

**JOINT CLARK COUNTY PORTS
BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
PORTS OF VANCOUVER USA, CAMAS-WASHOUGAL & RIDGEFIELD
December 16, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Port of Ridgefield CEO Brent Grening called the Joint Clark County Ports Boards of Commissioners Special Meeting to order on Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 3:05 p.m. via a Zoom call, number 1 (253) 215-8782, Meeting ID number: 892 0588 3997 and Passcode number: 308376.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Port of Ridgefield CEO Grening welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance and introduced the three Boards and their respective CEOs. He welcomed special guests and invited speakers to introduce themselves.

ATTENDANCE

In attendance were:

Eric LaBrant	Vancouver Commissioner
Jack Burkman	Vancouver Commissioner
Don Orange	Vancouver Commissioner
Julianna Marler	Vancouver CEO
Michelle Allan	Vancouver Executive Services Manager
Ryan Hart	Vancouver Chief of External Affairs
Mike Bomar	Vancouver Director of Economic Development
Betsy Rogers	Vancouver Administrative Supervisor
Scott Hughes	Ridgefield Commissioner
Joe Melroy	Ridgefield Commissioner
Brent Grening	Ridgefield CEO
Ethan Perry	Ridgefield Business Development Manager
Kerrie Rios	Ridgefield Director of Operations, IT3 Innovation Center
Larry Keister	Camas-Washougal Commissioner
Cassie Marshall	Camas-Washougal Commissioner
David Ripp	Camas-Washougal CEO
Krista Cagle	Camas-Washougal Director of Finance
Derek Jaeger	Camas-Washougal Director of Business Dev & Real Estate
Eric Plantenberg	Camas-Washougal Director of Facilities
Juli Burnett	Camas-Washougal Leasing Agent/Administrative Assistant
Amber Carter	State Lobbyist
Jennifer Baker	Columbia River Economic Development Council
Maureen Chan-Hefflen	Columbia River Economic Development Council
Matt Ransom	Regional Transportation Council

James Thompson
Ron Arp

Washington Public Ports Association
Identity Clark County

COLUMBIA RIVER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (CREDC)

CREDC President Jennifer Baker provided an update on CREDC's focus this past year. She highlighted regional business development and recruitment efforts, updated the boards on the Employment Lands program, and the special initiative work she and her team have been working on. She added that she is pleased that the organization continues to have a healthy level of activity.

IDENTITY CLARK COUNTY (ICC)

Ron Arp, Executive Director of Identity Clark County thanked the ports for the ongoing partnership. He also thanked Port of Ridgefield CEO Grening for his years of service to the port industry and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement. Mr. Arp indicated that ICC has been very active with transportation issues and is pleased that the Clark County Transportation Alliance Policy Statement is supported so strongly, with 61 cosigners.

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 appreciates the opportunity to update the boards and discuss regional transportation issues. He also thanked Port of Ridgefield Scott Hughes for his representation of the 3-ports on the Regional Transportation Council Board.

He briefed the Commissions on the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA), Interstate Bridge Replacement Project, and Key Regional Trends.

He reminded everyone that RTC has 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 provide an update to everyone. He discussed WPPA's Legislative Priorities and indicated with the ongoing pandemic, it appears that WPPA will hold its 2022 Port Day virtually on January 25, 2022. He added there has been some personnel change at WPPA and he looks forward to getting that key position filled soon.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

Chief Hart discussed the 3-ports proposed state legislative agenda. He invited input and asked if anyone had any questions. No comments or questions were received.

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


ADJOURNMENT

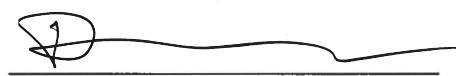
There being no further business to come before the joint Boards of Commissioners, the December 16, 2021, special meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m. by Port of Ridgefield CEO Grening.

Michelle Allan, Executive Services
Manager, December 16, 2021
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