

PORT OF THE DALLES COMMISSION
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 14, 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 Weast at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL Executive Assistant Toepke

- COMMISSION Greg Weast, President; Robert Wallace, Vice-President; David Griffith, Secretary
 - ABSENT Staci Coburn, Treasurer; John Willer, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
- STAFF Andrea Klaas, Executive Director; Jennifer Toepke, Executive Assistant/Bookkeeper; Bill Dick, Attorney, Dick, Dick & Corey
- MEDIA Alana Lackner, Columbia Gorge News

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Commissioner Wallace

AGENDA CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS *No Director's Report*

PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTION *Former Commissioners' Mike Courtney & Bob McFadden and former Port Employee Kathy Norton all gave appreciation and praise for Commissioner Griffith's service to the Port of The Dalles and his community, on the occasion of his last Port Commission Meeting.*

COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATE Roger Kline, General Manager & Kurt Conger, Assistant General Manager, Northern Wasco County People's Utility District *See enclosed presentation.*

ACTION ITEMS

1. May 10, 2023, Regular Session Meeting Minutes *Stand as presented.*
2. May 2023 Financial Reports Treasurer Coburn *Stand as presented.*
3. Resolution No. 2023-003 Authorizing Budget Transfers and Adopting a Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 *M/D. Griffith, S/R. Wallace, Motion Approved Unanimously*

REPORTS

1. Director's Report Executive Director Klaas *None.*
2. Strategic Business Plan Update Report Executive Director Klaas *Work session prior*
3. Committee Reports:
 - The Dalles Community Outreach Team Commissioner Weast & Executive Director Klaas *September to Washington, D.C.; The City of The Dalles may be picking up the leadership role of the COT; Dan Spatz is the new Economic Development Officer (EDO) at The City of The Dalles.*
 - Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency Board Commissioner Coburn *Commissioner Coburn is not present to give report.*
 - The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce Board Commissioner Griffith *When the Port has another vacancy a Latino Commissioner should be added to the Commission. If that is not possible, then perhaps expand the Commission – as Latino's are a 1/3 of the population. Chamber Highlights: Capacity Grant from Travel Oregon for a Business Tools and Training for Latino Businesses is getting in gear with partners: SBDC of the Gorge and Next Door; Summer has arrived and our visitor center is buzzing with guests and calls asking what is there to do!, We are referring all ships, hotels, and guests to our community calendar for things to do in the area, so if you aren't on it you will not be in front of our guests. ALL and ANY events can be added to the calendar and for the general public; our new Explore The Dalles Brochures just got delivered and we will be looking for volunteers to help us stuff, count, and get ready to be distributed all over the state; Parade application for the 4th of July Parade is set for June 27, We are hoping for a GREAT turnout to celebrate the 4th; NEXT networking is the Morning Buzz, June 27, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at AmeriTitle (100 W 2nd St, The Dalles, OR 97058); Our Tourism Budget for 2023-2024 was just adopted with the Adoption of the City's full budget this past Monday, June 12th.*
 - Dufur Commissioner Wallace *Cherry harvest is late because of the cool spring we had. Preharvest cherry tours were led by an OSU Extension sponsored group tour. The cherries look good! OSU Extension also sponsored a Wasco County Wheat tour – wheat is at average or slightly below average. It was interesting attending both tours. Ag related: chicken poultry processing! There is a group that bought a farm just west of Dufur – Carbon Farm, that is processing poultry. School: A continued look for funding for a school-based health center; a grant has already been obtained for \$100,000.00. One Community Health is also sponsoring. \$76,000.00 has already been raised – so about halfway there. They are hoping to open the facility in January 2024. The school received a Seismic Grant for \$2.1 million; it will help shore up the concrete walls/structure.*
 - Wasco County Economic Development Commission Executive Assistant Toepke *Report to be given in July.*

REGULAR SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:43 P.M. & EXECUTIVE SESSION COMMENCED AT 7:43 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION as allowed by ORS 192.660(2)(e) Real Property Transactions and ORS 192.660(2)(h) Conferring with Legal Counsel regarding litigation *Media representatives are instructed not to report or disclose matters discussed in Executive Session None

