

**PORT OF THE DALLES COMMISSION**  
**Regular Session Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, August 11, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Video Meeting via Zoom**

The Regular Session Meeting of the Port Commissioners was called to order by President Greg Weast at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Executive Assistant Toepke

**COMMISSION** Greg Weast, Robert Wallace, Staci Coburn, David Griffith, John Willer

**STAFF** Andrea Klaas, Executive Director; Jennifer Toepke, Executive Assistant; Bill Dick, Attorney

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** President Weast

**AGENDA CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTION** None

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS** As included in meeting packet, plus Commissioner Weast may join Executive Director Klaas on KODL Coffee Break on Friday, September 13, 2021

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. **July 14, 2021, Regular Session Meeting Minutes** *was Approved by Consensus*
2. **July 2021 Financial Reports** *were Approved by Consensus*
3. **3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment to The Dalles Marina Concession Agreement** *M/S. Coburn, S/R. Wallace. Motion Approved Unanimously*

**REPORTS**

1. **Staff Report** Executive Director Klaas Stands as included in meeting packet, plus concerning the fire at The Dalles Marina: Attorney Dick and Special Districts are constructing the plan to launch cleanup and salvage as soon as possible. There are funds available from SDIS for pollution – which would cover costs of U.S. Ecology. For safety reasons The Dalles Marina, LLC has installed a gate at the beginning of D Finger to keep people out.
2. **Committee Reports**
  - **Community Outreach Team** Commissioner Weast An in-person trip to Washington, D.C. will not be happening due to the pandemic – but the video meetings will still be held. ED Klaas: To meet with County Commission Chair Hege to discuss the scope and shape of the video meetings.
  - **Wasco County Economic Development** EA Toepke was accepted for the position, awaiting to be officially appointed by Wasco County
  - **Urban Renewal** Commissioner Coburn No meeting. Spoke with Alice Cannon: 1) Work is ongoing at the Rec Building – just not visible, as the work is primarily happening inside currently. Opening scheduled for November – running a bit behind on the timeline, so could be December. 2) Tony's Town & Country made it through the committee with approval to be raised, has potential for grant funding – the goal is to make it a shovel ready property. Good to get tax revenue back to the community.
  - **Dufur** Commissioner Wallace Hot & Dry – farmers are referencing back to 1977 since it's been this bad. Cherry and wheat harvest is done – it was a short yield for wheat. Annual Dufur Days would normally start this weekend – it was cancelled months ago due to the pandemic. School is about to start – with the surge in Covid cases related to the Delta variant, administration is figuring out what school will look like this Fall. The housing development meeting got pushed out twice – once due to a lack of quorum, the 2<sup>nd</sup> time it is unclear why. There have been some recent business transactions in downtown Dufur – it will be encouraging to see some related action in the next year. ED Klaas: Working together with Commissioner Wallace in conversations with Hydro to redirect a fine that they are due to pay DEQ, to a project for the betterment of the community instead.

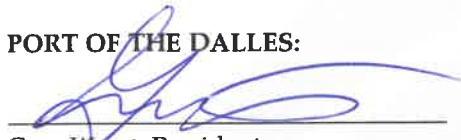
- Griffith The Chamber did not meet. Sent the Chamber's Community Connector to the Commission. This issue there is the information about the County Fair – with the opportunity to donate to the Annual Livestock Show. The Chamber touches on several grants available – should the Commission know anyone looking for funding – it is available.

#### COMMISSION CALL

1. Commissioner Griffith Unfortunate to be meeting via Zoom again. Thanks to Commission and Staff.
2. Commissioner Coburn Continued thanks for the hard work on the Marina fire.
3. Commissioner Willer Looking forward to redoing the Marina in a safer way.
4. Commissioner Wallace Ditto on the thanks for the hard work on the Marina fire. Also, relieved that the restrooms at the Marina are open again!
5. Commissioner Weast Reference the annual Staff Retreat at Rock Creek, as it is not allowed right now – would anyone like to hold it over at Klickitat?

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE PORT COMMISSION, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.**

**PORT OF THE DALLES:**



Greg Weast, President  
Board of Commissioners

**ATTEST:**



David A. Griffith, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners

DATE APPROVED: September 15, 2021

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