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Minutes
Regular Meeting of the
PORT OF CENTRALIA
August 21, 2026
Port of Centralia Administrative Office & Via Teleconference
4:00 PM

Attendees: Commissioners: Peter Lahmann and Ally Pickard
Port Staff: Amy Graber, Executive Director; Erin Maloney, Port Auditor; Noel Vazquez, Facilities Director
Public: Joel Cummins; Donna Rutledge; Jan Banevich; Leona Merryman; and Gary Odegaard
Teleconference: 7 remote attendees

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

2) **Approval of Agenda:** Commissioner Pickard made a motion to approve the August 21, 2026, agenda. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3) **District 1 Commissioner Vacancy: Candidate Interview**

   a) **Joel Cummins:** The Commissioners interviewed Joel Cummins, the public nominee for the District 1 Commissioner vacancy.

4) **Executive Session:** Commissioner Pickard made a motion to adjourn the meeting into executive session to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) at 4:18 p.m. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Lahmann stated that the regular meeting would reconvene at 4:48 p.m.

5) **Reconvene:** Commissioner Lahmann reconvened the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

6) **Good of the Order/Public Comment:** Commissioner Lahmann opened the meeting to public comment and stated the rules regarding public comment. There was no public comment made.

7) **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Pickard made a motion to approve the August 5, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8) **Approval of Warrants:** Commissioner Pickard made a motion to approve warrants 25104 through 25129 with an aggregate amount of $190,239.53. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9) Old Business:

a) District 1 Commissioner Vacancy: Commissioner Pickard made a motion to appoint Joel Cummins to the Port of Centralia Commission District 1 position. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Pickard welcomed Joel Cummins to the Port Commission.

Commissioner Lahmann opened the agenda item for public comment. Joel Cummins, of Centralia, provided comment on the agenda item.

Commissioner Lahmann thanked all who applied for the position and said that he looked forward to Joel Cummins joining the Port Commission.

10) New Business:

a) Small Works Project #26-06 Janitorial – 2120 Northpark Drive: Noel Vazquez said that Small Works Project #26-06 is to clean the office space at 2120 Northpark Drive.

Commissioner Pickard made a motion to award bid in the amount of $2,124.64 to Cabbros Cleaning Services LLC for Small Works Project #26-06 Janitorial – 2120 Northpark Drive. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lahmann opened the agenda item for public comment. There was no public comment made.

The motion carried.

b) Small Works Project #26-08 Flooring Janitorial – 2120 Northpark Drive: Noel Vazquez said that Small Works Project #26-08 is to clean the office carpets at 2120 Northpark Drive.

Commissioner Pickard made a motion to award bid in the amount of $1.557.47 to Northwest Carpet Cleaning for Small Works Project #26-08 Flooring Janitorial – 2120 Northpark Drive. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lahmann asked Noel Vazquez if the Port had investigated replacing the carpet. Noel Vazquez replied that he had, but cleaning the carpet was the most cost-effective solution.

Commissioner Lahmann opened the agenda item for public comment. There was no public comment made.

The motion carried.

11) Essential Updates:

a) Maintenance Report: Noel Vazquez gave a brief overview of ongoing landscape maintenance projects. He reported that the work for Small Works Project #26-04 Fencing – South Street Stormwater Pond was completed on August 18, 2026.

b) 40th Anniversary Reception: Erin Maloney reported that her attempts to secure bus tours for the Port's 40th anniversary reception were unsuccessful. The Commissioners set the time for the reception on September 17, 2026, to be from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

c) Executive Director Report: Amy Graber reported that the Port is partnering with Centralia College to meet with Port tenants regarding CC's new Smart Manufacturing Program. Becky Coleman with Centralia College will give a presentation on the program and Port tenants will have a chance to discuss their needs from the local workforce. She gave an update on the Port's upcoming audit for the years 2023 through 2025 that will take place some time between October 2026 and January 2027. She said she was invited to join the Centralia Community Livability Committee; will present to the Centralia Rotary on September 1, 2026, had a meeting with Kevin Anderson, the Riverside Fire Authority Fire Chief; has been attending regular meetings regarding the West Connector project; and will begin preparing budget times.

d) Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Pickard invited the public to reach out to her. She reported that she had attended a Centralia City Council meeting, an Economic Alliance of Lewis County board meeting, and a Centralia Downtown Association board meeting. She announced the Port will be participating in the CDA's lighted tractor parade. Amy Graber added that she had heard the parade's sponsor had withdrawn, so she offered for the Port to be the presenting sponsor.

Commissioner Lahmann reported that he attended the Southwest Washington Fair and the Centralia City Council meeting. He also invited the public to reach out to him.

12) Adjourn: Commissioner Pickard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Lahmann adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Alley Pickard
COMMISSIONER

Approved via teleconference
COMMISSIONER