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

Attendees: Commissioners: Peter Lahmann, Kyle Markstrom, and Ally Pickard
Port Staff: Amy Graber, Executive Director;
Erin Maloney, Executive Assistant
Public: Cynthia Mudge, Jan Banevich, and Gary Odegaard
Teleconference: 11 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 Markstrom made a motion to adjourn the meeting into executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Pickard seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Lahmann stated that the regular meeting would reconvene at 3:30 p.m.

3) **Reconvene:** Commissioner Lahmann reconvened the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

4) **Approval of Agenda:** Commissioner Markstrom made a motion to approve the June 3, 2026, agenda. Commissioner Pickard 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, and Cynthia Mudge, with the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce, provided public comment.

6) **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Pickard made a motion to approve the May 20, 2026, regular meeting minutes and the May 27, 2026, special meeting minutes. Commissioner Markstrom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7) **Approval of Warrants:** Commissioner Markstrom made a motion to approve warrants 24972 through 24993 with an aggregate amount of $61,981.53. Commissioner Pickard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8) Old Business:

a) Executive Director Search: Commissioner Pickard made a motion to approve the Employment Agreement with Amy Graber for Executive Director with an annual salary of $210,000 with no deferred compensation and all benefits matching the employee handbook. Commissioner Markstrom seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

b) Vision and Strategies for Industrial Development in the UGA: Amy Graber and Commissioner Pickard gave brief reports on the latest meeting with the City of Centralia and Lewis County regarding Industrial Development in the UGA.

Commissioner Pickard made a motion to approve a letter to the City of Centralia regarding the City's proposed changes in vision to industrial property on the west side of Park I with edits specifying the property known as "the Steelhammer property." Commissioner Markstrom seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lahmann opened the agenda item for public comment. Gary Odegaard, Brian Dow, and Paul Crowner provided public comment.

The motion carried.

9) New Business:

a) Resolution 2026-09: Amy Graber gave a brief overview of Resolution 2026-09 appointing Erin Maloney as Port Auditor and introduced her.

Commissioner Markstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-09 To Appoint Erin Maloney as Port Auditor. Commissioner Pickard 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 #26-01: Commissioner Markstrom made a motion to award Small Works Project #26-01 Concrete Work – Park I Sidewalks to Mudslingers General Contracting, LLC in the amount of $5,642.22. Commissioner Pickard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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 gave a brief overview of the Commissioner appointment process for the upcoming District 1 position vacancy following Commissioner Markstrom's resignation. Commissioner Pickard proposed a mailer to District 1 voters to attract applicants for the position. Commissioner Lahmann expressed concern over the cost of the mailer, and Commissioner Pickard replied that staff would get pricing for it.

Commissioner Pickard made a motion to approve the 2026 Commissioner vacancy materials. Commissioner Markstrom seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Amy Graber gave a brief overview of the 2025 final financial statements.

b) Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Pickard gave a brief overview on topics discussed at the Washington Public Ports Association 2026 Spring Conference. She also thanked Commissioner Markstrom for his time as a Port Commissioner.

Commissioner Markstrom reported that he would be attending an upcoming .09 Committee meeting. He thanked the Commissioners, Port staff, and constituents and said that it had been an honor to work alongside them and serve the community. Amy Graber recognized Commissioner Markstrom for his service as a Commissioner since 2020 and thanked him for his leadership and dedication to the Port.

Commissioner Lahmann thanked Amy Graber and Erin Maloney for the work they will be doing in the future and congratulated them on their new positions. He also thanked Commissioner Markstrom for the time and effort he has put in to the position.

11) Adjourn: Commissioner Pickard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Markstrom seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Lahmann adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Peter Lahmann
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