

PORT OF THE DALLES COMMISSION  
Regular Session Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 5:32 p.m.  
Wasco County Water & Soil Conservation District, The Dalles, Oregon

The Regular Session Meeting of the Port Commissioners was called to order by President Wallace at 5:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL Executive Director Klaas

- o COMMISSION Robert Wallace, President; Staci Coburn, Treasurer VIRTUAL; Greg Weast, Vice-President; Mary Hanlon, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer ABSENT John Willer, Secretary
- o STAFF Andrea Klaas, Executive Director; Jennifer Toepke Executive Assistant; Bill Dick, Attorney, Dick, Dick & Corey
- o GUESTS Alana Lackner, Columbia Gorge News

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS *None*

PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTION *Alana Lackner, Reporter, Columbia Gorge News, informed the Port Commission & Staff that this would be her last meeting as a reporter for Columbia Gorge News, she stated she is changing her career.*

ACTION ITEMS

1. February 21, 2024, Regular Session Meeting Minutes *Stand as presented.*
2. February 2024 Financial Reports Commissioner Coburn *Stand as presented.*
3. Planning Session Facilitation Proposal: SDAO Representative, Mark Knudson, Senior Consultant M/G. Weast S/S. Coburn, Motion Approved Unanimously
4. Option of Commission Compensation to be reviewed annually at July's Port Commission Meeting M/G. Weast S/S. Coburn, Motion Approved Unanimously

INFO ITEM

1. Recreational Immunity: Senate Bill 1576 *Stands as presented, additionally Executive Director Klaas gave some background about the referenced lawsuit and what has transpired since that culminated with SB 1576. Further stating that the timeline on this new legislation is 2026, so while it is not a permanent long-term fix, it helps for now.*

REPORTS

1. Director's Report Executive Director Klaas *Stands as presented, plus Executive Director Klaas talked about the Association of Government Risk Pools (AGRIP) Conference that she recently attended, which primarily focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI). She noted that it coupled nicely with the CyberSecurity Class that she's been taking, and upon its completion, Executive Director Klaas will report on the highlights, including a good list of how to assess risk in your business.*
2. The Dalles Community Outreach Team Commissioner Weast *Commissioner Weast said the Port had 2 asks: Marina Launch Ramp repair and dock area upgrades. He said that there were no positive responses, and the best response was that when the City wanted a new dock they renamed it a Terminal and got their funding. Accordingly, Commissioner Weast suggests that the Port rename the Marina as a Marine Terminal. Commissioner Weast said concerning the 2<sup>nd</sup> ask, that the Federal Government does not give money to buy land, they said there is money available for infrastructure, but not to buy land. Commissioner Weast said that two other projects put forward were the Childcare Center and Resolution Center.*
3. Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency Board Commissioner Coburn *Commissioner Coburn does not have an update as there was no meeting yet this month.*
4. Wasco County Economic Development Commission Executive Assistant Toepke *Executive Assistant Toepke highlighted that the Wasco County Commission accepted the EDC's 2024 Community Enhancement Project Priority List but made one change: they removed Pine Grove Water District's Water Project from #4 and replaced it with Wasco County Mid-Columbia Center for Living Resolution Center.*
5. Dufur Commissioner Wallace *Commissioner Wallace highlighted that on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Oregon Department of Energy for Renewable Energy will be holding a public information meeting to consider licensing of The Summit Ridge Renewable Energy Facility, which is located inside the Port District.*

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS *Stand as included in meeting packet.*

REGULAR SESSION ADJOURNED AT 6:24 P.M. & EXECUTIVE SESSION COMMENCED AT 6:24 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 *None*

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 6:44 P.M. & REGULAR SESSION RESUMED AT 6:44 P.M.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION *None*

COMMISSION CALL *Commissioner Coburn encouraged Staff to consider when restoring the Port Administrative Office Basement Board Room from the flooding, to equip it with the required technology to accommodate hybrid meetings, so that the public has an opportunity to attend virtually. Commissioner Wallace redirected to the bid's received for restoration of the basement, and expressed his hope that a bid would be chosen and work underway as soon as possible. Commissioner Hanlon reiterated her recommendation to get several bids for external remediation, stopping the problem before it gets inside.*

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE PORT COMMISSION, *the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.*

PORT OF THE DALLES:



Robert Wallace, President  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



~~John Willer, Secretary~~  
Board of Commissioners

*Staci L. Coburn / Treasurer*

DATE APPROVED: April 10, 2024

Prepared by: Executive Assistant Toepke