

Port of Cascade Locks

The Port of Cascade Locks Commission Work Session Meeting was held Friday and Saturday, November 16-17, 2018 at Cooper Spur Mountain Resort at Mt. Hood Oregon, 97041.

Friday November 16:

5PM

- **Reception – Open to the Public**
- **Pledge of Allegiance:**
- **Meeting called to order** Commission President Groves called the meeting to order at 6:00PM pm.
- **Roll Call:** Port Commissioners Groves, Lorang Lipps and Stipan were present. Commissioner Caldwell was excused.

- **Others Present:** General Manager Paul Koch, Secretary Sally Moore, Economic Development & Property Manager Don Mann, Port Attorney Tommy Brooks, Accounting Specialist Melissa Warren, Government Relations Director Mark Johnson Brenda Stipan, Kathy Tittle, Hood River County Chair Mike Oates, Alicia Koskela, Mark Freeman, Jeff Helfrich, Olga Kaganova Solomon Jackson, Nate Stice, Regional Solutions, Office of the Governor Kate Brown, Deb Lorang, Kathy Oates, Glenda Groves, Riley and Zach Groves.

There were self- introductions around the room. President Groves handed out the AWI contract to Commission and staff.

6PM

Legislative Effectiveness Discussion - "Legislation"

- a. **Senator Chuck Thomsen was not present**

- b. **Hood River Commissioner Chair Mike Oates –** Newly elected Chair Mike Oates thanked the Commission for inviting him. He stated what the Port has done is amazing. He noted he would like to be involved more in Cascade Locks. Mike stated the County is having problems with finances. The county lost all timbers receipts so property taxes are low and cannot be increase under Measure 50. Mike stated that he would like to be invited to more meetings in Cascade Locks in order to know what is going on.

- c. **Nate Stice –** Office of Governor Kate Brown Regional Solutions Coordinator , Nate Stice stated he works with communities on Economic Development. He said that he is here to support Cascade Locks. Nate said he is super excited to see the growth and opportunity in Cascade Locks. GM Koch asked if the Governor will still be committed to small communities. Nate replied yes. Nate

stated the treadle of the life expectancy will be 3-5 years and they can be moved when the Toll Booth is moved. Weather will not affect the treadles as they are electromagnetic. Ryan stated the Port should be getting the agreement soon from the Port of Hood River. Ryan stated the tolling structure may potentially change as the new automated tolling technology will not be able to classify dual wheel tires. Current toll rates for dually's are \$3 cash and \$2 coupon. Ryan reviewed the low income program, outlining the plan. Ryan stated the coupons will be phased out as the transponders come into being. On average there are 25 books a month given to the CL Food Books. Ryan stated that occasionally some will go to the Washington side. There is no income verification. Most coupons come back at a \$3,000 annual revenue. Ryan noted there are about 25-30 families using the coupons. Ryan stated PSquare can program a .50 cent transponder, but the Port of Hood River would still charge the full fee, and at this time, there is nothing in place to verify the low income person. Commissioner Lorang expressed his opinion that the Port eliminate the low income program. CP Groves stated there should be a way to get income verification at the Port in order to qualify for the low income program. GM Koch stated when the program started, the Port reached out to the Health and Human services, adding the Food Bank is using the most and the Health and Human Services are not using them. No action was taken.

- **Other Issues: None**

10PM 'Adjourn meeting until 7:00AM Saturday – President Groves adjourned the meeting at 10PM.

Saturday November 17:

7-7:30AM Breakfast Buffet

7:30AM Resume Work Session – President Groves resumed the meeting at 7:33AM.

- **Consent Agenda**
 - **Approval of bills in the amount of \$147,055.45**
 - **Approval of October 2018 payroll in the amount of \$73, 412.20**
 - **Approval of minutes for October 19. 2018 and October 20, 2018**

COMMISSIONER LORANG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS STATED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STIPAN. The motion was unanimous. 4-0

- **Review of long term revenue and expenditure projections – GM Koch & Accounting Specialist Melissa Warren** – GM referred the Commission to the Marine Park Building Assessment stating repairs have been assessed and the Port has two contractors working on costs. He stated the phone booth has been removed

10AM Commission Topics/issues, questions and concerns. General discussion.

- General discussion amongst Commission and staff

12N Lunch and adjourn

Saturday November 6

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00am with the Pledge of Allegiance
- Review of long term revenue and expenditure projections
- Economic Development Financial Strategies
- Review and update of Port's Vision and Mission Statement
- Review and discuss (redline) modifications to the Strategic Business Plan
- Commission develops preliminary list of 2019-20 Budget priorities for formal adoption in January


10AM

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 - a. General discussion amongst Commission and Staff

Adjournment:


1. CP GROVES MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CALDWELL. The motion was unanimous. 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

Port of Cascade Locks:



Jess Groves, President
Port Commission

Attest:



Joanne Caldwell Sec. Treasurer
Port Commission

DATE APPROVED:

5/2/2019
Prepared by: Sally Moore