

**PORT OF BREMERTON**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

**MINUTES**

May 14, 2019  
10:00 AM

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

**Commissioners and Staff Present**

Commissioners  
Larry Stokes  
Cary Bozeman  
Axel Strakeljahn

Staff Members  
Jim Rothlin  
Fred Salisbury  
Sherman Hu

Arne Bakker  
James Weaver  
Ginger Waye  
Anne Montgomery, Atty

**Call to Order**

President Stokes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

He made a statement announcing that after much deliberation with his wife, he would not be seeking reelection. They are looking forward to spending more time at their second home in Utah, winter in Arizona, and a motorhome trip to the east coast to visit a new great grandbaby. He thanked the Commission and Port for their support over the last 12 years. The other Board members congratulated him on his difficult decision and thank him for what he has brought to the Port and the community.

**Approval of Agenda**

**It was moved by STRAKELJAHN, seconded by BOZEMAN to:**

Approve the Agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIES, 3-0**

## Consent Items

- A. Minutes of the regular business meeting and executive session of April 23, 2019.
- B. Payment of checks #79327 through 79330 and #79343 through #79410 and #901005 and #79411 through #79413 and #901006 through #901008 and #79417 through #79489 from the General Fund for \$444,715.66; #79337 through #79342 and #79414 through #79416 from the Construction Fund for \$200,800.07.

**It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by STRAKELJAHN to:**

Approve the Consent Items as presented.

**MOTION CARRIES, 3-0**

## Information Items

1. Legislative Update – Dylan Doty, Doty & Associates.

Mr. Doty commented he was sorry to see Commissioner Stokes go appreciating all he has done.

He provided an overview and highlights of the 105-day budget session that ended on time on April 28:

- Almost 2500 bills introduced.
- This was Frank Chopp’s last year as Speaker of the House; John Lovick was named interim speaker. Described the process to appoint a new speaker who will officially take over at the start of the 2020 legislative session.
- Relatively quiet year for legislators with only two mid-term elections scheduled
- Discussed elements of the operating, capital, and barebones transportation budgets which all passed. He detailed project asks during this session and upcoming sessions.
- Comprehensive look at bills that were passed especially those affecting ports and state revenue bills.
- Legislature did not touch I-976, placing limits on motor vehicle taxes which means it will be on the ballot in the upcoming election.
- Next year is an “off-year” or supplemental budget year.
- A big push in the biennial budget will be for the Port Orchard Marina breakwater; ask for next year will be industrial park spec building. Discussion on potential ask for extension of Airport-Industrial Way and leverage with possible Puget Sound Regional Council funding.

Mr. Doty proposed having a “Day at the Port” for legislators similar to previous “Day on the Hill” luncheons in Olympia. It would provide an opportunity to invite legislators in the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 35<sup>th</sup> districts to tour Port facilities. Suggested a September timeframe after the Port’s economic impact study is complete. The Board agreed with that timing and also suggested doing a Port community day.

2. Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (PRTPO) Briefing – Port Orchard Council Member Bek Ashby, PRTPO Executive Board Vice-Chair.

Council Member Ashby offered congratulations and appreciation for all Commissioner Stokes has done for the community.

She clarified that Peninsula RTPO does not ask for money; there are no dues, fees or assessments – their funding comes from the state legislature. She provided history on the organization which began in 1990 with the Olympic Region of Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) being the lead agency. WSDOT has announced they will no longer be in that roll and Kitsap Transit has agreed to take on the additional work and responsibility. With this change, PRTPO will need to be recertified so the organization's bylaws and interlocal agreements have been updated and realigned.

Commissioner Strakeljahn explained the Port has been involved with PRTPO for many years and explained the update process and the need to ratify the updated interlocal agreement. Council Member Ashby responded to Commissioner Bozeman's question on growth issues and discussed PRTPO's partnership with Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC).

