

**PORT OF VANCOUVER USA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 14, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Oliver called a regular meeting of the Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners to order and open to the public at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at the Port of Vancouver USA Administrative Office, 3103 NW Lower River Road, Vancouver, Washington 98660.

OPENING REMARKS

Commissioner Oliver welcomed everyone, announced no executive session was held and invited guests to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting attendees included:

Jerry Oliver	Port Commission President
Don Orange	Port Commission Vice President
Eric LaBrant	Port Commission Secretary
Julianna Marler	Port CEO
Betsy Rogers	Port Administrative Supervisor
Alicia Lowe	Port Legal Counsel
Kent Cash	Port Chief Operations Officer
Elizabeth Gotelli	Port Chief Financial and Administrative Officer
Ryan Hart	Port Chief External Affairs Officer
Scott Goodrich	Port Director of Finance & Accounting
Patty Boyden	Port Director of Environmental Services
Rachelle Berry	Port Administrative Assistant
Magan Reed	Port Communications & Digital Media Specialist
Julie Rawls	Port Community Relations Specialist
Randy McCaleb	Port Contracts Manager
Rick Cline	Port Contracts Manager
Jonathan Eder	Port Director of Human Resources
Mark Newell	Port Project Delivery Manager
Casey O'Dell	Port Director of Facilities
Mike Bomar	Port Director of Economic Development
Jack Flug	Port Senior Financial Analyst
Matt Harding	Port Environmental Project Manager
Scott Ouchi	Port Safety, Risk and Emergency Manager
Mary Mattix	Port Environmental Program Manager
Don Steinke	Community Member
Victor Roehm	Sussman Shank
Bryson Davis	Sussman Shank

Dorethea Simone	Community Member
Cathryn Chudy	Community Member
Alona Steinke	Community Member
Larry Cassidy	Friends of Vancouver Lake
Bill Huyette	Vancouver Lake President
Jean Avery	Community Member
Linda Garcia	WA Environmental Council/ACE
Den Mark Wichar	Community Member
Ted Gathe	Friends of Vancouver Lake
Matt Zehnder	Key Bank
Carrie Parks	Community Member
Jack Burkman	Community Member
Heidi Cody	Community Member/ACE
Joann Derie	Community Member
Mary Slowik Siciliano	Community Member
Richard Kolbek	Community Member
Sonya Norton	Community Member
Ron Morrison	TRPP
Kathy Gillespie	Community Member
Dan Barnes	Community Member
Patty Page	ACE
Gay Lincoln	Southwest Washington Central Labor Council
Cager Clabaugh	ILWU Local 4
Kathy McDonald	Community Member
Tracy Ceravolo	Community Member
Caleb Ceravolo	Community Member
Rheta Rubenstein	Ridgefield Community Group
Dennis Potter	Salmon Creek Fly Fishers
William Custis	Community Member
Jeffrey Mize	The Columbian
Stephanie McClintock	United Grain Corporation
Dan Serres	Columbia Riverkeeper
Page Phillips Strickler	Strategies 360
Tim Emineth	Community Member
Duncan Brown	PFM
Lehman Holder	Sierra Club
Janet Hedgepath	Community Member
Mona McNeil	Community Member
Amber Carter	Amber Carter Government Relations LLC
Jan Verrinder	Community Member
Philip Parshley	Friends of Vancouver Lake
James Byrne	Trout Unlimited

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of April 23, 2019

On motion by Commissioner LaBrant, seconded by Commissioner Orange and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approve the minutes of the April 23, 2019 regular meeting.

OPEN FORUM

Commissioner Oliver invited comments from the audience.

Don Steinke, Community Member

Mr. Steinke urged the port to establish a policy to prohibit bulk storage and transshipment of all fossil fuels.

Dorethea Simone, Community Member

Ms. Simone shared her thoughts on fracking and pollution.

Cathryn Chudy, Community Member

Ms. Chudy asked the board to set policy to not support bulk fossil fuel development, to consider televising commission workshops and to learn more about Zenith Energy in Portland.

Alona Steinke, Community Member

Ms. Steinke discussed greenwashing and requested the board pass a resolution banning all types of new bulk fossil fuel storage and trans-loading facilities.

Bill Huyette, Vancouver Lake President

Mr. Huyette discussed the milfoil infestation at Vancouver Lake. He also asked the port to contribute \$50,000 to match conditional donations for the clean-up of the lake and to move this request to new business at today's meeting.

Larry Cassidy, Friends of Vancouver Lake

Mr. Cassidy thanked the port for help achieving the permit to apply herbicide to Vancouver Lake. He discussed the ongoing study of Vancouver Lake and how important the lake is to the community. He also asked the board of commissioners to reestablish the Vancouver Lake Watershed Partnership.

