



Commission Work Session Minutes Monday, April 17, 2023

Commission President Amy Harding called the Commission Work Session of April 17, 2023, to order at 2:30 p.m. at the Percival Plaza at 626 Columbia Street NW, Suite 1B, Olympics Room, In Olympia, Washington.

Present

Commissioners: Amy Harding, President and Bob Iyall, Secretary.

Attended Virtually: Commissioner Joe Downing, Vice President.

Staff: Sam Gibboney, Executive Director; Rudy Rudolph, Operations Director; Patricia Soule, Finance Director; Ben McDonald, HR and Administrative Director; Warren Hendrickson, Airport Senior Manager; Danny Kim, GL Accountant; and Missy Goodell, Executive and Commission Coordinator.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Iyall moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Downing.

Commissioner Downing moved to amend the agenda after the Small Cities Projects Presentations, entitled Statement of Support for Executive Director. Commissioner Iyall seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Commissioner Harding moved to further amend the agenda, adding an item after the Statement of Support for Executive Director entitled: adding vote regarding signing multi-jurisdictional letter supporting Deschutes Estuary to April 24 Commission Meeting agenda. Commissioner Iyall seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

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

Small Cities Projects Presentations

Danny Kim, GL Accountant, gave an overview of the Small Cities Program and how the program will assist the Cities of Bucoda, Yelm, Tenino and Rainier. Rob Gordon, Mayor of Bucoda, gave an overview of the projects that will be completed with the funds awarded to them.

Statement of Support for Executive Director

Commissioner Downing read a statement on behalf of the Port Commission:

This is a statement of support for our Executive Director, Sam Gibboney. Sam is a thoughtful and smart administrator. She has led the Port through the difficult COVID period, and overseen the changing of certain personnel who did not support the direction the Port was taking.

We believe that Sam Gibboney is the right person to continue to lead the organization. Under her leadership, we have many new initiatives that bring economic development to the area. We have an organization made up of folks with increasing morale, and a love for their work. We trust Sam, and believe she exemplifies high ethical and moral standards. We want to thank Sam and Port staff for moving the Port in a good direction, with visible results.

Discussion Around Multi-Jurisdictional Letter and adding it to the Action/Other portion of the April 24, 2023 Commission Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Harding suggested adding this item to the April 24, 2023 Commission Meeting Agenda, as an Action/Other item to be voted on by the Commission.

Commissioner Iyall stated that he is not against putting this discussion on the April 24, 2023 Commission Meeting agenda as he would like more information.

Commissioner Harding moved to add the agenda item "Discussion around Multi-Jurisdictional Letter supporting Deschutes Estuary" to the April 24, 2023 Commission Meeting agenda. Commissioner Iyall seconded the motion. Two votes in the affirmative were received; one vote in the negative. Motion passed.

Upcoming Topics

Sam Gibboney, Executive Director, shared a list of upcoming topics at future commission meetings.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

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Comm. Harding

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President, Amy Harding

Comm. Downing

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Vice President, Joe Downing

Comm. Iyall

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Secretary, Bob Iyall