



PUBLIC MEETING: Port Commission Special Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

- 1) Commission meeting called to order at 6:06 PM
 - a. Roll Call
 - i. President Lorang
 - ii. Vice-President Klute
 - iii. Commissioner Nance
 - iv. Commissioner Gann (joined at 6:22 PM)
 - v. Commissioner Dodd
 - vi. Members of the Staff and Other Support – Executive Director Jeremiah Blue; Deputy Executive Director Genevieve Scholl; Administrative Specialist Keriane Stocker
 - vii. Members of the Public – (via Zoom) Sean Avery, CGN; Chris Matlock; Cascade Locks Local; iPhone
 - b. Modifications, Additions, and Changes to the Agenda
 - i. ED Blue requested to switch the order of Items 2 and 3.
- 3) Business Action Items
 - a. Consider the Professional Services Contract for the Bridge of the Gods Centennial Celebration Event Director

MOTION: Move to approve the Personal Services Agreement with Outdoor Viewfinder, LLC for Centennial Event Planning Services related to the Bridge of the Gods Centennial Celebration, and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement and administer the contract.

MOVE: Albert Nance

SECOND: Carrie Klute

DISCUSSION: ED Blue explained the contract for planning the Bridge of the Gods Centennial Celebration, noting that the contract mirrors the setup and structure of PCTDAYS event. C Nance confirms that no substantial changes were made to the contract presented. ED Blue affirms that there was not. The only points that had changed was more additional protection for the Port as determined by legal counsel.

VOTE: **Aye:** Brad Lorang, Carrie Klute, Albert Nance, and Ted Dodd,
Absent: Travis Gann

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 - b. Adopt Resolution 2026-1 A Resolution Opting to Limit Liability for Certain Claims Arising From the Use of Public Trails or Structures in Public Easements and Unimproved Right-of-Way Pursuant to ORS.105.668

MOTION: Move that the Port of Cascade Locks Commission adopt Resolution No. 2026-1 A Resolution Opting to Limit Liability for Certain Claims Arising from the Use of Public Trails or Structures in Public Easements and Unimproved Rights-Of-Way Pursuant to ORS 105.668, effective January 1, 2026.

MOVE: Carrie Klute

SECOND: Ted Dodd

DISCUSSION: ED Blue introduced a resolution to opt in to state-authorized

liability protection. Discussion covered the specification of trails listed. Counsel advised that the resolution should avoid being all-inclusive. The commission also debated including ebikes to proactively address their ambiguous legal status as motorized versus non-motorized vehicles, but ultimately deferred to counsel's advise to use the specific language of the state statute.

VOTE: **Aye:** Brad Lorang, Carrie Klute, Albert Nance, Travis Gann, and Ted Dodd

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c. Approve Proposed Update to Employee Handbook – Holiday Pay

MOTION: Move to approve the proposed update to the Employee Handbook Holiday Policy as presented, including the revised policy language, with an effective date of January 7, 2026

MOVE: Albert Nance

SECOND: Carrie Klute

DISCUSSION: ED Blue presented an update to the employee handbook regarding holiday pay. The update aims to improve clarity and consistency in holiday pay observations.

VOTE: **Aye:** Brad Lorang, Carrie Klute, Albert Nance, Travis Gann, and Ted Dodd

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2) Special Presentations and Reports by Outside Resources, Staff, and Government Officials

a. Sternwheeler Winter Plan

Andrews presented the Sternwheeler Winter Plan, reassuring the Commission that new mooring lines and practices have been implemented to prevent future incidents. Andrews discussed potential winter mooring options. C Nance expressed concern on JettyLight's preparedness for winter storms. Andrews explained the efforts to find suitable mooring options and the challenges faced.

4) New Business

a. C Dodd suggested redesigning the Port's logo for the 100-year celebration. The idea of a was debated, with concerns about the cost and logistical challenges of replacing existing logos. C Nance suggested a phased rollout to avoid confusion. ED Blue proposed gathering more information on timeline and pricing for the logo change. The discussion concluded with plans to present further details in the next meeting.

5) Adjourned at 7:37 PM

Port of Cascade Locks

Port Commission President
Brad Lorang

Port Commission Secretary
Albert Nance

Date Approved
Prepared by Keriane Stocker