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Minutes
Regular Meeting of the
PORT OF CENTRALIA
April 19, 2023
Port of Centralia Administrative Office & Via Teleconference
3:00 PM

Attendees: Commissioners: Kyle Markstrom and Julie Shaffley;
Peter Lahmann via teleconference
Executive Director: Kyle Heaton
Press: Owen Sexton, The Chronicle
Public: Gary Odegaard; David Nunn; Sean Swope, Lewis County Board of County Commissioners; Jan Banevich; Eric Sonnenberg, Economic Alliance of Lewis County; Cynthia Mudge, Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce; Bob Jackins; Brian Dow; Paul Crowner; Rick Reichardt; Jared Sturdevant; Chad Taylor; and Coralee Taylor
Teleconference: Seven 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 Shaffley made a motion to approve the April 19, 2023, agenda as submitted. Commissioner Lahmann 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.

Gary Odegaard, of Centralia, said that he lived in Precinct 12 and has been a Centralia resident since 1962. He said that he winters elsewhere and calls in to listen to the meetings while he is away, and that it would be nice to be able to comment or ask questions on that system since the Port does not use Zoom. He had called Amy Graber and she said that the Port does not have the capability to do that. He volunteered to run a system that would allow comments. He added that there was an article in The Chronicle stating that Representative Abbarno was asking about a bill in the Legislature for more transparency and he thought that would help that transparency.

Sean Swope, Lewis County Board of County Commissioners, invited the Commissioners and the public to an upcoming open house for the Reynolds Avenue/Harrison Avenue Corridor Improvement Project.

Eric Sonnenberg, Economic Alliance of Lewis County, announced numerous upcoming EALC events.

Cynthia Mudge, executive director of the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce, announced several upcoming Chamber events.

Jan Banevich, of Centralia, echoed Gary Odegaard's comments about Zoom. She wanted to address that Commissioner Lahmann is on the phone and can hear and speak both ways and it should be looked into further. She said that if the Port refuses to use Zoom it should look into other phone systems as well.

4) **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Shaffley made a motion to approve the April 5, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5) **Approval of Warrants:** Commissioner Shaffley made a motion to approve warrants 23037 through 23076 with an aggregate amount of $90,255.57. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6) **New Business:**

a) I-5/Mellen Street Connector Stage 1:

(i) Pay Estimate #5: Commissioner Shaffley made a motion to approve Pay Estimate #5 with Midway Underground in the amount of $386,365.85. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

(ii) Change Order #2: Kyle Heaton listed all of the inclusions in Change Order #2.

Commissioner Shaffley made a motion to approve Change Order #2 with Midway Underground increasing the contract amount by $169,742.01. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Markstrom opened I-5/Mellen Street Connector Stage 1 – Change Order #2 for public comment. Brian Dow, of Centralia, asked if he could ask about the warrants that were previously approved. Commissioner Markstrom replied that the public comment must pertain to the current agenda item.

(iii) Change Order #3: Kyle Heaton listed all of the inclusions in Change Order #3. Commissioner Shaffley made a motion to approve Change Order #3 with Midway Underground increasing the contract amount by $742,131.63. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Markstrom opened I-5/Mellen Street Connector Stage 1 – Change Order #3 for public comment. There was no public comment made.

b) I-5/Mellen Street Connector Stage 2: Kyle Heaton reported on the bid opening for I-5/Mellen Street Connector Stage 2. He said that there were nine bidders and submitted bids were below the engineer's estimate of $3.8-$4.5 million.

Commissioner Shaffley made a motion to award bid and authorize the executive director to execute the necessary contract documents, subject to approval by the Port's engineers and concurrent with the Washington State Department of Transportation, to Scarsella Brothers,

Inc. in the amount of $2,337,681.75. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Markstrom opened I-5/Mellen Street Connector Stage 2 for public comment. There was no public comment made. Commissioner Shaffley said that it was very good to see the project came in under bid and that all of the bid amounts were so close. Commissioner Markstrom said that it was great to see so many bidders and that it is exciting to move to the next stage of the project.

c) **Executive Director Report:** Kyle Heaton reported that WinCo Foods continues to work on design. He speaks with them a couple times a week but does not have a submission date yet.

d) **Commissioner Reports:** Commissioner Shaffley did not have a Commissioner report but stated that she is excited to see the next phase starting very quickly and she was impressed. She added she was excited about the future.

Commissioner Lahmann thanked Port staff for their work on the second phase and welcomed Scarsella Brothers to Centralia. He thought the Port was going to have a great project.

Commissioner Markstrom said that he attended the Mayors' meeting and echoed the other Commissioner's comments on the project.

7) **Adjourn:** Commissioner Shaffley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:19 p.m. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Peter Lahmann
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