



PUBLIC MEETING: Port Commission Meeting

DATE: Monday **June 3, 2024, 6 PM**

LOCATION: House 3 503 SW Portage Rd, Cascade Locks, OR 97014

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

MINUTES

- 1) Commission meeting called to order 6:00 PM
 - a. Roll Call
 - i. President Lorang (via Zoom)
 - ii. Vice-President Klute
 - iii. Commissioner Nance
 - iv. Commissioner Peterson
 - v. Commissioner Thweatt
 - vi. Members of the Staff and Other Support – Executive Director Jeremiah Blue; Deputy Executive Director Genevieve Scholl; Secretary Keriane Stocker; Operations Manager Parker Nelson; Accounting Specialist Melissa Warren; Tommy Brooks, Attorney (via Zoom)
 - vii. Members of the Public – (via Zoom) Cesar Estrada
 - b. Modifications, Additions and Changes to the Agenda
- 2) Public Comment (Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes)
- 3) Business Action Items
 - a. Adopt Resolution 2024-3
 - i. DED Scholl explained that due to event bookings exceeding expectations, the Events department needs extra funds to cover a one-time upfront payment for existing events under their revised commission structure (half paid upfront, half later). To address this without exceeding their overall budget, a transfer from the Parking budget is proposed. Parking has unspent funds allocated for enforcement personnel that won't be used this year, making this transfer a way to utilize those funds and ensure the Events department meets its commission obligations.

C THWEATT MADE A MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2024-3 TRANSFERRING ALLOCATIONS WITHIN THE 2023-2024 BUDGET; C PETERSON SECONDED; Passed Unanimously

- 4) Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2)(e) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions, ORS 192.660 (2)(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection and ORS 192.660 (2)(h) Legal counsel regarding litigation or likely litigation to be filed
 - a. Recess from Regular Session, into Executive Session at 6:11 PM
 - b. Recess out of Executive Session, into Regular Session at 6:56 PM
 - c. ED Blue reported that during the May 7th meeting, the Commission was introduced to Emily Reed of Columbia Gorge Tourism Alliance, Kathy Fitzpatrick from Gorge Translink, and Sophie Miller of Skamania County Senior Services Program Manager, who raised awareness for the need of improved public transportation in the Columbia River Gorge. Following the presentation, ED Blue was instructed to put together an intergovernmental agreement ("IGA") between the Port and Skamania County Transit and is now presenting it to the Commission.

C PETERSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN HOOD RIVER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT FOR TOLL WAIVERS AND THE PORT OF CASCADE LOCKS AS STATED; C NANCE SECONDED; Passed Unanimously

- 5) Executive Director Report
 - a. A report was distributed at the meeting.

- 6) Commissioner Comments and Sub-committee Reports
 - a. C Nance commented that he met with Ted Dodd of NWTA about LapQuest. C Nance expressed his thanks for everyone who was involved in the Captain Tom Day celebration. C Nance also informed that the Cascade Locks Elementary is doing an art walk.
 - b. C Thweatt expressed her enjoyment of Captain Tom Day. C Thweatt mentioned the Phase 1 environmental impact study and noted that she had many questions about it which she will send over to DED Scholl.
 - c. C Peterson gave a reminder that the Hood River Garbage is holding a hazardous waste pick-up on Saturday at 10:00 am.
 - d. P Lorang commented that he is still recovering from COVID.
 - e. VP Klute asked about Flex 6. ED Blue replied that the Port currently has two (2) proposals for the Commission to look at, however neither of them are fully ideal. VP Klute also inquired about bridge lighting and Christmas lighting. ED responded that he and OM Nelson just had a meeting with a couple of companies however they were only general conversations about the product and services they provided.

- 7) Adjournment 7:28 pm

Port of Cascade Locks

Port Commission President
Brad Lorang

Port Commission Secretary
Albert Nance

Date Signed

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