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Minutes
Regular Meeting of the
PORT OF CENTRALIA
August 5, 2026
Port of Centralia Administrative Office & Via Teleconference
3:00 PM

Attendees: Commissioners: Peter Lahmann and Ally Pickard
Port Staff: Amy Graber, Executive Director; Erin Maloney, Port Auditor; Noel Vazquez, Facilities Director
Public: Jan Banevich; Noel Putaansuu; and Mark Faas
Teleconference: 4 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 August 5, 2026, agenda. Commissioner Lahmann 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.

   Jan Banevich, of Centralia, declined to comment.

4) **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Pickard made a motion to approve the July 15, 2026, regular meeting minutes and the July 14, 2026, and July 21, 2026, special meeting minutes. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5) **Approval of Warrants:** Commissioner Pickard made a motion to approve warrants 25076 through 25103 with an aggregate amount of $259,583.48. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6) **Old Business:**

   a) Vision and Strategies for Industrial Development in the UGA: Amy Graber said that she and the Commissioners attended the Centralia City Council's July 21, 2026, special meeting where the City Council voted in favor of the Port's proposal and agreed to remove the development moratorium. She said the next step in the process will be for City, Port, and County staff to prepare the Interlocal Agreement, Developer's Agreement, and Pre-annexation Agreement for approval from all three agencies. She noted that the moratorium will be temporarily extended until the agreements are approved.

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

b) District 1 Commissioner Vacancy: Amy Graber reported that the Port received two public nominations, although one nominee does not live in the correct district. She said the next step in the process will be to interview the public nominee at the next meeting and hold an executive session to discuss the interviewed candidates. She added that Erin Maloney has verified that the nominees are registered District 1 voters with Lewis County Elections.

7) **New Business:**

a) Resolution 2026-10 Prohibiting the Siting of Detention Facilities on Port Property: Amy Graber gave a brief overview of Resolution 2026-10. She said that the Port had stated in a letter to City Council prior to their July 21, 2026, special meeting that it would be adopting the resolution.

Commissioner Pickard made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-10 Prohibiting the Siting of Detention Facilities on Port Property. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion.

Paul Crowner, of Centralia, provided comment on the agenda item.

The motion carried.

b) Small Works Project #26-04 Fencing – South Street Stormwater Pond: Noel Vazquez said that Small Works Project #26-04 was to replace a fence along the northern boundary of the South Street stormwater pond that was previously removed during the City of Centralia's South Street project, noting the fence was important to prevent trespassing and for public safety. He added that the Port had reached out to multiple local companies, and the lowest apparent bidder was from Napavine.

Commissioner Pickard made a motion to award bid in the amount of $26,016.00 to Express Iron Works, Inc. for Small Works Project #26-04 Fencing – South Street Stormwater Pond. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

c) Small Works Project #26-05 Electrical Upgrade – 2120 Northpark Drive: Noel Vazquez said that Small Works Project #26-05 would upgrade the lighting at 2120 Northpark Drive to LED for energy efficiency and aiding the Port's compliance with the Clean Buildings Act.

Commissioner Pickard made a motion to award bid in the amount of $24,268.59 to Travers Electric. Inc. for Small Works Project #26-05 Electrical Upgrade – 2120 Northpark Drive. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

8) Essential Updates:

a) Executive Director Report:

i) Erin Maloney gave a brief overview on the Port's 2026 budget-to-date, noting that as of June 30, 2026, the Port is sitting slightly under budget at an overall position of 47%.

Erin Maloney also discussed the Port's upcoming 40th anniversary with the Commissioners. The Commissioners selected September 17, 2026, for the community reception at Dick's Brewing Company.

ii) Noel Vazquez gave a brief report on the recent annual inspection of the Long Road Levee with the US Army Corps of Engineers, noting the formal report would be expected in September. He also stated the Port had implemented an air quality policy for staff.

iii) Amy Graber reported that the Port of Chehalis has invited the Port of Centralia to tour their hydrogen production and fueling station and their grain terminal transload facility. She also said that the next regular meeting will need to be rescheduled due to Commissioner Lahmann's schedule. The Commissioners agreed to reschedule the meeting to August 21, 2026. Amy also reported that the Port will be hosting a meeting with Centralia College and Port tenants to discuss employer needs and workforce development strategies for CC's new Smart Manufacturing degree program. Commissioner Pickard requested that the invitation be extended to Centralia High School.

b) Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Pickard had nothing to report.

Commissioner Lahmann reported that he attended National Night Out and announced the upcoming Hot August Night public event at the Orting Soldiers Home.

9) Adjourn: Commissioner Pickard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Lahmann adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

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