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Minutes
Public Hearing of the
PORT OF CENTRALIA
October 5, 2022
Port of Centralia Administrative Office & Via Teleconference
3:00 PM

Attendees: Commissioners: Kyle Markstrom, Peter Lahmann; Julie Shaffley (via teleconference)
Executive Director: Kyle Heaton
Port Counsel: Ray Liaw, Van Ness Feldman
Public: Gary Odegaard; David Nunn; Bob Jackins; Scott Tennant; Brian Dow; Paul Crowner; and Jan Banevich
Teleconference: Four unknown callers

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

2) **Review of Redistricting Plan:** Kyle Heaton presented the Commissioners with the proposed Port Commission districts map prepared by Lewis County GIS working with the Lewis County Auditor's Office. He said that Amy Graber worked with the Auditor and the proposed precincts for Districts 1, 2, and 3 do not change. The population has increased over the last 10 years. He said that the 2020 census population for District 1 was 8,586; District 2 was 8,083; and District 3 was 8,458. The districts do not have to be exactly balanced, but as close as possible, and they also have to be contiguous. He said that Exhibit A shows the proposed plan with the 2020 census populations and the accompanying map.

   Commissioner Lahmann said that he had two different Exhibit A documents. Kyle Heaton replied that the 2023 revised precincts should be Exhibit A and the second being Exhibit B. Commissioner Lahmann said the only difference was the addition of the 2010 population. Kyle Heaton replied the 2020 increase.

3) **Public Testimony:** Gary Odegaard, of Centralia, said that he lived in Precinct 10 and has worked with precincts for over 60 years. He said that he has never seen numbers precinct population numbers like what was being presented before. Kyle Heaton replied that the came directly from the Lewis County Auditor. He said that they count the registered voters, they are responsible for that, and they provide the Port with the certification by law. Gary Odegaard said that there were only three people in the Mellen precinct. Kyle Heaton suggested that Gary Odegaard call Larry Grove. Kyle Markstrom said that was evidently the case. Gary Odegaard replied that he would have to call Larry Grove.

   Scott Tennant, of Chehalis, thanked the Port Commission for allowing him to come speak publicly and that he appreciated the offer.

   Jan Banevich, of Centralia, did not provide public testimony.

Brian Dow, of Centralia, did not provide public testimony.

4) **Adjourn:** Commissioner Lahmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:04 p.m. Commissioner Shaffley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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