

**PORT OF VANCOUVER USA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 26, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Burkman 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, April 26, 2022, at the Port of Vancouver USA Administrative Office, 3103 NW Lower River Road, Vancouver, Washington 98660.

OPENING REMARKS

Commissioner Burkman welcomed everyone to the commission meeting. He announced no executive session was held and that the meeting and the subsequent workshop is being recorded. He made introductions and stated the port is conducting a hybrid meeting for public testimony so that along with the opportunity to provide public comment at the in-person meeting, the meeting is also set up to provide virtual oral testimony opportunities. He then invited guests to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of April 12, 2022

On motion by Commissioner LaBrant, seconded by Commissioner Orange and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022, regular meeting.

OPEN FORUM

Commissioner Burkman stated that the agenda invited public comment and indicated he would take comments first from community members that signed up to provide virtual oral testimony. He added that then he would take comments from community members that signed up physically and are present in the room. He then called on the first community member to provide virtual oral testimony.

OPEN FORUM

Kristin Edmark

Ms. Edmark encouraged the port to require electric heating in all new buildings on port property and to make sure that the structures are built to support rooftop solar.

Monica Zazueta

Ms. Zazueta asked the board to prohibit gas in new construction on port property for both climate and public health reasons. She explained that there are viable, cost-effective electrification alternatives available that should be used instead and are consistent with the 2021 Washington State Energy Policy.

Tracy Ceravolo

Ms. Ceravolo read an article excerpt from *Inside Climate News* regarding global methane emissions and climate change. She also quoted the UN Secretary General regarding the same. She then asked the board to institute a no gas policy at the port.

Cathryn Chudy

Ms. Chudy read excerpts from news articles regarding air quality and air pollution. She also stated that we need our local elected representatives to ensure in every decision that energy efficiency and electrification of our buildings takes priority in current and future planning.

Commissioner Burkman thanked each community member for their comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve Lease Agreement between the Port of Vancouver USA and West Coast Sand and Gravel Inc.

Chrissy Lyons, Commercial and Industrial Sales Manager presented the action item and discussed it with the Commission.

On motion by Commissioner LaBrant, seconded by Commissioner Orange, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approve and authorize the CEO to execute the Lease Agreement at 2451 St. Francis Way between the Port of Vancouver USA and West Coast Sand and Gravel Inc.

Approve Contract with Floyd Snider for On-Call Dredge Consulting Services

Mark Newell, Project Delivery Manager presented the action item and discussed it with the Commission.

On motion by Commissioner LaBrant, seconded by Commissioner Orange, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners authorize the CEO to execute a contract with Floyd Snider for a not to exceed amount of \$700,000 to perform on-call dredge consulting services.

Rejection of Bids for Public Works Bid #22-02: Berth 17 Crane & Gallery Demolition

Thane Giles, Project Manager presented the action item and discussed it with the Commission. He answered questions from the Board.

On motion by Commissioner LaBrant, seconded by Commissioner Orange, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners reject all bids associated with Invitation to Bid 22-02: Berth 17 Crane & Gallery Demolition pursuant to RCW 53.08.130.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was considered.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

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.

Interstate Bridge Replacement Program

CEO Marler provided a brief update on the efforts and focus of the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program. She stated there have been several meetings and the Executive Steering Group has been working on the modified locally preferred alternative (LPA). She also discussed the purpose and needs of the bridge and stated they are looking at issues through a climate and equity lens. She stated other meetings discussed auxiliary lanes, safety, idling trucks, light rail transit, interchanges, and variable rate tolling. She indicated that she anticipates a briefing by the program team at the May 24 Board of Commission meeting and then in June or July, the port can look to consider endorsement of the modified LPA. She also mentioned that Commissioner Burkman has participated heavily in these meetings and represents the board on transportation and freight mobility issues.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner LaBrant stated he attended the following event and provided a brief summary of the program:

- Leadership Clark County Elected Official Round Robin

Commissioner Orange stated he attended the following events and meetings:

- CEO Marler
- Cassie Marshall, Port of Camas-Washougal Commissioner
- Victoria Lincoln, Washington Public Ports Association

Commissioner Orange also thanked Julie Rawls for keeping the board updated with regular emails on port-related news and events.

Commissioner Burkman stated he attended the following events and meetings and provided a brief summary of some of the meetings he attended:

- CEO Marler
- Senator Maria Cantwell Press Conference
- Annual Business Leaders Regional Transportation Summit
- Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Executive Steering Group
- Legislative Bi-State Committee on the I-5 Bridge
- Agricultural Panel Discussion at Pacific NW Waterways Association
- Labor Roundtable
- City of Vancouver Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle

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 Tuesday, May 10 at 8:30 a.m. She also highlighted several other upcoming community events and let folks know that eight port tours have been scheduled beginning in June through September. She stated the tours fill up quickly and encouraged folks to sign up if they are interested in attending.

Commissioner Burkman reminded everyone of the ways they can communicate with the Commission. He stated there is a great deal of information available on the port's website and encouraged everyone to check it out.

RECESS

Commissioner Burkman called a recess at 9:09 a.m. to prepare for the port's workshop on Sustainability/Climate Action Plan – 2021 Accomplishments.

WORKSHOP

Sustainability/Climate Action Plan – 2021 Accomplishments

Commissioner Burkman reopened the meeting at 9:15 a.m. for a workshop on Sustainability/Climate Action Plan – 2021 Accomplishments, led by Environmental Program Manager Mary Mattix.

Port Environmental Program Manager Mary Mattix provided a presentation about the sustainability efforts at the port. She discussed the development of the port's Sustainability Committee and the benefit of planning and setting goals. She indicated the goal areas for sustainability include the three P's – People, Planet and Profit - and provided the following examples of 2021 accomplishments:

- **People: Social Equity Goals**
 - Community engagement
 - Partnerships and Events
 - Safety
 - Employment
 - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee

- **Profit: Economic Goals**
 - Sound financial practices
 - Efficiencies
 - Diversified revenue
 - Planning for the future
 - Tenant support
 - Transportation

- **Planet: Environmental Goals**
 - Natural resources
 - Efficiencies
 - Water Quality
 - Climate Action Plan

In addition, she discussed 2022 sustainability goals and where sustainability reports are located on the port's website.

CEO Marler and the commissioners thanked Mary, the Sustainability Committee and everyone at the port for their sustainable efforts and continuous improvements.

RECESS

Commissioner Burkman called a recess at 9:53 a.m. to sign documents and prepare for the port's administrative update/work session regarding an energy policy discussion.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE/ WORK SESSION

Commissioner Burkman reopened the meeting at 10:12 a.m. for an administrative work session regarding an energy policy. A discussion was held with the board and staff to understand current activities and future considerations to increase electrification opportunities.

Commissioner Burkman called a recess at 11:03 a.m. and the administrative work session reconvened at 11:12 a.m.

The administrative update/work session concluded at 11:36 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

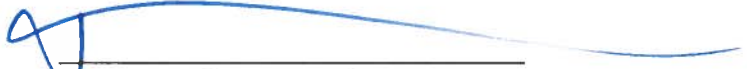
There being no further business to come before the Port of Vancouver USA Board of Commissioners, the Tuesday, April 26, 2022, regular meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m. by Commissioner Burkman.

Michelle Allan, Executive Services
Manager, April 26, 2022, Regular
Port of Vancouver USA Board of
Commission Meeting

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