

PORT OF BREMERTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

MINUTES

February 23, 2021
6:00 PM

Remote Access Only
Zoom Meeting ID: 335 903 0010
Zoom Call-In: (253) 215-8782
BKAT Live Stream

Commissioners and Staff Present

Commissioners

Cary Bozeman
Axel Strakeljahn
Gary Anderson

Staff Members

Jim Rothlin
Fred Salisbury
Sherman Hu
Arne Bakker
James Weaver
Warren Hendrickson
Ginger Waye
Anne Montgomery, Atty

Call to Order

President Bozeman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by STRAKELJAHN, seconded by ANDERSON to:

Approve the Agenda as presented.

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Consent Items

- A. Minutes of the regular business meeting of February 9, 2021.
- B. Payment of checks #E00385 and #82117 through #82131 and #E00386 through #E00391 and #82132 through #82133 and #E00392 and #82138 through #82155 and #E00393 through #E00395 from the General Fund for \$119,038.41; #82112 through #82116 and #82134 through #82137 from the Construction Fund for \$160,892.97.

It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by ANDERSON to:

Approve the Consent Items as presented.

MOTION CARRIES, 3-0

Information Items

1. Gorst Coalition Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

CEO Jim Rothlin explained that the Gorst Coalition is made up of public agencies, businesses, and community partners within Kitsap and Mason Counties in order to create a strong, organized lobbying effort to find and secure state and federal resources needed to address the SR3/SR16 transportation issues.

Commissioner Strakeljahn, co-chair of the Coalition, provided detail on the MOU highlighting the organizational chart and speaking to the expertise of the Thompson Consulting firm that has been enlisted to lead the lobbying effort. All MOU parties are being asked to participate in the funding of this effort and he requested the Port consider participating at a \$20,000 level.

There was discussion among the Board on the excellent work product of the MOU and the history of the Port's funding support of earlier work done for the Gorst corridor and the need to continue that support.

It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by ANDERSON to:

Move the Gorst Coalition Memorandum of Understanding to Action Items

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There was further discussion on legal representation and insurance with Commissioner Strakeljahn noting that the fiduciary of the Coalition is the City of Bremerton.

Citizen Comments - None

Action Items

1. Gorst Coalition Memorandum of Understanding

It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by STRAKELJAHN to:

Approve membership in the Gorst Coalition and accept the Memorandum of Understanding

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It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by ANDERSON to:

Approve appropriation of annual \$20,000 to the Gorst Coalition.

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Staff Reports

Jim Rothlin, Chief Executive Officer

- Reported on airport and marina actions during the recent snowstorm which minimized negative impact. At the airport was able to get the Airlift Northwest ramp cleared for their operations but discussed the difficulties encountered with clearing the runway. At the marina was able to use the saltwater pumps to keep snow from building up on the shed roofs and discussed the crew's efforts in keeping docks clear and assisting with a boat taking on water. Commissioner Bozeman suggested having future discussion on what it would take to avoid the runway issues in the future.
- Reported on the Kitsap Public Facilities District (KPFDD) meeting during which they approved the \$1.4 million Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Port for the Circuit of the Northwest regional sports center and community center. The ILA will be brought before the Board at a future meeting.
- With the help of Commissioner Anderson, we are working with the Port Orchard Community Center on putting together the process for the waterfront center which is still in the brainstorming process. There was full discussion with the Board on the need to maintain adequate marina parking and access for our tenants.

Commission Reports / New Business

Commissioner Anderson

- Attended the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance forum and also met with Executive Director Joe Morrison previous to the forum. Reported on the statistics presented at the forum regarding Kitsap County COVID-19 numbers by region and the relationship to the economic health in those regions.

Commissioner Strakeljahn

- An official legislative request, sponsored by Representative Drew McEwen, has been made regarding the Gorst corridor.
- Thanked Commissioner Bozeman for inviting him to be a guest on his "Conversation with a Community Leader" series on Bremerton-Kitsap Access Television (BKAT).

Commissioner Bozeman

- Need to pay attention to downtown Seattle; offices are empty with people working from home and they may continue to do so. That will affect Kitsap County by having more people moving to the outskirts and, with the Shipyard having an enormous workload, it presents some real opportunity for the Port.
- COVID-19 vaccinations seem to be unorganized although they are finally getting their act together with the local health department getting stronger. Looking toward 1st quarter of 2022 for no mask wearing.

Executive Session

President Bozeman recessed the meeting at 6:45 p.m. and reconvened into executive session for approximately 15 minutes regarding: real estate [RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)]. At 7:00 p.m. executive session was extended 15 minutes.

At 7:15 p.m. the regular meeting was reconvened.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted,



Jim Rothlin
Chief Executive Officer
March 4, 2021

Approved,



Gary Anderson
Commission Secretary
March 9, 2021