

PORT OF THE DALLES COMMISSION
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 9, 2021
Dufur School, Dufur, Oregon

The Regular Session Meeting of the Port Commissioners was called to order by President Greg Weast at 5:00 p.m.

Port Commissioner Courtney was honored for his 24 years of service on the Port Commission and honored with an American Flag that was flown over the Capitol of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL Executive Assistant Toepke

COMMISSION Greg Weast, Mike Courtney, Robert Wallace, David Griffith **ABSENT** Staci Coburn

STAFF Andrea Klaas, Executive Director; Jennifer Toepke, Executive Assistant; Anna Shank-Root, Land Use Strategist & Policy Analyst; Bill Dick, Attorney; and Angie Macnab, Contracted Port Bookkeeper

GUESTS Jack Henderson, Superintendent, Dufur School District; Cynthia Kortge, Executive Director, Dufur Ranger Education Foundation; Mayor Merle Keys, Mayor of Dufur; Kathy Bostick, City Clerk, City of Dufur; Brandon Mahon, Project Engineer, Anderson Perry & Associates; Scott Hege, Wasco County Commissioner; Steve Kramer, Wasco County Commissioner; Bob McFadden, Past Port Commissioner; Rod Runyon, Past Port Commissioner; John Willer, Newly Elected Port Commissioner; Stan Ashbrook, South Wasco County Parks and Recreation; Kathy Norton, Past Port Staff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE President Weast

AGENDA CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS None

PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTION None

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS As included in meeting packet

ACTION ITEMS

1. **May 12, 2021, Regular Session Meeting Minutes** *were Approved by Consensus*
2. **May 2021 Financial Reports** *were Approved by Consensus*

REPORTS

1. *Staff Report* Executive Director Klaas Stands as included in meeting packet
2. *RARE Report* Land Use Strategist and Policy Analyst Shank-Root Stands as included in meeting packet
3. *Committee Reports*
 - *Community Outreach Team* Commissioner Weast & Executive Director Klaas This month will be the first in person meeting for the COT since February 2020. Awaiting feedback from contacts in Washington, D.C. as to whether they will be scheduling in person meetings by September for our usual Fall visit, or not.
 - *Wasco County Economic Development* Commissioner Courtney Did not attend meeting.
 - *Urban Renewal* Commissioner Coburn ABSENT
 - *Dufur* Commissioner Wallace Will leave the report to our Dufur Community Partners this month!
 - Griffith The Chamber is busy with Cherries!

COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

- Jack Henderson, Superintendent, Dufur School District
K-12 has 360 students, 35 students more than last year. We also have 6 students in Celilo preschool. Dufur is growing and the school continues to grow as Dufur develops. We had a lot of challenges with Covid, but we decided early on to make the best of it. As a result of the pandemic there are a lot of available funds, we have received over \$1 million

from the Federal Government - we have \$200,000 to spend on a summer school program. In November 2018 we had \$4 million matched by a grant – we have HVAC in both gyms, a state-of-the-art security system, repurposed two classrooms, leveled the football field and are nearly finished with the bus barn. The Foundation development is great – dedicated staff and families. Cynthia Kortge is the new Executive Director and will talk to you about it now.

➤ Cynthia Kortge, Executive Director, Dufur Ranger Education Foundation

We are building on community support – adding programs and services that complement the already existing programs. 9 Scholarship Funds & 2 Endowment Funds; Ranger Tech Program: assists students interested in entering the trades, connecting them with local farms. The Foundation gave out \$147,000 this year – every student that applied for a scholarship received one. \$2 million is currently held in these foundations. Thanks to special donors: Dufur School with \$200,000 and John Dillon with \$100,000 – specifically for the Tech Program.

➤ Mayor Keys, Mayor of Dufur

The City has potential for residential and commercial expansion but cannot do so until the water system is fixed – 1 well with limited capacity is not enough. The city is currently looking for grants to help with this, especially ones with low interest rates. A new housing development is expected to go up in Dufur within the next 3-4 years with the potential for up to 25 homes.

➤ Brandon Mahon, Project Engineer, Anderson Perry & Associates

Dufur’s Wastewater Facility was built in the early 60’s and needs updating. It discharges in to 15 Mile Creek. In 2007 the DEQ created a document stating that the facility does not meet the EPA’s requirements. The new facility will cost roughly \$5 million – there is some funding through USDA Rural Development and other sources. The design is being wrapped up and should be out to bid by this Fall, with a goal of construction being completed by the end of 2022.

COMMISSION CALL

*All Commissioners gave gratitude to the Dufur Community Partners and appreciation of the Port Commission Meeting being held in Dufur! Commissioner Courtney stated his honor to serve on the Port Commission for 24 years!

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE PORT COMMISSION, the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

PORT OF THE DALLES:



Greg Weast, President
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Robert Wallace, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

DATE APPROVED: July 14, 2021

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