

TOPIC	DISCUSSION / ASSESSMENT / FINDINGS	ACTION
Attendance	Commissioner/Staff Present: Port Commissioners (PCs) James Herman, William Schmitt, Wayne Vinyard; Executive Director (ED) Marc Thornsburgy; and Administrative Assistant/Port Auditor (AA/PA) Margie Ziegler. PC/Staff Absent: None. Guests Present: Eric Pool, Aerovel and Brian Charters, Insitu.	Meeting called to order by PC Vinyard at 4:31 PM.
Administrative Matters Approval of Minutes Approval of Vouchers	Minutes – April 23, 2019 Vouchers – April 25, 2019, #27736-27739, \$24,553.95. Vouchers – May 1, 2019, #27740-27741, \$411.50. Payroll Vouchers – May 6, 2019, #D12285-D12297, Ck 27742-27743, \$8,867.27. Vouchers – May 8, 2019, #27744-27758, \$17,951.61. Payroll Vouchers – May 20, 2019, #D12298-D12303, Ck 27759-27760, \$9,906.41. Vouchers – May 21, 2019, #27761-27768, \$801.19.	PC Schmitt M to approve the minutes as corrected, PC Herman S, MP 3-0. PC Herman M to approve the vouchers, PC Schmitt S, MP 3-0.
Old Business	None	
New Business Fish Cleaning	ED Thornsburgy noted fish cleaning on Port property had been previously discussed by the PC and noted that conditions indicate the matter should be taken up again. Thornsburgy explained that some sport fisherman clean their fish on Port property, leaving the fish waste in Bingen Harbor where there is poor water circulation, on the boat ramp or dock, or in	By consensus, the PC agreed to ban fish cleaning on Port property.

New Business cont...
Fish Cleaning cont...

Port trash cans. He added this creates foul and unpleasant conditions. PC Schmitt stated he has now had some experience dumping the Port's trash cans and noted members of the public are also stealing the trash can liners. Thornsbery explained there are several options including installing a fish cleaning station, limiting fish cleaning to certain areas, or banning fish cleaning altogether. He asked the Port Commission for a statement of direction as to how it would like to address fish cleaning and whether staff should consider budgeting for a fish cleaning station in 2020.

Schmitt expressed support for a ban on fish cleaning on Port property. Schmitt added he could not support spending as much as \$70,000 on a fish cleaning station. Vinyard expressed concern such a station would be subject to vandalism and ultimately become a costly liability to the Port. He added that as a non-income-generating asset, it would consume a portion of the limited property tax revenue received by the Port.

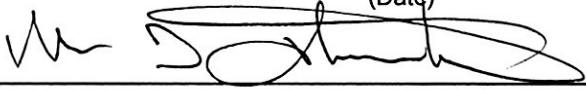
Thornsbery noted other ports have put in such stations with mixed results and cautioned that because of the high biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) of the waste, there could be problems sending it to the Bingen municipal wastewater treatment plant. Thornsbery stated that from remarks made by staff at other ports, there does not appear to be much vandalism, but there does seem to be considerable misuse by users, resulting in recurring clogging and equipment breakdowns.

Schmitt reiterated his belief the Port should not get involved in fish cleaning. Vinyard cautioned taking on an expensive liability as it could easily become an unfunded mandate. PC Herman stated he cleans his fish at home. He added fish cleaning at the Port should be banned. Schmitt said banning fish cleaning would keep the boat ramp clean for other users. Thornsbery noted the matter will be included in a broader discussion concerning recreation rules and regulations taking place at a

