

**PORT OF ORCAS
SPECIAL MEETING NOTES
AUGUST 9, 2021**

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Commissioners Present: Mia Kartiganer, Pierrette Guimond, Michael Triplett, Robert Hamilton, Bea vonTobel

Staff Present: Jeannie Sharpe

Members of the Public Present: Thomas Gilman, Rebekah Selwyn, Rachel Berkowitz, Greg Oaksen, Tuck Wilson et al not identified

CALL TO ORDER/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chair Kartiganer called the Zoom meeting to order at 12:30pm, and verified presence of a quorum.

The chair, noting that this was scheduled as a work meeting, and therefore informal, no decisions were to be made and no public access time had been scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of 5-year plan

The chair queried each commissioner in turn to ask for thoughts about the current 5-year plan as adopted.

Robert noted that he thought the current 5-year plan was a little ridiculous, had been arrived at with little commissioner input. He wished to examine the priorities, and presented a matrix which outlined 5 areas of concern: airside safety, commercial operations, private pilot operations, fiscal responsibility and community involvement.

Michael added that having boxes ticked off in a timeline was most important to the FAA but not necessarily in the order in which the port might accomplish them.

Pierrette noted that her goal was to keep the plan simple, and said that removal of the biplane hangar removal and westside wetland area were most important. Meeting the FAA standards for safety and keeping the status of being a small rural airport should be foremost.

Bea stressed the need to be a full-service airport, with Robert's matrix in mind. Becoming a port district in the full sense of the RCWs meant having water access, so that conversations with SJC Public Works might be a start. EV charging stations and the move to equipment electrification and stormwater management through the airport were also of importance.

Michael added that hearing back from Ben (FAA) about the use of the current 5-year plan, including the acquisition of the Vierthaler property was of current importance, and obtaining FAA writing into that contract re Vierthaler use of the property during/after purchase was imperative.

Mia noted that her conversations with SJC Commissioner Wolf had produced a good level of understanding and progress.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2021 at 5:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bea vonTobel, Secretary