

Port of Cascade Locks

The Joint meeting with Port of Cascade Locks Commission and the Port of Hood River was held Tuesday March 7, 2017 at the Marina Center Boardroom, Hood River, OR 97031.

- 1) **Commission meeting called to order:** CP Groves and Brian Shortt called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.
 - **Roll Call: Port of Cascade Locks Commissioners** Groves, Stipan and Bump were present. Commissioner Caldwell was absent. **Others Present:** GM Paul Koch, Accounting Specialist Melissa Warren and Special Projects Coordinator Brittany Berge
 - **Port of Hood River Commissioners present:** Brian Shortt, Jon Davies, Rich McBride, Hoby Streich and Fred Duckwall (4:45pm). **Others Present** Legal Counsel Jerry Jaques, GM Michael McElwee, Fred Kowell, Anne Medenbach Genevieve Scholl and John Mann.
- a. **General discussion** - CP Shortt thanked the POCL for attending the meeting and CP Groves thanked the POHR and discussed the common ground that both Ports have in that they both have bridges and the same types of challenges. There was a discussion on the importance of both the Hood River Bridge and the Bridge of the Gods in the Gorge. Regional transportation impacts the entire Gorge stated Shortt. CP Groves stated the POCL would like to work with the POHR on the tolling technology and share the same "back office" to save costs. GM Koch discussed Senate Bill 454 prepared by Senator Chuck Thomsen. If approved it would improve the road near the weigh station access points to keep trucks on Frontage road and enable state funds to be provided to ports for local match requirements for federal grants and would require ODOT and WSDOT to develop transportation plans within the National Scenic Area. Also discussed were two bills sponsored by Representative Mark Johnson and Senator Chuck Thomsen. House Bill 2750 would establish ownership and tolling authority for the Hood River Bridge. Bill 2749 would provide five million in state funding to support completion of tasks needed for bridge replacement. CP Groves discussed TITLE 23 and how it would affect the bridge revenue. He stated that if grants were received, 80 percent of the bridge revenue would have to go back to the bridge and 20% would go towards administration. The Port would have to bring more revenue in and is not there yet. CP Groves attended the Coastal Caucus and stated he is a member of the NOAA Columbia Basin Partnership. He emphasized that ports need to work together. OneGorge was discussed and the need for the Gorge to act as one region in order to get the funding needed for the National Scenic Act to be fully implemented Both Ports agreed to a Fall 2017 meeting and suggested inviting the five counties and cities.

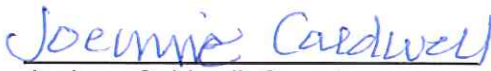
2) **Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.**

Port of Cascade Locks:

Attest:



Jess Groves, President
Port Commission



Joenne Caldwell, Secretary
Port Commission

DATE APPROVED: 4-20-17
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