



PORT OF KICKITAT

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Port Commissioner Resigns

Bingen, Washington –The Port of Klickitat announces the retirement of Commissioner William "Bill" Schmitt, who resigned from the Port Commission effective September 1, 2026, concluding 16 years of dedicated service to the residents of Klickitat County.

Schmitt represented Port Commissioner District #2, serving the communities of Dallesport, Lyle, Klickitat, Murdock, and Appleton. First elected in May 2010, he was re-elected to four additional terms, providing steady leadership and advocacy for economic development throughout the district and the county.



Throughout his tenure, Schmitt brought a practical, small-business perspective to the Port Commission and was a strong supporter of initiatives that strengthened local infrastructure and encouraged growth in the Dallesport area. His commitment to responsible development helped shape projects that will benefit the community for years to come.

In addition to his service as a Port Commissioner, Schmitt devoted many years to public service throughout Klickitat County. He served more than nine years as a school board member and eleven years as a fire commissioner, demonstrating a lifelong commitment to supporting residents and strengthening community institutions.

One of the significant accomplishments during Schmitt's tenure was the completion of the Port's newly constructed 10,100-square-foot building in Dallesport. Known for his hands-on approach, he took great pride in the Port's facilities and was actively involved in the development of the Port's new shop building.

Bill's dedication, practical insight, and unwavering commitment to our community have left a lasting impact on the Port of Klickitat. We are grateful for his years of service and the leadership he provided. His contributions have helped the Port with continued growth and success.

In accordance with Washington State law, the Port Commission will appoint a replacement to serve until a commissioner is elected in the November 2027 election. The elected commissioner will then serve the remaining five years of Schmitt's six-year term. Individuals residing within Port Commission District #2 who are interested in serving on the Commission are encouraged to contact the Port of Klickitat at 509-493-1655 or mziegler@portofklickitat.com for information regarding the application process.

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