Ted Gathe, Friends of Vancouver Lake

Mr. Gathe echoed Mr. Cassidy's comments. He expressed interest in bringing back the Vancouver Lake Watershed Partnership. He also indicated a lake management plan is needed and will require a long-term funding strategy.

Jean Avery, Community Member

Ms. Avery asked the board of commissioners to listen to the citizens rather than customers that are not invested in the community. She indicated the port should say no to all fossil fuels.

Den Mark Wichar, Community Member

Mr. Wichar stated the message the port should be sending the world is that it is green, sustainable, science based, future oriented, and visionary.

Carrie Parks, Community Member

Ms. Parks stated it is hard to position yourself for future jobs following old technology. She indicated green jobs will create more jobs and she asked the board to keep fossil fuels out of the port entirely.

Heidi Cody, Community Member/ACE

Ms. Cody urged the port to prevent future import and export terminals and storage facilities, for natural gas, as well as coal and oil.

Patty Page, ACE

Ms. Page shared her thoughts regarding the recent workshop on a proposed clean energy resolution and discussed what she would like to see included in the resolution.

Dan Serres, Columbia Riverkeeper

Mr. Serres stated the proposed resolution regarding fossil fuels doesn't go far enough and should include LPG (Liquified Petroleum Gas) and LNG (Liquified Natural Gas).

Tim Emineth, Community Member

Mr. Emineth thanked the commissioners for their service and to continue their efforts to move the port away from fossil fuels.

Jan Verrinder, Community Member

Ms. Verrinder thanked the commissioners for looking at a policy that will protect the environment. She also expressed thanks for the bicycle – pedestrian path that the port is working on.

No further public comments were received.

COMMISSIONER AND CEO COMMENTS

Commissioner Orange stated the request for funds from Friends of Vancouver Lake is something that would need to be discussed. He also indicated he is listening to citizens regarding fossil fuels and is talking to tenants that might be affected by the proposed clean energy resolution. He stated he wants to make sure that there are not any unintended consequences from the resolution.

Commissioner LaBrant stated that he looks forward to the bike path being contiguous. He indicated he has heard a lot of different viewpoints expressed regarding a fossil fuel resolution. He shared that the commissioners have received letters from commissioners at the Port of Pasco, Port of Morrow, Port of Lewiston and the Port of Clarkston expressing concerns. He also mentioned reading about plans by the State of North Dakota to sue the State of Washington for its recent oil related legislation. He indicated he believes there are ways to move forward with a clean energy transition that will create jobs and economic development without causing more problems.

Commissioner Oliver mentioned the letters from the commissions at the other ports and stated it is worth remembering that what the Port of Vancouver does influences other port's livelihoods as well. He expressed thanks to representatives from Friends of Vancouver Lake and stated he would suggest their request be discussed under the new business portion of the meeting.

No further comments were provided by the Commissioners or CEO.

PUBLIC HEARING: LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS – ACTION ITEM E-1

Commissioner Oliver opened the public hearing on the Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds – Action Item E-1. He stated this hearing is required under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (“TEFRA”) and Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code in connection with a proposed issuance of Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds.

Commissioner Oliver asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the commission on this item.

No comments were received during the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Oliver closed the Public Hearing.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve Resolution 2-2019 for the Issuance and Sale of Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Director of Finance & Accounting Scott Goodrich presented the action item and discussed the recommendation with the commission. He introduced bond counsel representatives Victor Roehm and Bryson Davis from Sussman Shank and representative Matt Zehnder from Key Bank who were present at the meeting. He also answered questions by the board.

Commissioner Oliver asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the commission on this agenda item.

No public comments were received.

On motion by Commissioner Orange, seconded by Commissioner LaBrant, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approves and executes Resolution 2-2019 providing for the issuance and sale of limited tax general obligation refunding bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$5,725,000 and delegate authority to the CEO or Director of Finance & Accounting to approve the designation of the Refunded Bonds to be refunded, including the final principal amounts, interest rates, maturity dates, redemption rights, interest payment dates, and principal maturities for the bonds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Port Contracts Logs

The commissioners reviewed the port contracts logs. CEO Marler reminded everyone that the contracts logs are available on the port's website.

No additional unfinished business was considered.

NEW BUSINESS

Friends of Vancouver Lake Request

Commissioner Oliver summarized earlier comments by representatives from the Friends of Vancouver Lake group regarding the infestation of milfoil on Vancouver Lake. He shared that some members of the business community have stepped forward and said

they would make a substantial contribution to the treatment of the lake if some matching funds would become available.

Commissioner LaBrant made a motion that the Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners authorize the CEO to make arrangements for a contribution of \$50,000 for the eradication and treatment of the Eurasian milfoil on Vancouver Lake. Commissioner Orange seconded the motion.

Commissioner LaBrant stated this would be a temporary fix and discussion should continue regarding the possibility of a lake management plan. He indicated the economic benefit of tourism dollars from the lake should be reason enough to continue the discussion and the involvement on the health of Vancouver Lake.

