

**JOINT CLARK COUNTY PORTS
BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
PORTS OF VANCOUVER USA, CAMAS-WASHOUGAL & RIDGEFIELD
November 29, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Port of Vancouver CEO Julianna Marler called the Joint Clark County Ports Boards of Commissioners Special Meeting to order on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at the Port of Vancouver USA Administrative Office, 3103 NW Lower River Road, Vancouver, Washington 98660.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Port of Vancouver CEO Marler welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance and invited attendees to introduce themselves.

PORT SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Port of Vancouver CEO Marler shared information regarding the port's sustainability program. She indicated the program began in 2008 and is based on the three-legged stool sustainability model, social, economic, and environmental components. She added that in 2021 the program had sixty-four targets and the port met 90% of them.

She discussed the port's Climate Action Plan that was implemented in 2021. She indicated the plan identifies actions and strategies to reduce greenhouse gases. She stated the port's Climate Action Plan matches state and federal targets and collaborates with tenants and the community.

She also mentioned that the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) is a national association that advocates for ports and federal grant funding. She shared information on the recently created Port Opportunities with Energy, Resilience and Sustainability Program (POWERS).

Port of Camas-Washougal CEO David Ripp shared that the Port of Camas-Washougal is working to shrink their carbon footprint and as HVAC systems need replacing, they are moving to electric.

Port of Ridgefield CEO Randy Mueller shared that the Port of Ridgefield is exploring opportunities for environmental improvements at their facilities and for their tenants. He also reported that they installed their first electric charging station for one of their tenants.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING

Mike Bomar, Port of Vancouver Director of Economic Development shared information regarding the history of Tax Increment Financing (TIF). He indicated that TIF is a financing tool that local governments can use to fund public infrastructure in targeted

areas to encourage private development and investment. He discussed the legislative changes to the bill for TIF and the lessons the port learned creating the Tax Increment Area (TIA).

Port of Ridgefield and Port of Camas-Washougal are also considering Tax Increment Areas.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mike Bomar, Port of Vancouver Director of Economic Development, Port of Camas-Washougal CEO David Ripp, and Port of Ridgefield CEO Randy Mueller all shared items from the Clark County Ports 2023 Joint Legislative Agenda. There was also discussion about the upcoming February 2, 2023 Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) Legislative Day and Hill Climb in Olympia.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Port Commissioner's discussed the Regional Transportation Council 3-ports representative as Port of Camas-Washougal Commissioner Keister has fulfilled his appointment. After further discussion, Port of Camas-Washougal Keister made a motion to appoint Port of Vancouver Commissioner Burkman as the 3-ports' primary representative and Port of Ridgefield Commissioner Hughes as the alternate representative. Port of Ridgefield Commissioner Melroy seconded the motion and all board members voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the joint Boards of Commissioners, the November 29, 2022, special meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. by Port of Vancouver CEO Marler.

Betsy Rogers, Administrative
Supervisor, November 29, 2022
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