# PORT OF VANCOUVER USA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, February 9, 2021

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

CEO Julianna Marler called a regular meeting of the Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners to order at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 9, 2021, via teleconference number 1 (253) 215-8782, conference code: 931 5689 6743 and Passcode number: 876921 and by videoconference via Zoom pursuant to Washington State Governor's Proclamation 20-28 in response to the COVID-19 event.

CEO Marler confirmed that Commissioners Orange, LaBrant and Burkman were on the line.

### OPENING REMARKS

CEO Marler welcomed and reminded everyone that all board members and the public are participating virtually pursuant to Washington State Governor's Proclamation 20-28 in response to the COVID-19 event and the port's Resolution 3-2020. She also stated that no executive session was held this morning and the meeting is being recorded.

Meeting attendees included:

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Eric LaBrant Port Commission President
Jack Burkman Port Commission Vice President
Don Orange Port Commission Secretary

Julianna Marler Port CEO

Michelle Allan Port Executive Services Manager

Alicia Lowe Port Legal Counsel

Betsy Rogers Port Administrative Supervisor
Savannah Mitcham Port Administrative Assistant
Casey O'Dell Port Director of Facilities

Elizabeth Gotelli Port Chief Financial and Administrative Officer

Jack Flug Port Senior Financial Analyst

Jennifer Brower Port Procurement & Grant Specialist

Jim Hagar Port Economic Development Project Manager

Jonathan Eder Port Director of Human Resources
Julie Rawls Port Community Relations Manager

Kathy Holtby Port Real Estate Manager

Katie Odem Port Marketing Communications Manager

Kent Cash Port Chief Operations Officer
Lori Kaylor Port Commercial Sales Associate
Mark Newell Port Project Delivery Manager

Mary Mattix Port Environmental Program Manager

Mason Kae Port Records Officer

Mike Bomar Port Director Economic Development

Nam Nguyen Port Applications Analyst

Rachelle Askman Port Communications Coordinator

Randy McCaleb Port Contract Manager Rick Cline Port Contract Manager Richard Troudt Port Security Manager

Ryan Hart Port Chief External Affairs Officer
Scott Goodrich Port Director of Finance & Accounting
Therese Lang Port Director of Communications

Dale Learn Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs
Carson Coates Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler's Office

Sarah Kohout Senator Maria Cantwell's Office
Hod Wells PBS Engineering and Environmental

Janet Hedgepath Clark County

Don Steinke Community Member
Alona Steinke Community Member
Cathryn Chudy Community Member
Adam Smith Community Member
Dick Halvorson Community Member
Jeffrey La Dage Community Member

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

# Regular Meeting of January 11, 2020

On motion by Commissioner Orange, seconded by Commissioner Burkman and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approve the minutes of the January 11, 2020 regular meeting.

## **OPEN FORUM**

CEO Marler stated that the agenda invited public comment on all matters on the agenda and three community members responded to provide comment. She called on each community member based on the order in which the port received their request.

# Cathryn Chudy

Ms. Chudy discussed climate change, COVID relief package, and clean energy in Washington state. She discussed the Environmental Priorities Coalition and the priorities the coalition will focus on in 2021. She also discussed the city's efforts to reduce emissions.

#### Alona Steinke

Ms. Steinke discussed public broadband, the lower snake river dams, and Congressman Mike Simpson's plan regarding the removal of river dams.

### Don Steinke

Mr. Steinke discussed rail tank cars, the I/5 bridge, and the need to reduce emissions.

CEO Marler thanked everyone for their comments. She reminded everyone interested in speaking during Open Forum to register in advance no later than noon on Monday, the day prior to the scheduled Commission meeting.

# **ACTION ITEMS**

No action items were presented at this time.

### **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 questions were asked by the Board.

No additional unfinished business was considered.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was discussed at this time.

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Director of Finance & Accounting Scott Goodrich presented the action item as contained in the Commission's packet and discussed the recommendation with the Board. Mr. Goodrich answered questions from the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Burkman, seconded by Commissioner Orange and carried unanimously, the Port of Vancouver USA Board of Commissioners, by motion, ratifies and approves the payment of January 2021 Vouchers 103883 – 104308 in the amount of \$5,497,295.16 including Electronic Payments generated between 01/04/2021 – 01/21/2021 in the amount of \$869,839.50 and January 2021 Payroll Direct Deposits 010001 – 010124 and 030001 – 030125 in the amount of \$606,459.91.

#### **CEO REPORT**

Action taken under Resolution 2-2020: Declaration of Local Emergency and Delegation of Authority of Emergency Powers

CEO Marler shared the history behind the adoption of Resolution 2-2020 and then advised the commissioners that she has not taken any action provided her under this resolution.

#### Federal Legislative Priorities

Ryan Hart, Chief External Affairs Officer introduced the port's federal lobbyist, Dale Learn with Gordon Thomas Honeywell who updated the board on the port's draft federal legislative priorities. Mr. Hart welcomed Carson Coates with Congresswoman Herrera-Beutler's Office who was on the call. Mr. Hart also acknowledged Sarah Kohout with Senator Cantwell's Office and Bryan Stebbins with Senator Murray's Office for their work with the port.

Mr. Learn provided the Board with an update on current events in Washington D.C. and then discussed the port's draft federal legislative priorities. He answered questions from the Board.

## Project Updates

Mark Newell, Project Delivery Manager provided an update on several port projects, including:

- T1 Structural Renovation
- AC Marriott (Not a Port Contractor)
- Chlorinator System Improvements

Mr. Newell answered questions from the Board. Commissioner LaBrant commented on the work being done at Terminal 1. He stated how impressed he is with the level of work required to be completed under the surface and thanked the port team and all of the port's partners on behalf of the port and community.

### **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

Commissioner Orange stated he had the opportunity to talk with the community members joining today's virtual meeting which lead to conversations with city council members. He indicated he looks forward to working with the city on the port's climate action plan.

Commissioner Burkman stated he attended the following events and meetings:

- WPPA meeting in preparation for legislative briefings with Representative Fey and Senator Hobbs
- IBR Executive Steering Group
- MRSC virtual meeting on the Open Public Records Act and the Open Public Meetings Act
- Maritime Commerce Club meeting regarding autonomous vessels
- City of Vancouver's workshop on legislative updates
- City of Vancouver Mayor McEnerny-Ogle
- Port of Camas-Washougal Port Commissioner Cassi Marshall
- WPPA Legislative Day

He thanked the port's External Affairs Department for its recent virtual port tour video and indicated he has been sharing the video on his social media pages.

Commissioner LaBrant stated he attended the following events and meetings:

- WPPA Legislative Day
- CEO Marler
- Labor Roundtable
- CREDC Board meeting

## **WORKSHOP**

No workshop was held during this meeting.

CEO Marler 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. She added the port's recent virtual port tour has been uploaded to the site as well.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Port of Vancouver USA Board of Commissioners, the Tuesday, February 9, 2021 regular meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m. by CEO Julianna Marler.

Michelle Allan, Executive Services Manager, February 9, 2021, Regular Port of Vancouver USA Board of Commission Meeting PORT OF VANCOUVER USA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Eric LaBrant, President

Jack Burkman, Vice President

Don Orange, Secretary