair sewer goes, more needs to be learned. He supports the Sweetwater Creek project and the Port for what they do for the taxpayers.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

It was asked if everyone going to the Spring Meeting? Commissioner Scott suggested checking out the agenda.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sunshine Mars, Administrative Assistant

COMMISSIONERS:

Judy Scott, Chair

Ted Jackson, Vice Chair

John Sheridan, Secretary