

**JOINT CLARK COUNTY PORTS
BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
PORTS OF VANCOUVER USA, CAMAS-WASHOUGAL & RIDGEFIELD
November 19, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Port of Vancouver CEO Julianna Marler called the Joint Clark County Ports Boards of Commissioners Special Meeting to order on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. via a Zoom call, number 1 (253) 215-8782, Meeting ID number: 917 4850 2834 and Passcode number: 377417.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

CEO Marler thanked everyone in attendance and introduced the three Boards and their respective CEOs. She also welcomed special guests and the community. She invited speakers to introduce themselves.

ATTENDANCE

In attendance were:

Don Orange	Vancouver Commissioner
Eric LaBrant	Vancouver Commissioner
Jack Burkman	Vancouver Commissioner
Julianna Marler	Vancouver CEO
Michelle Allan	Vancouver Executive Services Manager
Ryan Hart	Vancouver Chief of External Affairs
Elizabeth Gotelli	Vancouver Chief of Finance and Administration
Mike Bomar	Vancouver Director of Economic Development
Therese Lang	Vancouver Director of Communications
Julie Rawls	Vancouver Community Relations Manager
Betsy Rogers	Vancouver Administrative Supervisor
Scott Hughes	Ridgefield Commissioner
Joe Melroy	Ridgefield Commissioner
Bruce Wiseman	Ridgefield Commissioner
Brent Grening	Ridgefield CEO
Kevin Witte	Ridgefield VP of Innovation
Ethan Perry	Ridgefield Business Development Manager
Larry Keister	Camas-Washougal Commissioner
John Spencer	Camas-Washougal Commissioner
Cassie Marshall	Camas-Washougal Commissioner
David Ripp	Camas-Washougal CEO
Kim Noah	Camas-Washougal Chief Operating Officer
Jennifer Baker	Columbia River Economic Development Council
Matt Ransom	Regional Transportation Council

James Thompson
Ron Arp

Washington Public Ports Association
Identity Clark County

Additional members of the public participated in the virtual meeting but were not identified by name.

COLUMBIA RIVER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (CREDC)

CREDC President Jennifer Baker provided a brief update on what CREDC has been working on in 2020. She discussed the impacts of COVID and is pleased to say that there continues to be healthy activity. She also provided an Employment Lands update, grant awards and placemaking activities.

IDENTITY CLARK COUNTY (ICC)

Ron Arp, Executive Director of Identity Clark County thanked the ports for the opportunity to speak. He provided an update on the SW Freight and Commerce Task Force and the recent Transportation Summit. He discussed what he is hearing regarding the I/5 bridge project and indicated freight and commerce are important. He talked about the Land Here Learn Here project and what they are doing to improve this program.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (RTC)

Matt Ransom, Executive Director of the SW Regional Transportation Council thanked the 3 ports for holding the meeting and stated he really appreciates the camaraderie within the group. He thinks it is important to get everyone together and discuss issues of significance on important transportation issues. He discussed uncertainty being experienced due to COVID-19, shared data on regional transportation, and discussed how transportation can ebb and flow based on current events.

Mr. Ransom discussed the I/5 bridge replacement project. He also discussed RTC and the study it conducted on freight mobility. He indicated that the freight mobility study is now 10 years old and an updated study needs to be completed.

He reminded everyone that RTC has some grant funding available and encouraged the ports to apply or to contact him with any questions.

WASHINGTON PUBLIC PORTS ASSOCIATION (WPPA)

James Thompson, Executive Director of WPPA shared his appreciation for the invitation to the meeting and the opportunity to update everyone on what WPPA has been doing this past year. He indicated that WPPA continues to bring everyone together to discuss important issues and concerns by offering several conferences and weekly roundtables. He is pleased with the involvement of WPPA members and appreciates the opportunity to maintain contact with everyone. He indicated that they have held more legislative meetings this past year than he remembers in years past. He also shared his thoughts on what to expect in this next legislative session. He discussed the upcoming WPPA annual conference scheduled for next month and shared some of the topics folks will hear

about. He also discussed transportation funding and a possible carbon pricing mechanism.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ryan Hart, Port of Vancouver Chief of External Affairs extended his thanks to everyone for joining the meeting today.

He invited WPPA Executive Director James Thompson to update everyone on the annual WPPA Port Day held in Olympia. Mr. Thompson stated that Port Day is scheduled for February 2, 2021; however, he does anticipate holding that event in a virtual setting. Chief Hart added that he hopes there will also be a Clark County Ports Day as well.

Chief Hart then discussed the 3-ports proposed state legislative agenda. He pointed out its similarities to this year's agenda and sought feedback from everyone.

Port of Ridgefield CEO Brent Grening stated RTC has not determined if it plans to keep its 2020 Board for 2021 due to this year's coronavirus event. Currently he stated that Port of Ridgefield Commissioner Scott Hughes is the 3-ports representative and Port of Camas-Washougal Commissioner Larry Keister is the 3-port's alternate. He added that this matter is scheduled to be discussed at RTC's December 1st Board meeting.

PORT UPDATES

Port of Camas-Washougal Commissioner Keister, Port of Ridgefield Commissioner Hughes and CEO Brent Grening, and Port of Vancouver Commissioner Orange provided a few highlights on what has been happening at their respective ports.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the joint Boards of Commissioners, the November 19, 2020 special meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m. by Port of Vancouver CEO Julianna Marler.

Michelle Allan, Executive Services
Manager, November 19, 2020
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