

**PORT OF ORCAS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 27, 2023**

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**Commissioners Present:** Robert Hamilton, Michael Triplett, Jason Laursen, Mia Kartiganer, Bea vonTobel.

**Staff Present:** Kim Kimple

**Public Present:** Pierrette Guimond, Rick Christmas, Lora York, Claire & Thomas Palmer, Bruce Benton, Ed Addicks, Jason Bradshaw, Rick Fant, et al not verified.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hamilton called the zoom and in-person meeting to order at 5:00pm, noting a quorum.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

Two items were added under Old Business:

3. Weed Pulling Date

4. Deer Harbor Yacht Club Dock

One item was added under New Business

3. Drainage Analysis Study with Wetland Delineation Scope of Service

**PUBLIC ACCESS**

None at this time.

**MONTHLY BUSINESS**

**1. Approval of Previous Minutes---Regular Meeting February 27, 2023**

After corrections were made, Jason moved, Mia seconded approval of corrected minutes of the regular meeting of February 27, 2023, and the motion passed.

**2. Approval of Vouchers Paid by Auditing Officer**

Michael moved, Mia seconded approval of vouchers a.-b. as presented, and the motion passed.

a. 03/14/2023 Airport Operations \$3,735.30

b. 03/24/2023 Payroll \$15,133.42

The double-billing question from the preceding month has been resolved by the manager, but resolution of some utility invoices will be clarified and corrected.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**1. Manager's Report**

This report, previously posted online, was expanded on by the airport manager with input from the commissioners. Mia had contacted WPPA re the legal status of public payment for use of the EV charging station.

Work party/parties have been suggested to help with maintenance of wetland planted areas.

Conversations between SJC Public Works et al are needed to answer questions remaining on drainage mitigation work within the airport drainage basin.

**2. Financial Reports**

These reports have been posted online.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Eastsound Sewer and Water Use of Port Property for Passage Resolution Discussion

Jason Bradshaw, manager for ESWD, was present and inquired about use of port property for septage storage during the construction of a new treatment cell, noting that such use would be for a period of 10-12 months. After discussion, Jason was asked to provide a written proposal, as the district had not planned for possible costs involved, and the port had not approved use of space without recompense. The current resolution remains on the books.

### 2. Property Issues: County Airport Overlay

Mia reported her investigation noting that the overlay is currently in force with no action being taken to eliminate it. Bea reported that in a conversation with Heather Stansbury, current project manager for the Pea Patch Project, she was aware of the port's concern re density and noise concerns within the project area. Rick Fant added that in his contact with the county planning commission noted that the county is not in charge of changes with the overlay district, and to his knowledge, was not in favor of any changes.

### 3. Weed Pulling Dates

The airport manager, who has been in touch with the YCC and others, has scheduled April 15<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup> as possible days to engage the public in helping maintain wetland planted areas.

### 4. Deer Harbor Yacht Club Dock

Discussion centered on how any financial help in modernizing this facility might be offset, as help from SJCPW would provide free use if the county owned the facility. The situation might change if the port were to own the facility. In the end, this discussion leaned more toward the county as an investor in funding.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Commissioner Seat #3 and Seat #5 Election Filing: May 15-19, 2023

This item was noted as a reminder to the commissioners and public of upcoming elections.

### 2. Reminder: Personal Financial Affairs Disclosure Report Due April 17, 2023

This item was noted as a reminder for current commissioners.

### 3. Drainage Study Scope of Work and Fee Proposal

This SOW had been presented to the port, with the 90% funding level from the port, 5% from the state and 5% from the port (approximately \$5,000) for completion. As it is in the current master plan, after discussion Michael moved, Jason seconded allowing the port manager to proceed with the grant application, and the motion passed.

## PUBLIC ACCESS

Rick Fant reminded participants that ports are essentially economic development agencies, which includes facilities that are not-for-profit and available to the public. Owning a year-round dock in Eastsound could generate benefits beyond dollars, augmenting the community.

Pierrette Guimond noted that boating is seasonal and questioned the need for port investment.

## NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:00pm Monday April 24, 2023, zoom and in person. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bea vonTobel, Secretary