

PORT OF BREMERTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

MINUTES

April 23, 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 Weaver
James Goodman

Cole Barnes
Ginger Waye
Stephanie Frame
Anne Montgomery, Atty (Remote)

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 of March 26, 2024.
- B. Payment of checks #902228 through #902231 and #902232 and #902233 through #902236 and #902237 through #902239 and #85767 through #85787 and #E01952 through #E01969 from the General Fund for \$222,438.30.

Payment of checks #902240 through #902241 and #902242 through #902243 and #E01970 and #902244 through #902247 and #902248 and #902250 and #902251 through #902263 and #85788 through #85819 and #E01971 through #E01996 from the General Fund for \$208,111.68. VOID #85613, 83992, 85276 & E01970.

It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by STRAKELJAHN to:

Approve the Consent Items as presented.

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Information Items

1. Fathoms O' Fun Royalty Court – Helene Jensen, Pageant Royalty Program Director

Ms. Jensen presented three of the newly crowned 2024 Fathoms Royalty Court that will be serving the community over the next year. She asked the Court to introduce themselves and provide their platform.

Queen Nic – Encouragement of Love and Acceptance of All

Duchess Miah – Microtia Awareness

Prince Zach – Teenage Health & Fitness

Ms. Jensen provided detail on the many 2024 Fathoms events and stated the calendar of events can be found at www.fathomsofun.org. She responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Citizen Comments - None

Action Items

1. Resolution 2024-03 authorizing a Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Grant Application for the Port Orchard Waterfront Park ADA Renovations Project
Presented by James Weaver, Director of Marine Facilities

Following presentation and after questions were addressed:

It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by STRAKELJAHN to:

Approve Resolution 2024-03 authorizing Jim Rothlin, CEO, to act as the authorized representative/agent on behalf of the Port and to legally bind our organization with respect to the Port Orchard waterfront park ADA renovations project for which we seek grant funding assistance managed through the Recreation and Conservation Office.

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2. Bid Authorization for Fire Station Building Roof and Exterior Project.
Presented by James Goodman, Director of Facilities & Property Development

Following presentation and after questions were addressed including comments from Greg Williams, Sunergy Systems related to the solar energy portion of the project;

It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by STRAKELJAHN to:

Authorize Port staff to proceed with the bid call for the fire Station Roof and Exterior Project in accordance with approved contracting guidelines.

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Staff Reports

Jim Rothlin, Chief Executive Officer

- Provided detail on employees reaching milestones in April:
 - David Beckley, Port Maintenance I at the Airport, 2nd anniversary
 - Cole Barnes, new Airport Manager, 2nd week anniversary. Mr. Barnes discussed his thoughts on the future for the airport and provided some personal background.
- Described the success of the Farmers Market in Port Orchard the last two Saturdays stating the biggest issue is the parking but we are working through that.
- Announced the new Bremerton Boardwalk Night Market begins Friday, May 3 and will be held on the first Friday of each month through October.
- Recent press releases were detailed:
 - New airport tenant Tres Sapos LLC.
 - Bremerton Airshow being held August 17-18, 2024.
- The first issue of “Behind the Hangar Doors” was released featuring Doug Haughton, Bremerton Pilots Association President and long-time airport tenant. Commissioner Bozeman discussed the importance of also focusing on promoting our industrial park and job creation.
- Provided a reminder of the leadership retreat scheduled for June.

Commission Reports / New Business

Commissioner Strakeljahn

- Reported on an informal Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC) TransPOL meeting during which projects submitting applications for regional funding were discussed.
- Provided an overview of the agenda for the upcoming Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Executive Board meeting.

Commissioner Bozeman

- Participating on a committee for Olympic College’s new regional health sciences hub at the Poulsbo Campus.
- Shared his story about his recent meeting with two high school classmates from 65 years ago.
- Discussed a piece he wrote for the Kitsap Sun on his disappointment that Bremerton City Council no longer recites the Pledge of Allegiance prior to their meetings.

Commissioner Anderson

- Was invited as a Port Commissioner to attend South Kitsap Chamber's National Civics Bee for middle school students. The participants answered very tough questions and had fantastic presentations.

Executive Session

President Anderson recessed the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and reconvened into executive session for approximately 15 minutes for the purpose of considering the price and terms at which real estate may be leased or sold when public discussions could disadvantage the Port's negotiations [RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)].

At 7:20 p.m. the regular meeting was reconvened.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted,



Jim Rothlin
Chief Executive Officer
May 9, 2024

Approved,



Axel Strakeljahn
Commission Secretary
May 14, 2024