

PORT OF THE DALLES COMMISSION
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Port Administrative Office, The Dalles, Oregon

The Regular Session Meeting of the Port Commissioners was called to order by President Wallace at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL Executive Director Klaas

- COMMISSION Robert Wallace, President; Greg Weast, Vice-President; Staci Coburn, Treasurer; John Willer, Secretary; Mary Hanlon, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
- STAFF Andrea Klaas, Executive Director; Bill Dick, Attorney, Dick, Dick & Corey
In attendance via telephone: Jennifer Toepke, Executive Assistant/Bookkeeper
- GUESTS Brad Lohrey, Yacht Club; Eric Macnab, The Dalles Marina, LLC; Kristi Timmons, Robin Denning, Stephanie Bowen; Representing The Dalles High School Bond Initiative

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Commissioner Coburn

AGENDA CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS *None*

PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTION *None*

COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATE Brad Lohrey, Commodore, The Dalles Yacht Club

The new Commodore of the Yacht Club since July. Have been a boathouse owner at The Dalles Marina for the last 2.5 years on C-Finger. The Marina has grown, people want to see the place look good and they're taking great care of it. I am an economic development guy, if we care, then the community cares. I am a Sherman County Resident and am currently the Sheriff but am retiring next year. I have been running a Marine Program for the last 20 years. In the community people don't even know about The Dalles Yacht Club. Our goal as a Club is we really want to get the boating community more involved. My main goal is to get the fuel pumps advanced. And the other thing I am really interested in is the Coastguard Auxiliary. The Coastguard Auxiliary likes to partner with Yacht Clubs – they train people to help people when emergency services are not available. That is a little about me, I am open to questions.

Kristi Timmons, Community Advisory Committee Member, The Dalles High School Bond

Joining Kristi Timmons: Robin Denning and Stephanie Bowen, both who work for the School District. The three gave a brief about the bond and took questions and comments from the Commission. Kristi posed the following questions for the Commission to consider: Would it be possible for the Port to support the Bond publicly? If the bond passed, can we ask for the Port's support? Perhaps to develop Hostetler? Sitting on the committee's we have would really be appreciated. Questions and discussion points brought up by the Commission: How did the High School get to this stage of disrepair? Having a long-term plan – 5 years/10 years/20 years, etc.? Property Tax breakdown that is understandable. Why is it okay for the administration, early education to use the existing building – but not the High School? Tentative concept mockups and potential site maps would be appreciated.

ACTION ITEMS

1. August 9, 2023, Regular Session Meeting Minutes Stand as presented.
2. September 13, 2023, Regular Session Meeting Minutes Stand as presented, after making the change: "have" to "gave", top line of pg 28
3. September 2023 Financial Reports Treasurer Coburn Stand as presented.

REPORTS

1. Director's Report Executive Director Klaas *Stands as included in meeting packet, plus concerning The Dalles Community Outreach Team's (COT) trip to Washington, D.C.: Executive Director Klaas proposed getting The Dalles Marina identified as the point on the Columbia River that is critical should there be a Cascadia Event. The COT met with the Governor's Staff in Washington, D.C., Annie McCullough, who suggested specific language to use and different pots to look for money in. To identify where the money is located. Also during the COT's meeting with Senator Wyden, he offered to speak with Senator Crapo to request support as our waterway(s) are the same waterway.*
2. The Dalles Marina, LLC, Q1 FY 2023-2024 Concessionaire Report Owner/Operator Eric Macnab *Contract up at the end of June. Long term goal would be to build D Dock back. But to do that we'd like to have a long-term contract, private partnership, etc. 3 years would not be long enough. We'd like it to be 10-20 years. Get this done sooner than later, so that we can get the process of D Dock coming back sooner. *Commissioners Coburn and Hanlon were asked to be on a Marina Committee with Port Staff to review the current Concessionaire Agreement and the future of the Marina.*
3. The Dalles Community Outreach Team Commissioner Weast & Executive Director Klaas *GW October 23rd the Team is going to meet to do a debrief on the trip to Washington, D.C.*

4. Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency Board Commissioner Coburn There was a meeting last month, but not a whole lot of activity. The Town and Country Building will be completed. The Jantzen Beach Carousel is coming to downtown The Dalles in the next 3-5 years!
5. Wasco County Economic Development Commission Executive Assistant Toepke Nothing to report currently.
6. Dufur Commissioner Wallace We've heard word that an agreement was reached on the wastewater project. Thank you to everyone for coming out to Dufur last month for the meeting, it turned out so well!

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS *Stands as presented.*

COMMISSION CALL Commissioner Hanlon will unfortunately not attend the November & December's Port Commission Meetings, due to travel. Commissioner Hanlon received a Restore Oregon Excellence in Historic Renovation Award! Commissioner Weast gave appreciation to Executive Assistant Toepke for getting the meeting ready while unwell. Commissioner Weast informed the room that Dan Mahr is leaving Senator Merkley's Office but is staying in the community to do so consultancy.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE PORT COMMISSION, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

PORT OF THE DALLES:



Robert Wallace, President
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



John Willer, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

DATE APPROVED: December 6, 2023

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