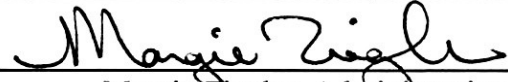
<p>New Business cont... Fish Cleaning cont...</p>	<p>meeting later this summer.</p>	
<p>June Meeting Schedule</p>	<p>ED Thornsbury stated he does not expect to have any business for the June 4 meeting.</p>	<p>By consensus, the PC agreed to cancel the June 4 meeting.</p>
<p>Executive Director's Report DIP Commodity Exporting</p>	<p>ED Thornsbury explained he does not have additional information to present.</p>	
<p>Wetland Property Exchange</p>	<p>ED Thornsbury noted he is working to complete the site planning needed to address the requirements of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He added that, at the suggestion of PC Schmitt, he has asked the Port's engineer to evaluate the feasibility and cost of placing substantial fill around Bingen Lake where allowed under the Port's current permit, removing the existing arch culvert, and reconnecting the lake with the Columbia River as it was originally. He explained this would eliminate the need for a pump station and the ongoing operational costs of pumping the lake.</p> <p>PC Schmitt noted maintaining and operating the Bingen Lake pump system is a substantial cost both financially and in staff time, adding reconnecting the lake with the river is worth looking into. PC Vinyard said he could support allowing the lake level to rise and fall with the Columbia River so the Port would not be responsible for monitoring and maintaining the lake. He cautioned that care would need to be taken to insure this would not affect the lake boundary. PC Herman noted the Port will eventually need to fill as much property as permitted to maximize its space. Thornsbury estimated the average quantity of water entering the lake from underneath the arch culvert and Marina Way at approx. 500,000 gallons over a 24 hour period.</p> <p>Mowing Lot 8 was discussed. Schmitt said the Port's current mower is too small for the tall grass on Lot 8 or for the size of Sailboard Park. He added the mower is appropriate only for Marina Park. Thornsbury noted</p>	

Executive Director's Report cont... Wetland Property Exchange cont...	staff have used a brush mower on Lot 8 in the past. PC Vinyard said there are companies that rent out goats or sheep to manage vegetation.	
Maintenance Staffing	Thornsbury said he expects to have a full maintenance staff by the end of the week.	
Marina Way Sinkhole	Thornsbury said he is waiting to receive geotechnical information from the Port's engineer and an estimate of the length needed for the gabion baskets if they are the chosen solution.	
Maple Street Closing	<p>ED Thornsbury said it appears the City of Bingen may be considering closing Maple Street south of SR-14 to all traffic other than trucks once the new underpass is completed in 2021. Thornsbury asked the PC if it wishes to comment on the idea before the City makes a decision on the matter.</p> <p>PC Schmitt questioned if the City might be concerned traffic on Maple St. at the end of the work day might cause a traffic jam with vehicles heading west from the new roundabout. Thornsbury explained that is unlikely as SR-14 traffic has the right-of-way over Maple St. traffic. PC Vinyard said he would like to know more about the reasons the City would want to close Maple St. PC Herman stated he believes SDS employees use Maple Street. Thornsbury noted WSDOT has discussed designating Maple Street as a truck route as it would be easier for long semi-trucks to use versus the new undercrossing.</p>	
Commissioners Remarks	<p>PC Vinyard said there will be a Klickitat County Public Economic Development Authority (KCPEDA) meeting in June.</p> <p>PC Schmitt said the Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) will not make the January 1, 2020, deadline for moving into its new building. Schmitt said the bids for the bus garage came in over double the engineer's estimate.</p>	

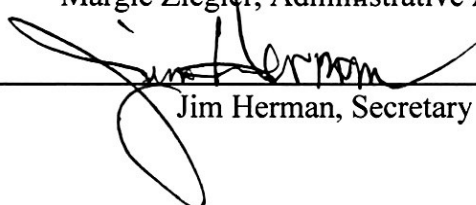
Commissioners Remarks cont...	<p>PC Schmitt suggested the Port consider constructing a prefabricated steel building in the Dallesport Industrial Park. He added there is a building on Lot 39 that needs to be torn down and the lot is already fenced. Schmitt noted buildings like those at the Bingen Point Business Park cost millions of dollars, but a prefab steel building would be much cheaper. Schmitt explained different options such as insulation are available at extra cost. PC Vinyard cautioned there will be costs in addition to just the building shell. PC Herman added it could be constructed on the existing concrete slab and built to allow the space to be demised. Schmitt stated a prefab steel building would be consistent with other structures along Parallel Avenue, but not appropriate for areas near U.S. Hwy. 197. Schmitt suggested Lot 39 may be large enough to accommodate two buildings or one building could be constructed to allow for a future addition.</p> <p>PC Herman said he attended the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (SWRTC) meeting and the Port of Hood River (PoHR) and the Port of Cascade Locks gave good presentations. He noted the PoHR explained they are working toward a consortium of different entities that would own the new bridge. Herman said they estimated the bridge will be constructed 50 yards west of the current bridge. Schmitt remarked that in a radio interview the PoHR explained it was going to have to raise their building lease rates to compensate for the loss of income from the bridge.</p>	
Public Comment	None	
Adjournment	PC Vinyard adjourned the PC Meeting at 5:10 PM.	

Approved on June 18, 2019
 (Date)


 Marc Thornsbury, Executive Director



 Margie Ziegler, Administrative Assistant



 Jim Herman, Secretary