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Minutes
Regular Meeting of the
PORT OF CENTRALIA
September 20, 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
Public: Gary Odegaard; Jan Banevich; Dawn Merchant; and
Cynthia Mudge, Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce
Teleconference: Six 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 September 20, 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.

   Jan Banevich, of Centralia, commented on Commissioner Markstrom's recent written statement regarding Centralia Station and Commissioner Lahmann's actions during the process of bringing in WinCo Foods. She called the statement utterly distasteful, shameful, and appalling, and said that Commissioner Markstrom was politically grandstanding. She added that the Port's attorney admitted the map from the September 13, 2023, special meeting was outdated.

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

   Gary Odegaard, of Centralia, commented on the Port's teleconference system and suggested some improvements that he thought would increase transparency.

   Commissioner Markstrom responded to Jan Banevich and stated that the information in front of the Commissioners on September 13, 2023, was complete and accurate and they had all of the information they needed to complete that vote.

4) **Approval of Minutes:**

   a) Commissioner Shaffley made a motion to approve the September 6, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

b) Commissioner Shaffley made a motion to approve the September 13, 2023, special meeting minutes. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5) **Approval of Warrants:** Commissioner Shaffley made a motion to approve warrants 23334 through 23355 with an aggregate amount of $875,988.77. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6) **New Business:**

a) Executive Director Report: Kyle Heaton gave an update on the City of Centralia's ongoing Galvin Road paving project. Commissioner Markstrom said that he appreciated the City and Lewis County's efforts on the project.

Kyle Heaton gave an update on the Mellen Street Connector project for both Stages 1 and 2.

b) Mellen Street Connector Stage 2 – Pay Estimate #3: Commissioner Shaffley made a motion to approve Pay Estimate #3 with Scarsella Brothers in the amount of $194,056.73. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Markstrom opened the agenda item for public comment. Jan Banevich, of Centralia, commented that she thought Scarsella Brothers was working on Stage 2 of the project. Commissioner Markstrom replied that she was correct and there was a typo on the agenda.

c) Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Lahmann reported that he had attended the City of Centralia Council meeting and, as a member of the public, and a meeting with Representative Orcutt regarding local transportation issues.

Commissioner Shaffley reported that she attended the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, the City of Centralia Council meeting, and the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Markstrom stated he did not have anything to report.

7) **Adjourn:** Commissioner Shaffley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:14 p.m. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMISSIONER **COMMISSIONER**