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Minutes
Regular Meeting of the
PORT OF CENTRALIA
May 7, 2025
Port of Centralia Administrative Office & Via Teleconference
3:00 PM

Attendees: Commissioners: Kyle Markstrom; Julie Shaffley; and Peter Lahmann
Port Staff: Kyle Heaton, Executive Director
Press: Owen Sexton, The Chronicle
Public: Jan Banevich; Paul Crowner; Brian Dow; Charles Snell; Scott Tennant; Cynthia Mudge; and Gary Odegaard
Teleconference: 5 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 May 7, 2025, 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.

   Paul Crowner, of Centralia, commented on the Economic Alliance of Lewis County flood mitigation funding.

   Brian Dow, of Centralia, commented on public comment.

   Cynthia Mudge, executive director of the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Commissioners for supporting the 25x25 Rob Fuller Scholarship Luncheon honoring the top 25 graduating students at Centralia and Chehalis High Schools. She also announced several upcoming Chamber events.

4) **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Lahmann made a motion to approve the April 2, 2025, Industrial Development District public hearing and regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Shaffley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5) **Approval of Warrants:** Commissioner Shaffley made a motion to approve warrants 24300 through 24358 with an aggregate amount of $209,994.92. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

   Commissioner Lahmann asked for a report from Lewis Consulting. Kyle Heaton replied that after the governor has signed the bills from the Legislative session there will be a report.

   Commissioner Markstrom stated that he appreciated Port staff for adding the flower baskets for the Centralia Downtown Association into the budget because he knows people appreciate them.

6) **New Business:**

a) **Executive Director Report:** Kyle Heaton gave a brief overview of ongoing Port maintenance projects. He reported that both Chick-fil-A and Chipotle are working on permitting for their locations at Centralia Station. He said that LPC is underway on the neighboring Roco property and gave an update on the Yew Street dedication, expecting it to be completed in 60 days. He added that the Port is finishing the permitting process for the WinCo sign.

b) **Resolution 2025-05:** Commissioner Shaffley made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-05 To Void Warrants 24237 Through 24241 and Warrants 2422 Through 24251. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Shaffley stated that the gap in warrant numbers was due to hand delivery, and they were not lost in the mail with the listed warrants.

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

Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Lahmann voiced his concerns over a letter in the previous packet written by Commissioner Markstrom to Sheriff Snaza. Kyle Heaton stated that the matter was currently under criminal investigation. Commissioner Markstrom offered to send Commissioner Lahmann's concern to the Port's attorney. Commissioner Lahmann also asked why the letter was sent to the Lewis County Sheriff's Department instead of the Centralia Police Department. Commissioner Markstrom replied that he was advised to do so.

Commissioner Shaffley reported that she attended the 25x25 Rob Fuller Scholarship Luncheon and an Economic Alliance of Lewis County board meeting.

Commissioner Markstrom had nothing to report.

7) **Adjourn:** Commissioner Shaffley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMISSIONER **COMMISSIONER**