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Minutes
Regular Meeting of the
PORT OF CENTRALIA
October 7, 2026
Port of Centralia Administrative Office & Via Teleconference
3:00 PM

Attendees: Commissioners: Peter Lahmann, Joel Cummins, and Ally Pickard
Port Staff: Amy Graber, Executive Director; Erin Maloney, Port Auditor; Noel Vazquez, Facilities Director
Public: Jan Banevich; Mark Faas; Gary Odegaard; and Jay Vander Stoep
Teleconference: 6 remote attendees

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

2) **Approval of Agenda:** Commissioner Pickard made a motion to approve the October 7, 2026, agenda. Commissioner Cummins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

   Commissioner Lahmann stated that the Chehalis Basin Collaborative for Salmon Habitat submitted written public comment in a letter dated September 14, 2026. Jan Banevich, of Centralia, provided public comment.

4) **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Pickard made a motion to approve the September 16, 2026, regular meeting minutes, with an amendment to strike the line regarding declined public comment. Commissioner Cummins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

   Commissioner Lahmann made the motion to approve the September 17, 2026, special meeting minutes. Commissioner Cummins seconded the motion. Commissioner Pickard abstained from voting. The motion carried.

   Commissioner Pickard made a motion to approve the September 28, 2026, special meeting minutes. Commissioner Cummins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5) **Approval of Warrants:** Commissioner Pickard made a motion to approve warrants 25170 through 25201 with an aggregate amount of $81,011.78. Commissioner Cummins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

   Commissioner Cummins asked a question regarding legal advertising.

6) **Old Business:**

a) **Small Works Project #26-07 Asphalt Repair – 1709 Midway Court:** Noel Vazquez reported the Port's maintenance crew was able to complete the repairs for Small Works Project #26-07 Asphalt Repair – 1709 Midway Court in-house.

b) **Committee Assignments:** The Commissioners discussed the committee assignments that Commissioner Markstrom was previously assigned. They decided Commissioner Cummins would represent the Port on the .09 Committee and the Centralia Downtown Association, and Commissioner Pickard would represent the Port on the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

7) **New Business:**

a) Jay Vander Stoep Presentation: Jay Vander Stoep provided a presentation on the Chehalis Basin and proposed flood mitigation projects.

Mark Faas, of Centralia, provided public comment.

b) Valvoline Instant Oil Change Concept Site Plan Review: Amy Graber gave a brief overview of the conceptual site plan submitted by Valvoline Instant Oil Change for their proposed 2,673-sq.-ft. facility on S. Yew Street.

Commissioner Pickard made a motion to approve the Concept Site Plan submitted by Valvoline Instant Oil Change. Commissioner Cummins seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lahmann opened the agenda item for public comment. Mark Faas, of Centralia, provided public comment.

The motion carried.

8) **Essential Updates:**

a) **Staff Reports:**

i) Regional Economic Development District: Erin Maloney provided the Commissioners with an update on the meeting with the Evergreen Coast Regional Partnership hosted by the Economic Alliance of Lewis County.

ii) Executive Director Report: Amy Graber stated that she gave a presentation at the Revitalization Roundtable hosted by the Economic Alliance of Lewis County and the Centralia Downtown Association providing an update on Centralia Station. She reported that she also attended the Association of Washington Business Manufacturing Week tour at Rogers Machinery and the Centralia Livability Committee tour of Hillsboro, Oregon.

Amy Graber announced that the Port had closed and recorded with Yewturned LLC, the developer for Chick-fil-A and Valvoline Instant Oil Change. She stated that the Port is

currently working on a Bill of Sale for the dedication of S. Yew Street to the City of Centralia and the Boundary Line Adjustment for the east side of Yew Street. She said the State Auditor's Office's accountability and financial audit for 2023-2025 is expected to begin in early November.

b) Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Pickard requested that Commissioner Cummins take over the Lighted Tractor Parade project since he is now the Port's liaison with the Centralia Downtown Association and asked for the Port to reach out to tenants for their participation in the parade as well. She reported that she attended the Revitalization Roundtable. She also requested that the meeting packets be made available to the public. Commissioner Lahmann and Commissioner Cummins agreed. Commissioner Pickard also stated that the Port needs to submit a request for proposal for a new website that will be compliant with the new ADA accessibility requirements.

Commissioner Cummins reported that he attended the Revitalization Roundtable

Commissioner Lahmann reported that he attended the City Council meeting, the Career and Technical Education meeting at Centralia High School, and met with Senator Cantwell's staff. He stated at he would be not be able to attend the October 21, 2026, meeting.

9) **2027 Budget Workshop:** Amy Graber discussed the draft 2027 Budget with the Commissioners.

10) **Adjourn:** Commissioner Pickard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cummins seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Lahmann adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

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