

PORT OF THE DALLES COMMISSION
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 5:30 p.m.
Video Meeting via Zoom

The Regular Session Meeting of the Port Commissioners was called to order by President Greg Weast at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FY 2021/2022 OPENED AT 5:30 p.m.: No comments or questions were received

ROLL CALL Executive Assistant Toepke

COMMISSION Greg Weast, Robert Wallace, Staci Coburn, David Griffith, John Willer

STAFF Andrea Klaas, Executive Director; Jennifer Toepke, Executive Assistant; Bill Dick, Attorney

GUESTS Mike Courtney, Carl Schwartz, Bob Haechrel, Debi Ferrer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE President Weast

AGENDA CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS None

PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTION Debi Ferrer representing Protect Oregon's Progress, Climate Action Committee requested the Port Commission take serious change against Global Warming; statement enclosed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS As included in meeting packet, plus Commissioner Griffith may join Executive Director Klaas on KODL Coffee Break on Friday, September 17, 2021

REPORTS

1. *Staff Report* Executive Director Klaas Stands as included in meeting packet.
2. *Committee Reports*
 - *Community Outreach Team* Commissioner Weast Wasco County Commissioner Scott Hege took over as Chair of the COT. The trip to Washington, D.C. scheduled for September was cancelled due to the pandemic. Focus meetings can be held via video if the need arises this winter.
 - *Wasco County Economic Development Committee* EA Toepke Attendance of first meeting. EDC is currently working on their Strategic Plan Update. Full report at October's meeting.
 - *Urban Renewal* Commissioner Coburn Unable to attend the meeting. That said, there is nothing new to report.
 - *Dufur* Commissioner Wallace Nothing specific to highlight this month.
 - *The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce* Commissioner Griffith One of the best resources for the community is their newsletter.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FY 2021/2022 CLOSED AT 5:45 p.m.: No comments or questions were received

ACTION ITEMS

1. **August 11, 2021, Regular Session Meeting Minutes** were Approved by Consensus
2. **August 27, 2021, Special Session Meeting Minutes** were Approved by Consensus
3. **August 2021 Financial Reports** were Approved by Consensus
4. **The Dalles Marina Rules & Regulations-Amendment 09-15-2021** M/J. Willer, S/S. Coburn. Motion Approved Unanimously

5. **Resolution No. 21-005 Authorizing an Interfund Loan from the General Fund to Marina Fund** M/J. Willer, S/D. Griffith, Motion Approved Unanimously
6. **Resolution No. 21-006 Adopting a Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022** M/S. Coburn, S/R. Wallace, Motion Approved Unanimously
7. **Resolution No. 21-007 Authorizing Budget Transfers, Making Appropriations, Authorizing Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2021-2022** M/D. Griffith, S/R. Wallace, Motion Approved Unanimously

COMMISSION CALL

1. Commissioner Griffith Glad to see the support for Rural Innovation – encourage entrepreneurs to do new things.
2. Commissioner Coburn Nothing at this time.
3. Commissioner Willer Expressed disappointment about the illegal tree cut.
4. Commissioner Wallace Doesn't have anything for this month.
5. Commissioner Weast Compliments to staff on their hard work. Also disappointed about the tree cut. Would like the Commissioners to think about getting jobs to the community.


THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE PORT COMMISSION, the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

PORT OF THE DALLES:



Greg Weast, President
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



David A. Griffith, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

DATE APPROVED: October 13, 2021

Prepared by: Jennifer Toepke, Executive Assistant

POP Climate Committee - Draft Statement for the Port of The Dalles
Wednesday September 15, 9:00 am

Members of the Port Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity for citizens to share their concerns. Today I'm speaking on behalf of a local group of citizens, called Protect Oregon's Progress and other residents who are concerned by the impacts of global warming.

We are here this evening to ask the Port Commission to take seriously the threat climate change poses – including drought, fires, disease, displacement, and severe and erratic weather. Your actions now have the potential to affect our community for decades to come. As you plan for the future, we ask that you look at things through a lens of climate change. The time for debating whether or not this is “real” is over. Climate change is upon us. Now it's time for all leaders to take action.

We see three major questions that we all should be asking ourselves as we make decisions going forward:

- How can we mitigate the impacts of climate change?
- How can we adapt to the impacts of climate change?
- What can we do to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions?

Obviously, answers to these questions deserve much more thought and discussion than we have time for tonight. We hope this is just the beginning.

It is essential to acknowledge that there is a cost to act, but also a cost to not act.

Consider, for example, that a third of U.S. residents live in a county that was struck by a climate-fueled disaster just in the [last three months](#). Many of those events set new records and led to billions of dollars in damages. Locally, I think it's safe to say most of us don't want more record heat waves like we had this past summer. Globally, the [newest report](#) by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change informs us that the planet is entering the hottest period in the last 125,000 years.

Several of our neighboring communities are way ahead of us on this front, which is good news for us – we can learn from their experiences. This is certainly not something our community has to figure out on its own.

We want to emphasize that this is an **opportunity** for our community - an opportunity to be leaders in a changing economy, to establish local renewable sources of energy to keep costs down, and to work together toward a more livable future. We urge you to begin this planning, along with the various city councils in the county, the Wasco County Board of Commissioners, and other local stakeholders, to start building a healthier, more vibrant, more resilient community for us all.

Protect Oregon's Progress
Climate Action Committee