

PORT OF BREMERTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

MINUTES

February 27, 2024
6:00 PM

Bill Mahan Conference Room
Port Administration Offices
Bremerton Nat'l Airport Terminal Bldg
8850 SW State Hwy 3, Bremerton
Remote Option via Zoom

Commissioners and Staff Present

Commissioners

Gary Anderson
Cary Bozeman
Axel Strakeljahn

Staff Members

Jim Rothlin
Arne Bakker
Jeremiah Wiley
James Goodman
Kathy Garcia
Ginger Waye
Stephanie Frame
Anne Montgomery, Atty

Call to Order

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by STRAKELJAHN to:

Approve the Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIES, 3-0

Consent Items

- A. Minutes of the regular business meeting and executive session of February 13, 2024.
- B. Payment of checks #902166 through #902167 and #85666 through #85683 and #E01882 through #E01898 and #902168 through #902171 and #902172 through #902183 and #902184 through #902185 and #E01899 and #85684 through #85707 and #E01900 through #E01913 from the General Fund for \$352,263.16.

It was moved by STRAKELJAHN, seconded by BOZEMAN to:

Approve the Consent Items as presented.

MOTION CARRIES, 3-0

Information Items

1. Puget Sound Regional Council's Regional Competition for 2027-2028 Federal Transportation Funding and Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council's 2024 Call for Projects for the Kitsap Countywide Competition

Arne Bakker, Chief Operations Officer, explained the Port would be seeking funding from the PSRC Regional and KRCC Countywide competitions for Phase 2.2 of Airport Way, formerly known as the Cross-SKIA Connector. He provided history on the completion of Phases 1 and 2.1 of the road project detailing that Phase 2.2 construction consists of approximately 3,800 linear feet of road with a project cost estimate of \$3,694,900.

Mr. Bakker provided timelines for the funding competitions highlighting the Port's next steps. He spoke to the eligibility requirements for the competitions and responded to questions and comments from the Board

2. Seattle Boat Show Recap

Kathy Garcia, Marina Operations Manager, provided a recap on the 2024 Seattle Boat Show providing detail on the following:

- Great work of staff that represented the Port in the Booth.
- Fun facts about the show.
- Feature Days.
- Brand-new booth which received substantial positive comments. Highlighted Erica Filler's design and Brian Robinson's construction work on the booth.
- Why the Port participates.
- Promos and giveaways.
- Results of participating in the Boat Show.

Ms. Garcia responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Citizen Comments - None

Action Items

1. Port of Bremerton Bylaws Update
Introduced by CEO Rothlin and presented by Commission Bozeman.

Following presentation and full discussion;

It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by ANDERSON to:

Approve the updated bylaws which add structure to the officer elections and committee assignment process and allow a distribution of opportunities for each commissioner.

MOTION CARRIES, 2-0 Yes: Bozeman and Anderson No: Strakeljahn

Staff Reports

Jim Rothlin, Chief Executive Officer

- Employee Recognition:
 - Jenifer Zuweni, Staff Accountant Receivables, completed her Bachelor of Science Accounting Degree. She was also the recipient of the 2023 Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) Scholarship which helped fund the degree. Congratulations to Jenifer on this outstanding accomplishment.
- Discussed the process and provided an update on the Airport Manager search stating second interviews are currently being held and we are hoping for a decision next week.
- Provided an update on the Port's legislative request for \$300K for an airport feasibility study.

Commission Reports / New Business

Commissioner Bozeman

- Was a member on the committee for the Bremerton School District bond issue and excited that it passed along with their renewal levy.
- Reported on the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) ferry meeting. He remarked that there seems to be a new ferry champion in the legislature in 23rd District Representative Greg Nance.
- Excited to see new young emerging leaders in the community such as Representative Nance, Bremerton School District Superintendent Dr. James Crawford, and County Commissioner Katie Walters.

Commissioner Strakeljahn

- Thanked Commissioner Bozeman for his participation in the ferry advocacy and referenced legislative matters related to the ferries.
- Described Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) new transportation dashboard which is on their website.
- Discussed PSRC's upcoming review of regional Manufacturing/Industrial Center designations.

Commissioner Anderson

- Impressed with the outcome of the ferries meetings and stated appreciation for Commissioner Bozeman's work.

- Reported on the recent Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (PRTPO) executive board meeting stating it is a well-run organization and is very relevant to our region.
- Will attend the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance (KEDA) economic forecast meeting next month. Commissioner Strakeljahn asked if the Port was sponsoring a table at the event. Following discussion, it was determined the Port would purchase a table of eight.

Executive Session

President Anderson recessed the meeting at 7:07 p.m. and reconvened into executive session at 7:10 p.m. for approximately ten minutes for the purpose of discussing with legal counsel current or potential litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)].

At 7:26 p.m. the regular meeting was reconvened.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m..

Submitted,



Jim Rothlin
Chief Executive Officer
March 7, 2024

Approved,



Axel Strakeljahn
Commission Secretary
March 12, 2024