

**PORT OF ORCAS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 22, 2023**

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**Commissioners Present:** Robert Hamilton, Mia Kartiganer, Michel Triplett, Jason Laursen, Bea vonTobel (all present in person)

**Staff Present:** Kim Kimple

**Public Present:** Bruce Benton, James Richardson, Pierrette Guimond, Ed Addicks, Bob Phalan, Annelies Schuh, Bob Waunch, Rick Fant, Stephen Schrader, et al not verified

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

None made.

**PUBLIC ACCESS**

The chair, noting that candidates who had registered to run for open commission seats were present, thanked them for their interest in the port and expressing their desire to become commissioners. He wondered whether the LWV (League of Women Voters) would again host public meetings to become acquainted with candidates for various positions.

**MONTHLY BUSINESS**

**1. Approval of Vouchers**

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

- a. 05/16/2023 Port Operations \$10,096.89
- b. 05/16/2023 Port Operations \$98,906.51
- c. 05/16/2023 Port Capital \$5,649.00
- d. 05/16/2023 Port Operations \$25.00

Discussion involved payments to WHPacific and delivery of services and supervision of same.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**1. Manager's Report**

The report, posted online, was supplemented with the following information:

- The FAA has accepted the bid approvals for the removal of the biplane hangar, and bid awarding is imminent.
- There is no date of arrival yet for the PAPI units. A lack of communication with WHPacific and oversight of same was noted.
- Scotch broom was removed from port property on 5/13, with a second 'pulling' to occur 6/11.
- Fuel will arrive Thursday.

**2. Financial Reports**

These will be posted online upon completion before the end of the current month.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. EV Charger Grant Status**

Bruce Bennett, who is overseeing this large island-wide grant submission, was present to update the commissioners and public about the status of this submission. He noted that it will be completed Thursday and sent Friday so as to arrive before the EOM submission date. He has assembled endorsements from OPALCO, state and federal elected officials, letters from all site hosts. The budget elements are yet TBD, but the grant ask is for \$343+K. A commitment of \$16-17K from the port will be needed if and when the grant is awarded and the port goes ahead with the next steps, which would need to be reflected in the 2024 budget.

The commissioners and Kim gave Bruce wholehearted thanks for his diligent work in moving this application through the many hurdles to bring it this far.

### **2. Eastsound Sewer and Water Use of Port Property**

ESW is working on a proposal which should be ready for presentation at the June meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Resolution 2023 05 22a – Planning Grant**

After a public reading and discussion by commissioners, this resolution was adopted and signed by the commissioners, and deals with a grant application to WSDOT/Aviation for study of westside development requirements.

### **2. Introduction of Port Commissioner Candidates**

Chair Hamilton introduced Rick Fant, Annelies Schuh, Bob Phalan and current commissioner Mia Kartiganer as candidates for port commission positions and asked each to introduce himself/herself and say a few words. All offered introductions except Bob Phalan, who had technical difficulties with his connections into the online meeting.

### **3. Schedule Community Port Candidate Q&A**

Chair Hamilton noted that unless the LWV schedules such a forum, the port will entertain such a session at the July 24, 2023 meeting, which precedes the August primary vote.

## **PUBLIC ACCESS**

Bob Waunch asked about public use of the proposed charging station, which was answered by Bruce Benton.

Chair Hamilton noted that in his business travels, he has learned that Representative Rick Larsen is highly-respected as a leader in transportation issues.

## **NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for in-person and zoom at 5:00pm June 26, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bea vonTobel, Secretary