Commissioner Orange stated he was not comfortable with the suggestion of redirecting funds going to the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership to address this issue. He indicated he appreciates the efforts of those working on the milfoil issue at the lake but is concerned about the legality of the port contributing funds for this effort. He also shared his concerns about future costs related to the lake.

Commissioner Oliver asked for a representative from Friends of Vancouver Lake to answer some additional questions regarding the agent to be used in the treatment, the plan of action, timeline and future costs.

CEO Marler also asked about the ongoing study of the lake that will identify an eradication plan.

Ted Gathe, Friends of Vancouver Lake

Mr. Gathe answered Commissioner Oliver's questions and discussed the proposed treatment of about 400 to 500 acres of Vancouver Lake with the aquatic herbicide preselacore. He stated that the herbicide was approved by the EPA in 2017 and the Department of Ecology is finishing its final steps for approval which they expect will be done the first week of July. He indicated Aqua Techs, the group applying the herbicide, has assured him that they can get a handle on the infestation this year. He stated subsequent years should not be as costly. He also stated that the option of mechanical harvesting of the milfoil and using it as composting material on shore is an option after the initial application .

He discussed the ongoing study of the lake that will survey the location of all the aquatic noxious weeds in the lake and will suggest an eradication plan. He indicated he thinks the study will be done by the end of the year and they will have an idea of what needs to be dealt with. He stated there is still the need for a lake management plan moving forward and the next step would be to reinvigorate the Vancouver Lake Partnership to put a plan together.

Commissioner LaBrant made a motion to table his earlier recommendation that the Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners authorize the CEO to make arrangements for a contribution of \$50,000 for the eradication and treatment of the Eurasian milfoil on Vancouver Lake until the next board of commission meeting. Commissioner Orange seconded Commissioner LaBrant's motion to table the recommendation.

No additional new business was considered at this time.

RECESS

Commissioner Oliver called for a recess from 10:06 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Director of Finance & Accounting Scott Goodrich presented the staff report as contained in the agenda packet and discussed the recommendation with the commission. He answered questions from the board.

On motion by Commissioner LaBrant, seconded by Commissioner Orange and carried unanimously, the Port of Vancouver USA Board of Commissioners, by motion, ratifies and approves the payment of April 2019 Vouchers 095472 - 095973 in the amount of \$4,130,018.44 including Electronic Payments generated between 04/01/2019 – 05/01/2019 in the amount of \$1,232,598.10 and April 2019 Payroll Direct Deposits 150001 – 150125 and 170001 – 170125 in the amount of \$559,323.59.

CEO REPORT

Project Updates

Project Delivery Manager Mark Newell provided an update on the following projects:

- Trail Segment 2
- T5 Materials Recycling Project
- T5 Fencing Project

He also shared special recognition on how well the recent Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inspection of port rail infrastructure went. He stated this inspection is to make sure rail infrastructure meets federal standards and requirements. He indicated the positive results of the inspection are a credit to the great port rail maintenance crews and rail superintendent.

CEO Julianna Marler called Chief External Affairs Officer Ryan Hart forward to introduce the port's state lobbyist Amber Carter. Mr. Hart shared that the port received \$4.7 million in the 2019 state capital budget for the next phase of redevelopment at Terminal 1. He also thanked Ms. Carter and the port's delegation for their help in ushering this forward.

State Legislative Update

Ms. Carter provided a state legislative update to the commission.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner LaBrant reported attending the following:

- Port Tours
- Port Lecture Series
- Meeting with tenant NuStar

Commissioner Orange reported attending the following:

- Port Tours
- Port Lecture Series
- Meeting with tenant NuStar
- Former Mayor Royce Pollard's Birthday Celebration
- Passenger Ferry Service Leadership Braintrust

Commissioner Oliver reported attending the following:

- Port Lecture Series
- Various other meetings

He also mentioned that all three commissioners will be attending the Washington Public Ports Association Spring meeting in Spokane beginning tomorrow and will be able to share information about this at the next 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 would be held on May 28 at 8:30 a.m. She also highlighted several upcoming port and community events, including the Port Report scheduled for Thursday, May 30 at 5:30 p.m. at Warehouse '23.

RECESS

The regular meeting was recessed at 10:51 a.m. to sign documents and prepare for the workshop.

WORKSHOP

Sustainability Update

Commissioner Oliver reopened the meeting at 11:10 a.m. for the Sustainability Update Workshop. Environmental Program Manager Mary Mattix provided a presentation about sustainability efforts at the port. The workshop concluded at 11:37 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Port of Vancouver USA Board of Commissioners, the Tuesday, May 14, 2019 regular meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m. by Commissioner Oliver.

Betsy Rogers, Administrative
Supervisor, May 14, 2019, Regular
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