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Minutes
Regular Meeting of the
PORT OF CENTRALIA
May 20, 2026
Port of Centralia Administrative Office & Via Teleconference
3:00 PM

Attendees: Commissioners: Peter Lahmann, Kyle Markstrom, and
Ally Pickard (via teleconference)
Port Staff: Amy Graber, Interim Executive Director
Public: Juanita McNoughton, Mark Faas, 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 Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Markstrom 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 May 20, 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.

   Juanita MacNaughton, with the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce, and Gary Odegaard, of Centralia, provided public comment.

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

7) **Approval of Warrants:** Commissioner Markstrom made a motion to approve warrants 24949 through 24971 with an aggregate amount of $73,873.82. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8) **Old Business:**

   a) Executive Director Search: Commissioner Pickard gave a brief overview of the direction the executive director search has taken.

Commissioner Markstrom made a motion to appoint Commissioner Pickard to negotiate a contract with Amy Graber to be the executive director for Commission consideration. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lahmann opened the agenda item for public comment. Emil Pierson, with the City of Centralia, and Gary Odegaard, of Centralia, provided public comment in support of Amy Graber as executive director.

The motion carried. The Commissioners discussed a potential special meeting for the following week regarding the agenda item.

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.

9) New Business:

a) Resolution 2026-08: Amy Graber gave a brief overview of the Opportunity Zone Applications that the Port of Centralia is supporting.

Commissioner Markstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-08 Supporting the Ecomic Alliance of Lewis County's Opportunity Zone Applications and the Port of Centralia's letter of support. Commissioner Pickard seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

b) City of Centralia Interlocal Agreement – Centralia Station: Amy Graber gave a brief overview of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Centralia regarding development at Centralia Station.

Commissioner Markstrom made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement Between Port of Centralia and City of Centralia Regarding Park 3 – Centralia Station. 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.

c) Access & Utilities Easements – Centralia Station: Amy Graber gave a brief overview of the proposed easements at Centralia Station.

Commissioner Markstrom made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute the Access Easement benefitting 1012 S Yew Street. Commissioner Pickard seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Commissioner Markstrom made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute the Utility Easement benefitting 1012 S Yew Street. Commissioner Pickard seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Commissioner Markstrom made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute the Utility Easement with the City of Centralia. Commissioner Pickard seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

d) Settlement Agreement – 901 Long Road: Amy Graber gave a brief overview of the Settlement Agreement for a portion of the property located at 901 Long Road.

Commissioner Markstrom made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute the Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims with Gene and Jill Potter and to further executive a quit claim deed and stormwater easement agreement referenced therein substantially the same form presented. Commissioner Pickard seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

e) Port of Centralia Personnel Policy Manual: Commissioner Pickard made a motion to table the Port of Centralia Personnel Policy Manual discussion to the next regular meeting.

10) Essential Updates:

a) Executive Director Report: Amy Graber had nothing to report.

b) Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Pickard reported she attended the Washington Public Ports Association 2026 Spring Conference.

Commissioner Lahmann reported he attended a City Council meeting, a Lewis County Board of County Commissioners meeting, an industrial development meeting with the City and County, and a Southwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization meeting. He announced two upcoming Memorial Day community events.

Commissioner Markstrom read his letter of resignation as Port Commissioner effective June 12, 2026.

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 4:15 p.m.

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