



PUBLIC MEETING: Port Commission Meeting

DATE: Thursday **October 20, 2022, 6 PM**

LOCATION: Cascade Locks City Hall 140 Wa Na Pa St, Cascade Locks, OR 97014

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85806615790>

MINUTES

- 1) Commission meeting called to order at 6:00 pm
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Roll Call
 - i. President Groves
 - ii. Vice President Lorang
 - iii. Commissioner Caldwell
 - iv. Commissioner Stipan
 - v. Commissioner Bump
 - c. Modifications, Additions and changes to the Agenda
 - i. We have moved Maria Woodall to the next meeting, Stephen King has been rescheduled as well. There is another revision done on the Procurement Policy and will be presented at the next meeting.
 - d. Declarations of Potential Conflicts of Interest
- 2) Public Comment (Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes)
 - a. Brenda Cramblett states she is upset and how it is rude when she is on Zoom and trying to listen to the meeting, when one Commissioner is speaking and others interrupt, she can't hear anyone and thinks it should be called out when it happens. P Groves thanks her for her input.
- 3) Discussions
 - a. Date for Christmas Party
 - i. Melissa Warren is here asking the Commission if they want to have the party in the Pavilion, or at TIB like last year. She is offering the dates 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th of December, and the items she has ordered will be there at that time too. C Caldwell asks if those days are Thursdays and Fridays. Warren replies yes. C Caldwell says she is good with any of the dates but asks what the staff would prefer. OM Blue says that it's far enough out so then he can schedule toll takers to join. C Caldwell asks if there is anything going on that week. Melissa says that there is a Commission meeting the week of the 15th and 16th, so she recommends doing the Christmas party on either the 8th or the 9th when there is nothing going on. C Caldwell and Melissa agreed on Dec 8th, in the pavilion, and to have catering done by Kam&Kam.
- 4) Presentations
 - a. Otter & Osprey – Maria Woodall
 - b. Stephen King
- 5) Commissioner and Sub-Committee Reports
 - a. P Groves: He wants to address the articles that are coming out. He is setting the record straight, after thinking that it would all calm down after a while, but it hasn't. He

doesn't think that the Port hasn't done very well in advertising the Port's side of the situation. He personally believes the Commission has been very clear in saying that the Sternwheeler will not be leaving Cascade Locks, not on our watch and made it very clear we are going to run the boat, made it very clear we have tried to have a contract with AWI. He continues we have tried numerous times to make it very clear that we are sending AWI a contract and they turned it down. He isn't sure where the Port can go from here but is tired of seeing they wishy-washy things in the media about everything. VP Lorang joins by saying that at no point did the Port say they were going to run the boat, the Port can't financially. If you read through older minutes with businesses models involving the Sternwheeler, you can see that there are records of financial problems that there aren't projections of what it would cost. For the Port to say we plan to run the Sternwheeler ourselves is irresponsible. VP Lorang continues that the Port can look at options, and that if we run the boat, it will put us on a projection of losing money for 3 years, as we try to get our feet from under us and puts us 180 degrees in the opposite direction of where we say we are going, which is to hopefully stop depending on bridge revenue. P Groves apologizes for the miscommunication but said that the Port will see to it that it will be ran, not by the Port. He continues saying he agrees with VP Lorang and that we do have other options "in our pockets" and will see how this goes. He wants to make sure everyone understands where most of the Commission stands.

- b.** C Bump: Nothing
 - c.** C Stipan: He says that he has had a lot of museum meetings, discussed that History Tour fundraiser, adds the Gordon Zimmerman gave him information stating there will be around 70 more homes here in CL and seems like this town will be growing. He also agrees that the Port shouldn't run the boat but will keep it here in town making sure Captain Tom never loses his Sternwheeler.
 - d.** C Caldwell: C Caldwell says she hasn't been to any meetings but wants to read something that depicts where the Port is with the Sternwheeler. It discusses the Commission taking committee recommendations and looked at new options, bringing more interest to the café and Port, energy to the town, and thanking the Sternwheeler Committee. C Stipan asks where C Caldwell found that exert, she replies that it was written by herself to share tonight.
 - e.** VP Lorang: Says he is more of the cautious one of the Commission. C Caldwell agrees with him and adds that we are a public entity. P Groves says that we need to look around us and be able to see all the right things we have done, and just because as Commissioners, they have had a lot of disagreements on the way they do business, regardless of being put in a hard position. P Groves says that the Commission has differences in opinions and that they are certainly allowed to have those differences, on certain things. He adds he isn't pragmatic, he's realistic.
- 6)** Consent Agenda (***)Consent Agenda may be approved in its entirety in a single motion. Items are considered routine. Any Commissioner may take a motion to remove any items from the Consent Agenda for individual discussion).
- a.** Approval of minutes for Commission Meeting from October 6, 2022, and Special Commission Meeting from October 24, 2022
 - b.** Ratification of bills in the amount of \$15,569.09

c. Approval of payroll for \$37,703.38

**VP LORANG MOTIONS TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA AS STATED; C CALDWELL SECONDS;
Unanimous 5-0**

7) Business Action Items

a. Approve Procurement Policy

P Groves mentions he talked to Laura Westmeyer about whether we can purchase the engines still. Attorney Brooks replies that we can. P Groves mentions that Brooks wrote a letter to the Port of Hood River and them being able to support. GM asks Brooks what would happen if the BreezeBy was to be disputed. Brooks replies that while premature, since he helps represent POHR, he would have to set away from the dispute. C Caldwell asks for clarification on if we will be able to buy engines, GM replies yes. We are issuing an RFQ on Monday, a week after for answers, and then another week for protest. At the end, engines will be ordered on November 7th.

8) Executive Session under ORS.192.660(2)(i) Performance Evaluations of Public Officers and Employees

a. Recessed out of Regular Session, Into Executive Session at 6:20 pm

b. Recessed out of Executive Session, Into Regular Session at 7:39 pm


9) General Manager Performance Evaluation

a. P Groves says that the rest of this session will return at the next meeting. He continues to say that he recommends getting ahold of Pat McCormick to be able to help GM handle all the calls and media. C Stipan believes it would be a good idea to have him come help due to people misunderstanding what the Port says when "we will run the boat" when the Commission means we will make sure it is ran.

**C CALDWELL MOTIONS TO CONTACT PAT MCCORMICK FOR A PR FOR THE STERNWHEELER
AND DIRECT THE GENERAL MANAGER TO DO THAT; C STIPAN SECONDS; Unanimous 5-0**

10) Adjournment at 7:50 pm

Port of Cascade Locks:



Port Commission President

Jess Groves



Port Commission Secretary/Treasurer

Joienne Caldwell