PORT OF KLICKITAT

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES April 18, 2023

**REGULAR MEETING** 

TOPIC	DISCUSSION / ASSESSMENT / FINDINGS	ACTION	
Attendance	Commissioner/Staff Present: Port Commissioners (PCs) James Herman (via teleconference), William Schmitt, Wayne Vinyard; Executive Director (ED) Margie Ziegler; Maintenance Technician (MT) David Sauter; and Administrative Assistant (AA) Bonita Snyder. PC/Staff Absent: None. Guests Present: Brian Geddis, BGR Tires.	Meeting called to order by PC Vinyard at 4:36 PM.	
Administrative Matters Approval of Minutes	Minutes – March 7, 2023.	PC Schmitt M to approve the minutes, PC Herman S, MP 3-0.	
Approval of Vouchers	Payroll Vouchers – March 20, 2023, #D13444-D13450, \$10,587.84.  Vouchers – March 22, 2023, #29413-29419, \$8,401.53.  Vouchers – April 4, 2023, VOID #29410, (\$41.00).  Vouchers – April 4, 2023, #29500-29511, \$14,264.44.  Payroll Vouchers – April 5, 2023, #D13451-D13464, \$12,663.13.  Vouchers – April 18, 2023, #29512-29528, \$11,705.77.  Payroll Vouchers – April 20, 2023, #D13465-D13472, \$11,340.94.	PC Herman M to approve the vouchers, PC Schmitt S, MP 3-0.	
Public Comment	By consensus, the PC moved the public comment section with respect to the guest's time. Brian Geddis, BGR Tires, stated he is looking for workspace for a startup and described his business. He expressed frustration with his communication with ED Ziegler. He stated he was unable to lease from the Port and it has interrupted his work and income flow. PC Vinyard said he had reviewed the proposal submitted by		

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Old Business 100 Dow Rd Potential Traffic Problem	Geddis and the PC supported Ziegler's decision relating to the space in question. Brief discussion followed about future development in Dallesport and the demand for more leasable space. Ziegler noted there is currently no availability at either Bingen Point or Dallesport.  Geddis expressed his frustration with accessing the PC directly to lease the space. Vinyard explained the structure the PC put in place to allow the ED to analyze incoming information for presentation to the PC. Geddis described reasons he felt his business was compatible with the Port's business park based on prior experiences with various Port businesses. He stated his belief that Ziegler's dislike for motorcycles and engine noise is the reason he was not leased the space. Vinyard responded he believed the issue Ziegler considered was the compatibility of his business at that location. He stated he felt Ziegler had made an appropriate decision and the PC was going to respect her decision.  ED Ziegler stated February 14, 2023 a letter was sent regarding the Port's traffic study. She also noted a letter was sent March 3, 2023 with steps needed to complete the water connection. Ziegler stated no response has been received from Cam Thomas or his developer regarding	
New Business	either the traffic study or water connection.  None.	
Executive Director's Report DIP Potential Tenant	ED Ziegler stated she has been in contact with a potential tenant looking to lease 20 acres in Dallesport effective July 1, 2023. She stated she has notified the potential tenant the Port would require them to complete a cultural resources analysis before signing a lease.	
Executive Director's Report 2022-04 DIP Well #2 Disinfection and Improvements	ED Ziegler stated the door for the Well #2 project is scheduled to arrive soon. Darrin Eckman, Tenneson Engineering is working with a pump company to get information about the correct chlorination settings. Once so informed, he will meet with an electrician to get Well #2 chlorination set up and operating. After Beam Construction receives and installs the	

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Executive Director's Report (cont.) 2022-04 DIP Well #2 Disinfection and Improvements (cont.)	door, the project will be complete. Ziegler stated the USDA has granted a project extension to June 30, 2023.			
Executive Director's Report (cont.) 2nd Qtr 2023 Strategic Planning	ED Ziegler reviewed projects and updates, and discussed goals for quarter two. Discussion followed about the Aeromodelers Club land use request. Discussion followed regarding bump protectors for the barge dock.			
Commissioners Remarks	PC Vinyard stated the Klickitat County Public Economic Development Authority meeting has been postponed. Vinyard shared barge loading strategies at a port in a different country including a portable screen and conveyor system managed by the excavator. Vinyard said the PC had in years past believed additional staff in a support role for the Executive Director was needed. Vinyard stated hiring MT Sauter seems to be a move in the right direction.  PC Schmitt said he looked forward to working with Sauter and was glad to have him aboard.  PC Herman stated Sauter had a variety of useful experience and skill sets. Herman asked if we could get reimbursement for plan review. Sauter stated that was an established practice at Klickitat County through a plan review agreement.			
Adjournment	PC Vinyard adjourned the PC Meeting at 7:00 PM.			

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Margie Ziegler, Executive Director

Bonita Snyder, Administrative Assistant

Jim Herman, Secretary