

PORT OF THE DALLES COMMISSION  
Regular Session Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, July 12, 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; Staci Coburn, Treasurer; John Willer, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Mary Hanlon
- STAFF Andrea Klaas, Executive Director; Jennifer Toepke, Executive Assistant/Bookkeeper; Bill Dick, Attorney, Dick, Dick & Corey
- MEDIA Alana Lackner, Columbia Gorge News
- GUESTS Angie Macnab, Owner/Operator, The Dalles Marina, LLC

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Commissioner Weast

AGENDA CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS *Add Action Item 4. Consider Letter of Support for the appointment of Elaine Albrich to the Columbia River Gorge Commission*

OATH OF OFFICE Attorney Dick administered the Oath of Office for the July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026 term, for Commissioner Weast in Position 2; Commissioner Coburn in Position 4; and Commissioner Hanlon in Position 5.

PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTION *None*

COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATE Jose Aparicio, Board Chair and Dr. Carolyn Bernal, Superintendent North Wasco County School District 21

*See provided presentation material in meeting packet. Superintendent Bernal & Chair Aparicio highlighted some points: The bond range was \$120-\$140 million, \$120 million would have been the building only, \$140 million would give some enhancements: upgrade athletic facilities, CTE expansion - so it was decided \$140 million would be the target.; only 12% of students can eat lunch on campus because the cafeteria does not have the capacity; the average school in America is 44 years old, The Dalles High School is 82 years old and Wahtonka will turn 100 years old next year!; We have to turn the boiler on 3 days in advance in the winter to get the school heated.; There is a lack of secure entries – there are 43 access points into the High School.; it would have cost \$129 million to repair the High School, so it was decided better to build a new one. Questions from the Commission - Q: What is the square footage of the new High School? A: The exact square footage is unknown; it will accommodate 950 students. Q: When the new High School will be built what will happen to Wahtonka School? A: Wahtonka will be leveled. Q: What is going to happen to the existing High School when the new High School is built? A: Upgrades to the existing High School are included in the \$140 million – the district office will move there, part of the College, ESD, preschool, etc. – it will be a community-based center for all your 0-21 years one stop shop for schooling. Q: How much money is allocated for the remodel of the High School? A: Need to check that number. \*Superintendent Bernal & Chair Aparicio said they would follow-up to provide the Port with the answers to questions they didn't have during the presentation.*

ACTION ITEMS

1. June 14, 2023, Regular Session Meeting Minutes Stand as presented.
2. June 2023 Financial Reports Treasurer Coburn Stand as presented.
3. Appoint Port representative to The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce Board *Executive Assistant Toepke volunteered and was appointed.*
4. Consider Letter of Support for the appointment of Elaine Albrich to the Columbia River Gorge Commission M/S. Coburn S/J. Willer, Motion Approved Unanimously. *\*Executive Director Klaas gave a brief background on Elaine Albrich and her role with the Port, City & County, for Commissioner Hanlon.*

REPORTS

1. Director's Report Executive Director Klaas *Stands as included in meeting packet.*
2. The Dalles Marina, LLC Q4 FY 2022-2023 Concessionaire Report Owner/Operator Angie Macnab *Highlighted verbally what was included in the meeting packet. Commissioner Weast asked who owns and is responsible for, the fire water pumps – Owner/Operator Macnab replied that The Dalles Marina, LLC owns and is responsible for the pumps.*
3. Strategic Business Plan Update Report Executive Director Klaas *Stands as included in meeting packet.*
4. The Dalles Community Outreach Team Commissioner Weast & Executive Director Klaas *Planning on going back to Washington, D.C. in September. In preparation, the COT hosted Congressional and Statehouse Staffers and some legislators to tour the community to see what's going on – what the projects are. This used to take place before Covid – it's great to bring it back, get boots on the ground to see the projects that are being taken back to D.C. \*See Director's Report in meeting packet for visit highlights and list of attendees.*

5. Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency Board Commissioner Coburn *The Board met in June and selected a bid to raze the 'Tony's Building', it should be moving forward before November. Fencing will be secured around the area to keep folks out of the way when it's being raised. Hopefully when it's done, someone will be found to build a new building.*
6. Dufur Commissioner Wallace *Dufur School is the Fire Camp Base for the Boulder Fire: portable kitchen, bathrooms, showers, etc. The fire is about 10-13 miles west of Rock Creek. Of course, the fire is bad, but the revenue is good for the school. Cherry harvest: having a tough season with the markets. Wheat harvest: lots of trucks on the road, seems to be doing well. There have been a few small fires in Dufur – one resulted in the loss of a house.*
7. The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce Board *Position vacant, no report. \*New Port Representative assigned today: Executive Assistant Toepke*
8. Wasco County Economic Development Commission Executive Assistant Toepke *Written report enclosed.*

REGULAR SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:58 P.M. & EXECUTIVE SESSION COMMENCED AT 7:58 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 8:17 P.M. & REGULAR SESSION RESUMED AT 8:17 P.M.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION *None*

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

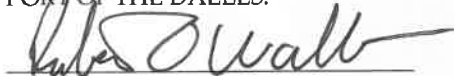
- President: Commissioner Wallace M/S. Coburn S/G. Weast, Motion Approved Unanimously.
- Vice-President: Commissioner Weast; Treasurer: Commissioner Coburn; Secretary: Commission Willer; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Commission Hanlon M/G. Weast S/J. Willer, Motion Approved Unanimously

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS *Stands as presented.*

COMMISSION CALL Commissioner Weast congratulated Commissioner Wallace on being elected President and thanked Staff for the time working together while he was President.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE PORT COMMISSION, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

PORT OF THE DALLES:



Robert Wallace, President  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



John Willer, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners

DATE APPROVED: August 9, 2023

Prepared by: Jennifer Toepke, Executive Assistant/Bookkeeper