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 8:03 P.M. & REGULAR SESSION RESUMED AT 8:03 P.M.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION None

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS *Correct June 4, 2023, to July 4, 2023.*

COMMISSION CALL *Thanks were given and expressed to Commissioner Griffith by Commissioner Wallace and Commissioner Weast. Commissioner Griffith gave thanks to the Commission, one by one; to Executive Director Klaas; and to Port Attorney Dick. In closing Commissioner Weast read into record the following thank you's from The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce and Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, then presented Commissioner Griffith with a present of thanks and appreciation from the Port.*

"Dear David Griffith, We would like to express our deepest gratitude for your exceptional service and unwavering commitment as the representative for the Port of The Dalles on The Dalles Area Chamber's Board of Directors. Your dedication, active engagement, and tireless efforts have greatly contributed to the success of our organization. We are truly grateful for your outstanding contributions and the positive impact you have made. Thank you for your invaluable service! Lisa Farquharson, President/CEO, The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce"

"David, Thank you for your engaged and thoughtful service to our community through your role on the Port Commission. Your years of service on the MCEDD Board representing Ports in the region made an impact on The Dalles and the region as a whole! Carrie Pipinich, Deputy Director of Economic Development, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District"

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE PORT COMMISSION, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

PORT OF THE DALLES:



Robert O. Wallace, President
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



John Willer, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

DATE APPROVED: July 12, 2023

Prepared by: Jennifer Toepke, Executive Assistant/Bookkeeper

POTD Commissioners Meeting

6/14/2023

NWCPUD Report to Commissioners

Local Developments:

CGIC RiverTrail Substation Capabilities

- Built originally for TLK data center interim power requirements in 2017
- Provides redundancy for 2nd Street Substation westside loads
- Available for load growth in CGIC – 30 MW of capacity – ample power for a chip fab facility

City and County Climate Resiliency Committee

- Energy conservation measures, solar power production and electric vehicle charging – all existing programmatic activities at NWCPUD.

Carbon Free Energy 8760 RFP

- On June 1, NWCPUD issued a Request for Proposals seeking state of the art carbon-free energy resources on an 8760 hours per year basis to provide electric service to large commercial customers.
- Proposals are due on July 13th.

Gorge TransLink Project

- 230 kV facilities for electric service to the former aluminum smelter site.
- Planning started in 2018. Project delayed by COVID. Project resumed in 2021.
- Transmission Line Structure foundation construction began in October 2022
- Switchyard construction began in January 2023
- Completion by September 2023
- All activities are on schedule and within budget

Regional and National Developments and Issues:

BPA Contract Negotiations for Post 2028 Period

- Current BPA contracts terminate at the end of September 2028.
- Customers like NWCPUD retain preference rights to Federal power indefinitely
- BPA and customers are currently negotiating the terms and conditions of the Post 2028 contracts. Expecting to execute in 2025
- Issues include:
 - Size of the Federal Power System: assumptions used to determine the firm energy and capacity amounts.
 - Allocation of Federal Power to 130+ Preference customers: conservation adjustments, use of capacity for integrating variable generating resources, load growth or loss.

Threats to Breach the Lower Snake River Dams

- Environmental groups, sportfishing advocates and some tribes continue to press for removal of the LSRDs. They disseminate flawed information about the impacts of the dams, and understate the value of the power, transportation, irrigation and recreational benefits.
- BPA customers rely on these power production resources for 17% of their Federal Power allocation and a greater percentage of capacity for winter and summer peaking.

Decarbonization Policies at State and Federal Level

- OR DEQ requires annual GHG reporting with third-party verification (3PV)
- HB 2816 proposed rules for large data centers that included stringent emission reduction requirements and severe penalties for companies operating large data centers in Oregon.
 - NWCPUD testified in opposition to the unduly discriminatory proposed bill
 - Possible extension of the requirements to other industries was a significant concern

- Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) *incentives* for decarbonization of power, transportation and heating - *beneficial electrification*
 - Complex and byzantine system of grant administration
 - Electric utilities find that these initiatives are more likely to increase electrical demand – especially during periods where power generating capacity is in short supply.