

Commission Work Session Minutes Monday, May 20, 2024

Work Session

Commission President Bob Iyall called the Commission Work Session of May 20, 2024, to order at 3:34 p.m. at the Percival Plaza at 626 Columbia Street NW, Suite 1B, Olympics Room, in Olympia, Washington.

Present

<u>Commissioners</u>: Jasmine Vasavada, Vice President; Sarah Tonge, Secretary; Maggie Sanders and Amy Harding.

Attended Virtually: Bob Iyall, President.

<u>Staff</u>: Alex Smith, Executive Director; Camille St. Onge, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Commission Affairs; Clarita Mattox, Real Estate Senior Manager; and Missy Goodell, Executive and Commission Coordinator.

<u>Guest Speakers</u>: Kara Riebold, Executive Director, Port of Whitman and Gina Stark, Economic Development Project Manager, Port of Bellingham.

Public: Seven individuals attended virtually over Zoom.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Tonge moved to approve the agenda as presented; Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Broadband and Washington Ports</u>. Camille St. Onge, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Commission Affairs gave a background on the challenges in Washington state with broadband accessibility.

Kara Riebold, Executive Director at the Port of Whitman and Gina Stark, Economic Development Project Manager at the Port of Bellingham, provided a detailed presentation on their port's work with broadband in their communities.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

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