

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

**MINUTES**

January 25, 2022  
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

Axel Strakeljahn  
Gary Anderson  
Cary Bozeman

Staff Members

Jim Rothlin  
Fred Salisbury  
Jeremiah Wiley  
Arne Bakker  
James Weaver  
Warren Hendrickson  
Ginger Waye  
Taylor Korizon  
Anne Montgomery, Atty

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

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

Approve the Agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIES, 3-0**

**Consent Items**

- A. Minutes of the regular business meeting of January 11, 2022.
- B. Payment of checks #E00819 and #E00820 through #E00828 and #83242 through #83255 and #E00830 and #E00831 and #E00832 and #83258 through #83279 and #E00833 through #E00845 and #901481 through #901483 from the General Fund for \$149,936.88; #E00829 and #83256 through #83257 from the Construction Fund for \$177,724.49.

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

Approve the Consent Items as presented.

**MOTION CARRIES, 3-0**

## Information Items

### 1. Visit Kitsap Peninsula – Beth Javens, Director

Ms. Javens provided background on herself and team member Kelle Kitchel-Cooper and shared detailed plans via PowerPoint on the refreshed approach being taken not only for Visit Kitsap but also for their partnership with the Port. She thanked the Port for their support of their office and activities and stated Visit Kitsap is looking ahead to the remainder of 2022 and assisting the Port with messaging and having a collaborative approach with the Port to promote not only the local community but also provide regional awareness.

Ms. Kitchel-Cooper stressed having more of a collaborative approach as we all climb out of the pandemic. Visit Kitsap wants to be sure to be helpful in being the Port's public relations and marketing arm.

The Board expressed appreciation for the report.

### 2. Bremerton Sail & Power Squadron – Dave Miller, Education Officer

Mr. Miller noted that the Bremerton Sail & Power Squadron has been rebranded and is now called Americas Boating Club. He provided history on the club and stated that being associated with the national organization provides them with additional resources. Education is a major focus of the club and he discussed in detailed some of the training which focuses on safety. He shared the national organization's website along with the local group's website highlighting the goals of the club.

Mr. Miller responded to questions and comments from the Board.

**Citizen Comments** - None

**Action Items** - None

## Staff Reports

*Jim Rothlin, Chief Executive Officer*

- Introduced Jeremiah Wiley, the Port's new Chief Financial Officer, providing his background and highlighting his communication skills; problem-solving; and technical abilities. Mr. Wiley provided comments stating one of the reasons he was drawn to the Port was the quality of the people in the organization.
- Provided a virtual presentation to the East Bremerton Rotary. Received the same response as with other presentations given throughout the district that they are amazed by all the projects the Port is bringing to the community and that they are appreciative of what we are doing. Because of participating in their meeting, the Rotary donated 40 polio vaccines in the name of the Port through the Polio Plus Program.

- The Fly-In and Car Show will be returning to Bremerton National Airport in 2022 following a 3-year hiatus due to the COVID pandemic. He provided detail on the event which will be held Saturday, August 27.
- Reported on the virtual Washington Public Ports Association “Ports Day” which was designed to connect ports with legislators during Session. Hopeful that it can get back to in-person again as it is a lot more effective for us.
- In cooperation with his family, flags were flown at half-mast on January 24 in memory of firefighter Vernon K. Fletcher who lost his life 58 years ago while fighting a fire on airport property on January 24, 1964.

## **Commission Reports / New Business**

### *Commissioner Bozeman*

- As he begins his second term, he stated he is looking forward to working with the team on what he would like to see accomplished. He outlined his top priorities:
  - Moving forward on the Bremerton Marina parking project with Sound West who the Port sold the property to.
  - Actively plot out strategy to put the Olympic View Industrial Business Park Master Plan into action and create real change.
  - Port Orchard Marina (POM) Breakwater Reconstruction project which is the biggest capital project on our agenda for the foreseeable future.
  - Circuit of the Northwest proposed racetrack on Port property and how it will move forward.

### *Commissioner Anderson*

- Similar thoughts to Commissioner Bozeman on what to focus on and shared his top priorities:
  - Pivotal year for the POM Breakwater Reconstruction project – need to continue working diligently to determine the financing.
  - The Community Center in downtown Port Orchard along with the parking and how the Port will be impacted by those things.

### *Commissioner Strakeljahn*

- Reported on several meetings he attended with legislators, Secretary of Transportation Roger Millar, Congressman Derek Kilmer, and others regarding the Gorst corridor. He provided clarification on the differences between the Belfair Freight Corridor and Gorst Corridor projects.

## **Executive Session**

President Strakeljahn recessed the meeting at 6:45 p.m. and reconvened into executive session for approximately 20 minutes regarding: real estate issues [RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)]. At

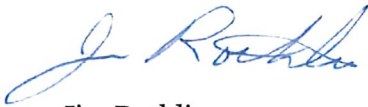
7:05 p.m., executive session was extended 20 minutes; at 7:28 p.m., extended another 20 minutes; and at 7:50 p.m., extended 10 minutes.

At 8:03 p.m. the regular meeting was reconvened.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted,



Jim Rothlin  
Chief Executive Officer  
February 3, 2022

Approved,



Cary Bozeman  
Commission Secretary  
February 8, 2022