

PORT OF THE DALLES COMMISSION  
Regular Session Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 7:00 p.m.  
Port Administrative Office  
The Dalles, Oregon

The Regular Session Meeting of the Port Commissioners was called to order by President Greg Weast at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL Executive Assistant Toepke

- COMMISSION Greg Weast, Robert Wallace, Staci Coburn, David Griffith, John Willer
- STAFF Andrea Klaas, Executive Director; Jennifer Toepke, Executive Assistant; Bill Dick, Attorney, Dick, Dick & Corey
- GUESTS Dr. Marta Cronin, President, Columbia Gorge Community College
- MEDIA Alana Lackner, Columbia Gorge News

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Willer

AGENDA CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS None

COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATE Dr. Marta Cronin, President, Columbia Gorge Community College

- Enrollment, Recent Grant Highlights, Green Flower Partnership, Community Events on Campus, Trick or Treat Event, Native American Heritage Event, Ag-Tech Alliance, Childcare Feasibility,

PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTION None

REGULAR SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:24 P.M. & EXECUTIVE SESSION COMMENCED AT 7:25 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION as allowed by ORS 192.660(2)(e) Real Property Transactions \*Media representatives are instructed not to report or disclose matters discussed in Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:49 P.M. & REGULAR SESSION RESUMED AT 7:50 P.M.

ACTION REQUIRED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION None

ACTION ITEMS

1. October 12, 2022, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, Amendment *Stand as amended and presented*
2. December 14, 2022, Regular Session Meeting Minutes *Stand as presented*
3. December 2022 Financial Reports Treasurer Coburn *Stand as presented*
4. Reappoint Budget Committee Member John Amery, Position #2, for another 3-year term expiring 06/30/2025 *M/S. Coburn, S/I. Willer, Motion Approved Unanimously*

REPORTS

1. Director's Report Executive Director Klaas *Stands as included in packet*
2. Strategic Business Plan Update Report Executive Director Klaas
3. Committee Reports
  - The Dalles Community Outreach Team Commissioner Weast Kramer Field & Burt Hodge's property; may open up properties inside the urban growth boundary; the rodeo grounds and golf course could also open up possible industrial land. The College's childcare facility is looking at the possibility of leasing the Chenoweth School or perhaps the County Annex, however there is not outside space. Reference made to the two ongoing Port projects, without names or details, as they are still confidential. Lastly, discussion of a potential Washington, D.C. trip in March 2023.
  - Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency Board Commissioner Coburn Recreation Project is doing a fantastic job, they've had to battle weather challenges and supply chain delays; deadline to finish is September 2023.
  - The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce Board Commissioner Griffith Annual Gala is on January 19<sup>th</sup>, people will be honored for doing an exceptional job – a great thing for businesses to attend.
  - Dufur Commissioner Wallace Dufur School: Lots of effort has been made into the school-based health center, there is a meeting coming up on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> – a public format for the community as there are concerns about this type of care – specifically when it comes to reproductive care. They also plan to have telehealth and zoom rooms available. Of course, the school continues to work with/on quite a few grants. Not much of an update from the City. Dufur Vision Update: The Port is involved. There is a second and final public meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Executive Assistant Toepke and myself are

going to meeting with the Associated Student Body (ASB) at Dufur School to get their input. Also Executive Director Klaas and I want to talk to local businesses that may be more comfortable talking in a more private setting. Currently working with Forth to make a guidebook for charging stations in rural areas – what defines a rural area? There has been a lot of talk recently about the 5-mile turnoff. It is dangerous, school buses have had a couple of near misses recently. Dufur School Superintendent Jack Henderson will write a letter to Commissioners concerning the turnoff.

- Wasco County Economic Development Commission Executive Assistant Toepke Community Enhancement Project Rankings: 1) Columbia Gorge Childcare Center/Columbia Gorge Community College 2) Cascade East Interconnection + Fiber/qlife 3) Mosier Center Joint Use Facility/City of Mosier, Mosier Fire 4) Water System Improvements/City of Maupin 5) Water System Improvements/City of Dufur 6) Aviation Maintenance Training Hanger + Industrial Land Infrastructure/Columbia Gorge Community College, Columbia Gorge Regional Airport 7) Dufur Rural Innovation Hub/Wy'East RC&D 8)Fifteen Mile Managed Underground Storage/Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District 9) Sorosis Park Redevelopment Phase 2/Northern Wasco County People's Utility District 10)Pine Grove Water Source Development/Pine Grove Water District and Dufur Vision Update: Echoed Commissioner Wallace's update.

REGULAR SESSION ADJOURNED AT 8:12 P.M. & EXECUTIVE SESSION COMMENCED AT 8:13 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION as allowed by ORS 192.660(2)(e) Real Property Transactions and ORS 192.660(2)(h) Conferring with Legal Counsel regarding litigation \*Media representatives are instructed not to report or disclose matters discussed in Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 8:24 P.M. & REGULAR SESSION RESUMED AT 8:25 P.M.

ACTION REQUIRED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION None

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS Stand as presented

COMMISSION CALL Thankful for Port & Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) Staff's work on the Dufur Visioning Update. Great presentation from Columbia Gorge Community College; excellent progress in 5 years, especially with their nursing program.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE PORT COMMISSION, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

PORT OF THE DALLES:



Greg Weast, President  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



David A. Griffith, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners

DATE APPROVED: February 15, 2023

Prepared by: Jennifer Toepke, Executive Assistant