

**PORT OF ORCAS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 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: Leith Templin, Kevin?, Jason Laursen, Charles T, Janet Schaeffer, et al not verified

CALL TO ORDER/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chair Kartiganer called the Zoom meeting to order at 12:30pm noting presence of a quorum. The chair stated that this special meeting was scheduled in a discussion format so that items of interest might be discussed, with no official actions taken.

PUBLIC ACCESS TIME

Since there were several members of the public present, they were asked if they had specific concerns for the commissioners to give ear to.

Charles and Leith both gave concerns and suggestions about a proposal for possible development on the SW port property bordering North Beach and Mt. Baker Rds which had been shared by Commissioner Triplett. As members of EPRC, which includes this property as part of the Eastsound Subarea planning zone responsibility, concerns were expressed about the possibility of the addition of additional traffic on North Beach Rd near the intersection. Among additional concerns, a degradation of the character of the intersection and additional building-out further north on North Beach Rd, could create major traffic problems at the intersection. It was noted that the port originally had two access points to the property, one of which was lost during the Mt. Baker Rd upgrade. All suggestions and comments were taken under advisement for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion: 5-year Plan

Discussion included an update on information from the FAA regarding the port's concept of purchasing the Vierthaler property, with more information to be available after a phone conversation on Thursday. Sources of funding for purchase were also discussed, with loans from WSDOT or IDC being possibilities. Regarding how possible hangar construction on the favored westside parcel location, the port needs to consider whether the port or an outside contractor would be hampered by prevailing wage statutes. Further discussion on revisions of major port documents and the upcoming 2022 budget were had, and commissioner and staff attendance at WPPA meetings was urged.

The airport manager noted that selection of WHPacific to prepare wetland resource documents for westside property development had been completed.

Commissioner vonTobel will chat with SJCPW regarding possible stormwater plans for the northerly flow of stormwater through the port.

Jason Laursen offered to attend the WPPA small ports seminar at his own expense, as his term as commissioner will be determined at the November election.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will occur on September 27, 2021 at 5:00pm via Zoom unless otherwise announced. The meeting was adjourned at 1:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bea vonTobel, Secretary