

PORT OF BREMERTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

M I N U T E S

February 11, 2025
10:00 AM

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	Cole Barnes
Arne Bakker	Erica Filler
Aaron Schielke	Ginger Waye
James Weaver	Anne Montgomery, Atty
James Goodman	

Call to Order

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.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 January 28, 2025.
- B. Payment of checks #902664 through #902667 and #902668 through #902679 and #902680 and #902681 and #902682 and #902683 and #E02507 through #E02508 and #86598 through #86613 and #E02509 through #E02520 from the General Fund for \$357,959.78. Void Check #86364.

It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by STRAKELJAHN to:

Approve the Consent Items as presented.

MOTION CARRIES, 3-0

Citizen Comments

Comments from the public regarding the situation with Bremerton Municipal Court Judge Tracy Flood were received from:

- Roy Runyon, Bremerton resident and Port taxpayer
- Mary Lou Long

Written comments for the record were received from:

- John Veatch, airport tenant
- Paul Lee, Harper resident

Action Items

1. Bremerton National Airport Rates & Tariffs
Presented by Cole Barnes, Airport Manager

Following presentation and after questions and comments were addressed:

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

- 1) The 2025-2027 Airport Rates & Tariffs Schedule for Bremerton National Airport with an effective date of April 1, 2025; and
- 2) 3-year cycle: 2025, 5% increase; January 1, 2026, CPI adjustment + 1%; January 1, 2027, CPI adjustment + 1%; January 1, 2028, rate survey and market adjustment + 1%; and
- 3) Authorization for setting electrical rates to achieve a cost neutral basis

MOTION CARRIES, 3-0

Citizen comments regarding this item were received from:

- Doug Haughton, Past Bremerton Pilots Association (BPA) President
 - Roy Runyon, Bremerton resident and Port taxpayer
2. Resolution 2025-02 recognizing the contributions of former Port Commissioner Larry Stokes
Presented by Erica Filler, Marketing & Communications Coordinator

Following presentation and after questions and comments were addressed

It was moved by STRAKELJAHN, seconded by ANDERSON to:

Approve Resolution 2025-02 recognizing the contributions of former Port Commissioner Larry Stokes in his efforts at the Port of Bremerton and expansion of Port Orchard Marina Park.

MOTION CARRIES, 3-0

Staff Reports

Jim Rothlin, Chief Executive Officer, reported on the following:

- Employee Milestones
 - Lee Howell, Port Maintenance I at the marinas, 3 years with the Port
 - Ian McIntosh, newest employee at the Port as Port Maintenance I at the airport
- Recent winter weather which produced snow and cold affecting all Port facilities. He thanked the facilities crews for protecting our Port assets so well.
- Airport Feasibility Study Phase I open house/public meeting which will be held during the Port's regular meeting, February 25, 2025, 10:00 am at the Norm Dicks Government Center. An action item as to whether we will continue to move forward will be on the agenda for the first meeting in March.
- Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) Port Day which he attended with Commissioner Anderson.
- The Harper Pier property as mentioned in citizen comments will be researched.

Commission Reports / New Business

Commissioner Bozeman

- Reported on the following attended events and meetings:
 - Quincy Square Jazz Festival at the Roxy Theatre
 - Task force for Olympic College's new health science program on their Poulsbo campus
 - Wes Larson-led effort for new Bremerton YMCA and swimming pool.
 - Jon Rose, developer, and new plans for Port Gamble.
 - Rick Tift and Steve Sego regarding the impact of the Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program (SIOP). Board discussion on SIOP followed.

Commissioner Anderson

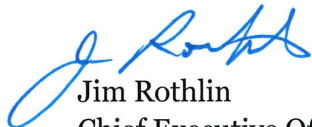
- Thought WPPA's Port Day was well worth it and very productive.
- Attended the Seattle Boat Show; Kathy Garcia and crew did a great job!

Executive Session - None

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Submitted,

A blue ink signature of Jim Rothlin, written in a cursive style.

Jim Rothlin
Chief Executive Officer
February 20, 2025

Approved,

A black ink signature of Axel Strakeljahn, written in a cursive style.

Axel Strakeljahn
Commission Secretary
February 25, 2025

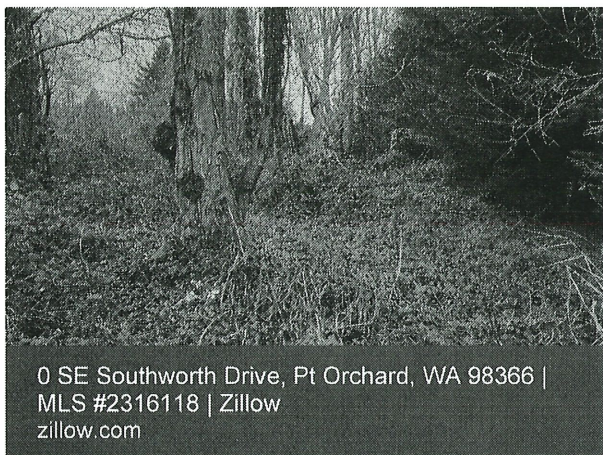
Ginger Waye

Public Comment for 2/11/25

From: Paul Lee <paulwadelee@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 12:02 PM
To: Ginger Waye
Cc: james Heytvelt
Subject: Re: For citizen comments board meeting.

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On Jan 30, 2025, at 11:25, paul lee <paulwadelee@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Ginger Waye, please include these comments in the next Port of Bremerton Commissioner board meeting .

Harper recreational pier has a parking challenge especially during peak crabbing and other fishing periods. Vehicles park on both sides of Southworth drive which is ditched and unsuitable for parking, this happens during daylight and after sunset. A small 1/2 acre plot of land has recently hit the market not more than 200 feet from the pier. This plot has the potential to provide much needed parking for the pier and I request the board considers acquiring parcel for this use.

Sincerely

Paul W. Lee
9396 Se Cornell Road

Public Comment 2/11/25

Ginger Waye

From: John Veatch <jnsveatch@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 7:51 AM
To: Ginger Waye
Subject: Pending hangar rent level

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To the Port of Bremerton Commissioners
Cary Bozeman
Gary Anderson
Axel Strakeljahn

The Bremerton National Airport has a wide reputation of having a vibrant flying community. If you look across the main body of over 60 aircraft that rent a hangar directly from you, it consists of average planes. Most are small planes 40 years old or more that have been well maintained, and now many are from the experimental category. Most of the pilots are not wealthy. But because the hangar rates in the Port hangars are manageable, the community has continued to be very special. The positive side effect is the contribution of a value to the community as well as the Port that can not be easily measured in dollars.

I am an example of that special community. I am 87 years old, took my first flight 63 years ago, and have occupied a Port hangar ever since 1980, nearly 45 years ago. My plane is a small 2-place experimental aircraft, but previously I was flying a 44 year old Cessna.

The more wealthy owners occupy the privately owned hangars located to the north and south parts of the airport.

I am concerned that should you make too aggressive increases to the Port hangar rates, the impact will be to eventually drive out that large and very special community.

There are some who say the Port is providing a service to our community by keeping hangar rates low. I like to think that in addition, we serve the Port, especially by providing a safe, vibrant, and stable environment that does not have an obvious dollar value, but benefits the Port in many other more subtle ways that have considerably more profitable impact.

Respectfully,

John Veatch
Hangar 1-8