CEO Rothlin stated the new interlocal agreement with Peninsula RTPO will be reviewed by the Port Attorney and brought before the Board at the next meeting.

## **Citizen Comments**

Roger Gay, South Kitsap

- Suggested that we interact with legislators as soon as possible to get a date on the books for the legislative day at the Port.
- Thanked Commissioner Stokes for his service; what he does for the community is phenomenal and will be difficult to replace.

Doug Haughton, Bremerton Pilots Association (BPA) President

- Goes back 40 years with Commissioner Stokes including his previous terms; appreciate his service and cooperative efforts.
- Offered BPA's assistance is supplying airplanes/pilots for tours for any "show and tells."

Jack Edwards, Port Orchard

- Thanked Commissioner Stokes for his many years of service and publicly announced he is officially running for Bremerton Port Commissioner District 2. With all Commissioner Stokes accomplishments, he left big shoes to fill and, if elected, would like to follow in his footsteps.

## Action Items

1. Resolution 2019-11 supporting a revised WSDOT Airport Aid Application for the 2019 Airfield Lighting, Signage, NAVAIDS, Electrical Improvements Project.

*Presented by Fred Salisbury, Chief Operations Officer.*

Following presentation and discussion;

**It was moved by STRAKELJAHN, seconded by BOZEMAN to:**

Approve Resolution 2019-09 supporting a WSDOT Airport Aid Application for the 2019 Airfield Lighting, Signage, NAVAIDS, Electrical Improvements Project.

**MOTION CARRIES, 3-0**

**Commission New Business** - None

## Staff Reports

*Jim Rothlin, Chief Executive Officer*

- Saddened by the news that Commissioner Stokes will not be running but respects the decision. Appreciated the direct and upfront conversations over the years.
- Airport entry monument is being removed this week for refurbishment and is expected to be back in place in less than a month.
- American Cruise Line will arrive this Friday around noon; detail was provided on the cruise ship process.
- Described the Port's participation in the City of Port Orchard's community service day.
- Announced that for the first time both marinas are at full capacity for permanent moorage with waiting lists. James Weaver, Director of Marine Facilities, discussed the reasoning and efforts attributed to it. CEO Rothlin provided the marketing history.
- Discussed agenda for the upcoming Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) spring meeting being held in Spokane starting tomorrow.
- Introduced Warren Hendrickson, the Port's new Airport Manager. Mr. Hendrickson stated it was a pleasure to be here and thanked staff for the warm welcome. He commented that he would be speaking on airport best practices at both the WPPA spring meeting and the Washington Airport Management Association (WAMA) annual conference. In follow-on to Mr. Doty's report, he discussed airport grant funding and the creation of the Community Aviation Revitalization Board (CARB) through legislation.

## Commission Reports

*Commissioner Strakeljahn*

- Reported on the recent Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council Executive Board meeting.

- Forecast is for hot and dry weather - reminded everyone to be aware of increased fire danger.

*Commissioner Stokes*

- Discussed the City of Port Orchard's community service day and requested a letter of appreciation be sent to the Mayor to forward to the volunteers.
- Reported on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Golden Spike ceremony he recently attended in Utah.

**Executive Session**

President Stokes recessed the meeting at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened into executive session at 11:40 a.m. for approximately 20 minutes regarding: potential litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)] and real estate issues [RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)].

At 12:00 p.m. the regular meeting was reconvened.

**Adjournment**

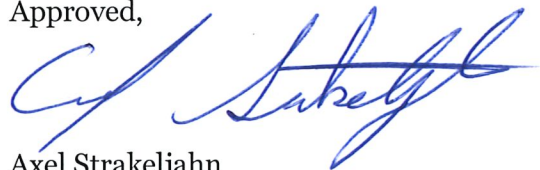
There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Submitted,



Jim Rothlin  
Chief Executive Officer  
May 23, 2019

Approved,



Axel Strakeljahn  
Commission Secretary  
May 28, 2019

