

**PORT OF VANCOUVER USA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Orange called a regular meeting of the Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners to order and open to the public at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at the Port of Vancouver USA Administrative Office, 3103 NW Lower River Road, Vancouver, Washington 98660.

OPENING REMARKS

Commissioner Orange welcomed everyone to the commission meeting. He announced no executive session was held and that the meeting is being recorded. He stated the meeting is a hybrid meeting, and along with everyone present in the meeting, anyone who wants to make virtual oral comment can use Zoom. He then invited guests to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of January 24, 2023

On motion by Commissioner Burkman, seconded by Commissioner LaBrant and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approve the minutes of the January 24, 2023, regular meeting.

OPEN FORUM

Commissioner Orange stated that the agenda invited public comment and indicated one community member registered in advance to provide virtual oral comments but that there was no one present who signed up to provide comment. CEO Marler confirmed this, then called on the community member to provide their virtual oral comments.

Don Steinke

Mr. Steinke discussed the potential of using port warehouse rooftops for solar energy and some grant incentives that are available to do this.

ACTION ITEMS

E-1 Approve Contracts with Lotic Solutions LLC, Anchor QEA, WSP USA Inc., and Haley & Aldrich, Inc., for On-Call Natural Resources Consulting Services

Matt Harding, Environmental Project Manager presented the action item and discussed it with the commission. On motion by Commissioner LaBrant, seconded by Commissioner Burkman and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners authorize the CEO to execute a

professional services contract with Lotic Solutions LLC for a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000; a contract with Anchor QEA for a not-to-exceed amount of \$225,000; a contract with WSP USA Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$175,000; and a contract with Haley & Aldrich, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Port Contracts Logs

The commissioners reviewed the port contracts logs. CEO Marler reminded everyone that the contracts logs are provided to the Commission on a monthly basis and are available on the port's website.

No additional unfinished business was considered.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

CEO REPORT

Federal Legislative Priorities

Ryan Hart, Chief External Affairs Officer introduced the port's federal lobbyist, Dale Learn with Gordon Thomas Honeywell. Dale Learn joined the meeting virtually and shared his general thoughts on what is happening in congress. He along with Ryan Hart presented the port's 2023 Draft Federal Legislative Priorities. Mr. Learn also answered questions from the Board.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Burkman stated he attended the following events and provided a brief summary:

- CEO Marler
- Washington Public Ports Association Port and Maritime Day
- Port Public Lecture on Bar Pilots
- Regional Transportation Council meeting
- Annual Washington Transportation Investment Strategy Workshop

He also stated that he attended the Vancouver City Council Meeting regarding modifications to their warehouse moratorium. He indicated the final vote on this will be next Monday.

Commissioner LaBrant stated he attended the following events and provided a brief summary:

- Meeting with Commercial staff for a macroeconomic update
- Strategic Planning Session for Vancouver School District
- Washington Public Ports Association Port and Maritime Day
- Port Public Lecture on Bar Pilots
- Pacific Northwest Waterways Association Lower Columbia meeting

Commissioner Orange stated he attended the following events and provided a brief summary:

- Port Public Lecture on Bar Pilots
- Port's Community Fund Program
- Vancouver City Council Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

A list of upcoming events was displayed on the screen for viewers to see staff activities and community meetings. CEO Marler stated the next commission meeting scheduled for March 14 will begin at 9:30 a.m. She also highlighted several other upcoming community events.

In addition, she reminded everyone of the ways they can communicate with the Commission. She stated there is a great deal of information available on the port's website and encouraged everyone to check it out.

WORKSHOP

No workshop was held during this meeting.

SIGN DOCUMENTS

The Board signed documents at 10:21 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE / WORK SESSION

No administrative work session was held during this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Port of Vancouver USA Board of Commissioners, the Tuesday, February 28, 2023, regular meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m. by Commissioner Orange.

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Michelle Allan, Executive Services
Manager, February 28, 2023, Regular
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Don Orange, President



Eric LaBrant, Vice President

Jack Burkman

Jack Burkman, Secretary