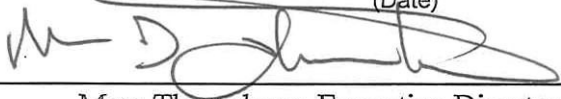



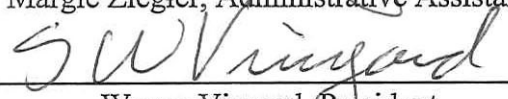
TOPIC	DISCUSSION / ASSESSMENT / FINDINGS	ACTION
Attendance	Commissioner/Staff Present: Port Commissioners (PCs) James Herman (via teleconference), Wayne Vinyard; Executive Director (ED) Marc Thornsburg; and Administrative Assistant/Port Auditor (AA/PA) Margie Ziegler. PC/Staff Absent: William Schmitt. Guests Present: None.	Meeting called to order by PC Vinyard at 4:30 PM. PC Schmitt excused
Administrative Matters Approval of Minutes Approval of Vouchers Resolution 2-2016 Establishing a Monument, Wayfinding, and Address Sign Policy	Minutes – February 2, 2016 Payroll – February 22, 2016, D11449-D11455, #26460-26461, \$10,414.10. Vouchers – February 18, 2016, #26462-26468, \$1,756.75. Vouchers – February 23, 2016, #26469-26483, \$3,808.21. ED Thornsburg asked the PC if the concerns it expressed at the last PC meeting had been resolved with the modified language and if there were any additional questions regarding the sign policy. Herman said his concerns had been addressed in the new resolution.	PC Herman M to approve the minutes, PC Vinyard S, MP 2-0. PC Herman M to approve the vouchers, PC Vinyard S, MP 2-0. PC Herman M to approve Resolution 2-2016, PC Vinyard S, MP 2-0.
Old Business Wayfinding/Address Signs	ED Thornsburg presented engineered drawings showing how the signs will be constructed and said he took another look at sign materials as requested by the PC. Thornsburg also provided a materials list with estimated costs and noted the approximate total price for the smallest and largest signs would be \$373 and \$592, respectively. PC Herman expressed his belief the total sign price was reasonable and expressed his support for using quality materials for construction of the signs.	PC Vinyard M to adopt the design for wayfinding and address signs shown on the Tenneson Engineering drawings dated 2/17/19 under Work Order #13391 as the Port standard, PC Herman S, MP 2-0.
DIP Surface Mine Expansion	ED Thornsburg said a Phase I archaeological survey was performed in 2005 on a portion of the area targeted for expansion of the mine and	

<p>Old Business cont... DIP Surface Mine Expansion cont...</p>	<p>explained that the report identified six potential archaeological sites. Thornsby noted the Port will need to have a Phase I archaeological study conducted for the remaining areas targeted for expansion of the mine while the previously studied area will require a Phase II study. Thornsby said he anticipated going to bid for the survey very soon.</p>	
<p>New Business Gun Range</p>	<p>ED Thornsby said Klickitat County (KC) is being pressured by the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to execute a lease for the gun range before March 15 in order to remain eligible for grant funds previously allocated to KC by the RCO. Thornsby explained that the lease was contingent upon certain requirements (e.g. noise impact assessment and final plans for range development) established by the PC and KC has not yet met all of them.</p> <p>Thornsby suggested the PC execute a lease agreement for the property with Klickitat County at \$20 per acre per month with a contingency period. He noted that this would meet the RCO requirements and explained that the contingency period would allow KC to escape the lease if the project foundered, the RCO withdrew its funding, or the Port refused to renegotiate the lease. He added that the Port would be unable to unilaterally terminate the lease so the higher lease rate would act as an incentive for KC to meet the Ports requirements.</p> <p>PC Vinyard expressed concern that KC could misinterpret the terms and feel the Port was taking advantage of the circumstances. Thornsby assured the PC the intent was only to bring the parties back to the table to execute a new lease in the future when all outstanding matters had been addressed and resolved, adding that he would insure this message was communicated to KC. PC Herman stated he found that acceptable.</p>	<p>PC Herman M to authorize ED Thornsby to execute a lease with Klickitat County for 90 acres at \$20 per acre per month and a contingency period with a length satisfactory to the County, PC Vinyard S, MP 2-0.</p>
<p>City of White Salmon – Letter of Support</p>	<p>ED Thornsby presented a letter received from the city of White Salmon (WS) asking the Port to write a letter to the Washington Dept. of Ecology (DOE) in support of maintaining the classification of Buck Creek as a</p>	<p>By consensus, the PC directs ED Thornsby to write a letter of support.</p>

