



**Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 26, 2023**

Commission President Amy Harding called the Commission Meeting of June 26, 2023, to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Percival Plaza at 626 Columbia Street NW, Suite 1B, Olympics Room, in Olympia, Washington.

Present

Commissioners: Amy Harding, President; Joe Downing, Vice President; and Bob Iyall, Secretary.

Staff: Rudy Rudolph, Acting Executive Director; Rick Hughes, Port General Counsel; Ben McDonald, Director of Human Resources and Administration; Warren Hendrickson, Airport Senior Manager; James Sommer, Capital Assets Senior Manager; Hannah Ellis, Accounting Coordinator; and Missy Goodell, Executive and Commission Coordinator.

Guests: Jim Maul, Gemini Environmental Strategies; and Maia Bellon, Cascadia Law Group.

Public: Twenty-four individuals attended virtually over Zoom.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Iyall moved to approve the agenda as presented; Commissioner Harding moved to add Capitol Little League Update as Item #4 under Pending Issues or Business. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Downing made a motion to move the Budd Inlet Remediation Consultant Agreement Amendments (1.a. through 1.g.) from the Consent Calendar to the Action Calendar. Commissioner Harding seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Downing moved to add an item to the Advisory Calendar as item #3 entitled "Inclusions to Capitol Lake/Deschutes Estuary Proposed Interlocal Agreement." Commissioner Iyall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Iyall moved to approve the agenda as amended; Commissioner Downing seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Report

Acting Executive Director Rudy Rudolph reported on recent Port events and activities.

Public Comment

Twenty individuals provided public comment.

Consent Calendar

Commissioner Downing moved to approve the Consent Calendar as amended. Commissioner Iyall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Pending Issues

1. Remote/Joint Commission Meetings. Rudy Rudolph, Acting Executive Director, reported that arrangements are currently underway to conduct remote/joint commission meetings.
2. Commission Compensation. Acting Executive Director Rudolph reported that a recent summary on commission compensation at various Washington ports had been shared with Commissioners.
3. FAA Land Release. There was no current update to this item at this time.
4. Capitol Little League Update. Warren Hendrickson, Airport Senior Manager, reported that two meetings have been planned between the Port of Olympia and Capitol Little League to determine a resolution to this situation.

Action Calendar

Budd Inlet Remediation Consultant Agreement Amendments.

- a. Leeward Strategies
- b. Dalton, Olmsted & Fuglevand (DOF)
- c. Cascadia Law Group
- d. Cascadia Policy Group
- e. Gemini Environmental Strategies
- f. Christopher L. Reive
- g. Lund Faucett

Commissioner Downing moved to approve the Budd Inlet Remediation Consultant Agreement Amendments. Commissioner Iyall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Action/Other Calendar

Executive Director Compensation. Ben McDonald, Director of Human Resources and Administration, reported that the 2022 performance review was completed for the executive director and the Commission is tasked with determining compensation for that position.

Motion: Commissioner Iyall moved to increase the executive director's pay by 4% retroactive to January 1, 2023, which is when all other Port employees received their general wage increase. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion. Motion passed 2 to 1.

Public Comment on Action/Other Items

No comments were provided.

Advisory Calendar

Agreement No. 2023-1021 Moffatt & Nichol MARAD PIDP Grant. James Sommer, Capital Assets Program Manager, presented background on the grant application process, award amounts, project elements and grant support tasks related to the Moffatt & Nichol MARAD PIDP grant.

Capitol Lake – Deschutes Estuary Resolution of Support – Maia Bellon of Cascadia Law Group reported on the draft Resolution of Support for the Capitol Lake – Deschutes Estuary which will be reviewed and finalized at a future Work Session.

Inclusions to Capitol Lake/Deschutes Estuary Proposed Interlocal Agreement – Commissioner Downing read a statement he prepared regarding long range impacts of this project.

Public Comment on Advisory Items

Four individuals provided public comment.

Commissioner Reports/Discussion

Each commissioner provided an update of their current activities in the community.

Other Business

None.

Meeting Announcements

Interim Executive Director Rudy Rudolph provided information on upcoming Commission meetings.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

PORT OF OLYMPIA COMMISSION

Comm. Harding

Comm. Harding (Jan 2, 2024 08:23 PST)

President, Amy Harding

Comm. Downing

Comm. Downing (Dec 26, 2023 22:00 PST)

Vice President, Joe Downing

Comm. Iyall

Comm. Iyall (Jan 2, 2024 07:05 PST)

Secretary, Bob Iyall