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PORT OF KCLICKITAT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LEAVING

Rodger Ford, President of the elected, three-member Port Commission, announced that Dianne Sherwood, who has served with the Port of Klickitat for the last 13 years, has left her position as Executive Director.

Ford made the announcement at the Port's regularly scheduled meeting on Aug. 21. Ford praised Sherwood's accomplishments over the course of her tenure as executive director, and thanked her for her service.

"Dianne has been an incredible asset to the Port over the years," Ford said. "You need only look at the transformation that has occurred at Bingen Point and the many improvements to our Dallesport facilities to appreciate her accomplishments."

The other Port Commissioners, Norm Deo and Wayne Vinyard, expressed similar feelings.

"I've had the privilege of working with Dianne since she arrived at the Port," said Vinyard. "She truly brought a new perspective to Port management with her, and we've all been pleased with the results."

"Dianne has been enormously successful at whatever she decided to do," said Deo. "We all want to express to her our gratitude for her service."

Ford said that the Port would begin an immediate search for a new Executive Director, led by Byron Hanke, a long-time Port consultant and the former Executive Director of the Port of Vancouver. The Commission anticipates the search will take several months to find an appropriate candidate.

"We'll be looking to bring in the right mix of experience and qualifications to build on our successes," Ford said.

Sherwood plans to take some personal time prior to exploring other interests and will continue to be an active member of the Bingen-White Salmon community and Klickitat County.

"It has been an honor and privilege to have served the Port of Klickitat and our communities, and to have worked together with the Port Commission and staff for the past 13 and one half years," she said. "I'm very proud of all that the Port has accomplished during my tenure."

Any questions on the search process should be directed to the Port office at (509) 493-01655.

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