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Minutes
Regular Meeting of the
PORT OF CENTRALIA
July 1, 2026
Port of Centralia Administrative Office & Via Teleconference
3:00 PM

Attendees: Commissioners: Peter Lahmann and Ally Pickard
Port Staff: Amy Graber, Executive Director; Erin Maloney, Port Auditor; Noel Vazquez, Facilities Director
Public: Jan Banevich; Teresa Linwood; Leona Merryman; Brian Dow; Mark Faas; Gary Odegaard; and Cynthia Mudge
Teleconference: 8 remote attendees

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

2) **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 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Lahmann stated that the regular meeting would reconvene at 3:15 p.m.

3) **Reconvene:** Commissioner Lahmann reconvened the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

4) **Approval of Agenda:** Commissioner Pickard made a motion to approve the July 1, 2026, agenda. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

   Jan Banevich, of Centralia; Brian Dow, of Centralia; Cynthia Mudge, executive director of the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce; and Gary Odegaard, of Centralia, provided public comment. Commissioner Pickard noted that written public comment had been submitted by Deb Parnham and Kirk Parnham.

6) **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Pickard made a motion to approve the June 17, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7) **Approval of Warrants:** Commissioner Pickard made a motion to approve warrants 25027 through 25048 with an aggregate amount of $77,298.87. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8) Old Business:

a) Vision and Strategies for Industrial Development in the UGA: Amy Graber gave a brief report on the presentation of the Port's proposal to the Centralia City Council at their last meeting, noting that a final decision has not been made and that a workshop has been scheduled for July 14, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. She also gave a brief overview of the financial benefits of the Logistics Property Company project.

Brian Dow, of Centralia, and Mark Faas, of Centralia, provided public comment on the agenda item.

b) District 1 Commissioner Vacancy: Erin Maloney reported that the Port received five applications for the District 1 Commissioner position. She said that the next step would be for the Commissioners to select final candidates to interview at a special meeting on July 8, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. She also requested that the Commissioners provide interview questions.

Commissioner Pickard made a motion to select candidates Thomas Davidson, Donna Rutledge, and Noel Putaansuu to be interviewed at a special meeting on July 8, 2026. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Brian Dow, of Centralia, provided public comment on the agenda item.

9) New Business:

a) Qwest Corporation – First Amendment to Lease: Amy Graber gave a brief overview of the First Amendment to Lease with Qwest Corporation for the buildings located at 1714 and 1718 Midway Court.

Commissioner Pickard made a motion to approve the First Amendment to Lease with Qwest Corporation and to authorize the Executive Director to sign. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

b) Yew Street Partial Road Dedication – City of Centralia: Amy Graber gave a brief overview of the Yew Street partial road dedication to the City of Centralia as required for the east side boundary line adjustment.

Commissioner Pickard made a motion to approve the Deed of Dedication to form and to authorize the Executive Director to sign. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

10) Essential Updates:

a) Executive Director Report: Amy Graber introduced Noel Vazquez, the Port's Facilities Director. Noel Vazquez gave a brief overview of ongoing Port landscape and maintenance projects.

b) Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Pickard reported that she attended the Economic Alliance of Lewis County's retail roundtable and the Economic Alliance meeting.

Commissioner Lahmann requested Port staff to notice the Centralia City Council workshop as a special meeting so both Commissioners could attend. He also announced the upcoming Summerfest event in downtown Centralia on July 4, 2026.

11) Adjourn: Commissioner Pickard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Lahmann adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

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