<p>Old Business cont... City of White Salmon – Letter of Support cont...</p>	<p>Category 3 water under the Clean Water Act section 303(d). Discussion followed regarding the details provided in the letter. PC Herman said the Port should do what is right and comply with the WS request. PC Vinyard concurred and noted that it appears there is insufficient data to support an alternate classification by DOE.</p>	
<p>Executive Director's Report Gorge Commission Transportation Plan</p>	<p>ED Thornsby said a letter consistent with the position of the PC was sent to the Columbia River Gorge Commission (CRGC) and explained that he attended a CRGC meeting on February 9 where the matter of transportation planning by the CRGC was discussed. Thornsby stated that the letter was mentioned in discussions by the CRGC and noted that it decided to more actively engage with existing transportation planning agencies and avoid developing its own transportation plan. Thornsby said the letter appeared to have been well received.</p>	
<p>RAMCo EPA Claim Update</p>	<p>ED Thornsby explained that the Port has concluded all matters pertaining to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) claim concerning the RAMCo disposal site and has received reimbursement from the insurance companies involved for a portion of the Port's legal costs. Thornsby said the Port has spent approximately \$40,000 to address the EPA claim. Thornsby noted that he had discussed pursuing additional reimbursement funds with the Port's General Counsel and concluded that the legal fees involved would likely exceed the amount recovered.</p> <p>Thornsby said the Washington Dept. of Ecology (DOE) had determined that the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) would not need to be a signatory on the covenant and explained that this meant the Port would not be delayed by having to wait for approval from BPA. Thornsby noted that the DOE was expected to have a signed copy of the covenant to the Port within the next two weeks and explained that once the covenant was signed, recorded, and returned to Ecology, the Port would have met all the requirements to obtain a No Further Action (NFA) letter from DOE.</p>	

Executive Director's Report cont... Bingen Lake cont...	ED Thornsby described the current issues with Bingen Lake and the problems resulting from beaver activity. Thornsby noted that this is the first winter of heavy rainfall since the completion of new development at Bingen Point. Thornsby said he will be looking at the potential impact of this new development on water volumes entering Bingen Lake and noted that the Port may need to expand its pumping capabilities. PC Herman asked if the PC made a mistake in allowing discharge from Lot 24 into Bingen Lake. Thornsby said he did not believe so, but noted that it might have been a mistake to allow it at no cost.	
Commissioners Reports	<p>PC Vinyard asked if a letter could be written to Klickitat County before Denny Newell retires, expressing our gratitude for his service. Thornsby stated a letter would be written.</p> <p>PC Herman said he read an article in the Hood River News stating that the Oregon Dept. of Transportation is supporting the inclusion of the Hood River Bridge as a part of State Route 35 and the National Highway System. PC Vinyard asked about the Washington side of the river. ED Thornsby indicated that the bridge approach on the Washington side has already been included in the Washington Highway System Plan.</p>	
Public Comment	None	
Adjournment	PC Vinyard adjourned the PC Meeting at 5:24 PM.	

Approved on March 29, 2016
 (Date)

 Marc Thornsby, Executive Director


 Margie Ziegler, Administrative Assistant

 Wayne Vinyard, President