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Minutes
Regular Meeting of the
PORT OF CENTRALIA
April 5, 2023
Port of Centralia Administrative Office & Via Teleconference
3:00 PM

Attendees: Commissioners: Kyle Markstrom, Peter Lahmann, and Julie Shaffley
Executive Director: Kyle Heaton
Press: Owen Sexton, The Chronicle
Public: Dawn Merchant; Cynthia Mudge, Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce; Bob Jackins; Jan Banevich; Brian Dow; Chad Taylor; Coralee Taylor; and Jim Lowery
Teleconference: Six unknown callers

1) **Call Meeting to Order/Introductions:** Commissioner Markstrom called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2) **Approval of Agenda:** Commissioner Lahmann made a motion to approve the April 5, 2023, agenda as submitted. Commissioner Shaffley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3) **Good of the Order/Public Comment:** Commissioner Markstrom opened the meeting to public comment and stated the rules regarding public comment.

   Cynthia Mudge, executive director of the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce, announced numerous upcoming Chamber events.

   Jan Banevich, of Centralia, declined to comment.

   Brian Dow, of Centralia, commented that he was still waiting for the Port to change its ways on using Zoom for meetings and commended the Commissioners for supporting the Centralia School District levy.

4) **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Lahmann made a motion to approve the March 15, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Shaffley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5) **Approval of Warrants:** Commissioner Lahmann made a motion to approve warrants 23008 through 23036 with an aggregate amount of $384,933.94. Commissioner Shaffley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

   Commissioner Lahmann asked what Warrant #23030 to Mtn2Coast LLC was for. Kyle Heaton replied that Mtn2Coast LLC is a surveyor that does work for the Port.

6) **New Business:**

a) **Executive Director Report:** Kyle Heaton reported that Midway Underground is making good progress on the I-5/Mellen Street Connector Stage 1 project. He said that the sewer is almost complete.

Kyle Heaton stated that WinCo Foods is progressing along with their plans and have finished the work they needed to do for the Port. He expected them to be in discussions with the City of Centralia very soon.

Kyle Heaton said that the Port is now out to bid for the I-5/Mellen Street Connector Stage 2 project and that bids are due on April 18, 2023. He said that he hoped to receive a broad array of bidders and that there has been considerable interest so far.

b) **I-5/Mellen Street Connector Stage 2 – AECOM Supplemental Agreement:** Commissioner Shaffley made a motion to approve Supplement #7 with AECOM Technical Services for construction management services for the offramp portion of the Mellen Street Connector project. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Markstrom opened the I-5/Mellen Street Connector Stage 2 – AECOM Supplemental Agreement for public comment. No public comment was made.

c) **Commissioner Reports:** Commissioner Shaffley reported that she attended the Economic Alliance of Lewis County board meeting and said that there are exciting things in the business world coming up.

Commissioner Lahmann said that he received an inquiry to do a tour that he is going to do first as a private. He said that he is not at liberty to talk about it yet, but he will let the other Commissioners know.

Commissioner Markstrom said that he has the Mayors' meeting coming up and that he will report back on it.

7) **Adjourn:** Commissioner Shaffley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:17 p.m. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMISSIONER **COMMISSIONER**