

PORT OF BREMERTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

M I N U T E S

March 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
Arne Bakker - Remote
Aaron Schielke
James Weaver
James Goodman

Cole Barnes
Ginger Waye
Stephanie Frame
Anne Montgomery, Atty

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 STRAKELJAHN, seconded by BOZEMAN to:

Approve the Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIES, 3-0

Consent Items

- A. Minutes of the regular business meeting of February 25, 2025.
- B. Payment of checks #902705 and #902706 and #902707 and #902708 through #902711 and #902712 and #86649 through #86662 and #E02557 through #E02564 and #902713 through #902716 and #902717 through #902720 and #902721 and #86663 through #86672 and #E02565 through #E02577 from the General Fund for \$172,031.45.

It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by STRAKELJAHN to:

Approve the Consent Items as presented.

MOTION CARRIES, 3-0

Information Items

1. US Coast Guard-compliant Basic Safety Training (BST) Program – Waylon Robert, Political Director of Seattle Branch-Sailors' Union of the Pacific

Mr. Robert provided background on the Sailors' Union and discussed the \$60K budget proviso from the Washington State Legislature for the development of a US Coast Guard compliant basic safety training program. He detailed the need for the program as it provides the required training for seafarers to become credentialed to operate tugs, barges, US flag ships and Washington State ferries. It is an important ask for Bremerton since the ferries are a significant part of the economy and the county has a huge maritime workforce.

He requested the Port of Bremerton consider submitting a letter of support for the \$60K request to our legislators and the transportation leadership. He responded to questions and comments from the Board throughout his presentation.

The Board expressed their support and agreed to provide the requested letter.

2. Seattle Boat Show Review – Kathy Garcia, Marina Operations Manager

Ms. Garcia provided a summary on the recent Seattle Boat Show including detail on the set-up; snow affecting attendance, fun facts, show features, and an explanation on why the Port participates. She thanked the Port team that assisted in the booth and behind the scenes. Overall, the Port met its goals for attending and reached those it intended. Planning has already begun for 2026. Ms. Garcia responded to questions and comments from the Board throughout her presentation. The Board thanked Ms. Garcia for her leadership.

3. Northwest Aviation Conference (NWAC) Review – Cole Barnes, Airport Manager

Mr. Barnes described the Port's booth at the 2-day NWAC and provided an overall look at the show including attendees, exhibitors, airports, airlines, FBO's, builders, and general aviation companies that participated. He noted there were additional booths at the show that were also promoting our airport. Some of the topics promoted at the show included Airport Feasibility Study, Amelia's Hangar Restaurant, 2025 Bremerton Airshow, and the south hangar project.

Mr. Barnes responded to questions and comments from the Board throughout the presentation.

Citizen Comments

- Roger Gay, South Kitsap, spoke to his appreciation that both Airport and Marinas are reaching out to promote themselves which is a long-term benefit to the Port and to the taxpayers.

Action Items

1. Professional Services Agreement with Mead & Hunt for Bremerton National Airport Feasibility Study Phase 2

Presented by Jim Rothlin, Chief Executive Officer

Introduced by CEO Rothlin and presented by Mead & Hunt consulting team of Kevin Mulcaster, Joseph Pickering, and Nicholas Mirra of Maul Foster Alongi.

After Board's discussion and having their questions and comments addressed:

It was moved by STRAKELJAHN, seconded by BOZEMAN to:

Approve the Professional Services Agreement with Mead & Hunt for Phase II of the Feasibility Study and authorize the CEO to execute the agreement.

MOTION CARRIES, 3-0

Staff Reports

Jim Rothlin, Chief Executive Officer reported on the following:

- Employee Milestones
 - Dawne Keiser is a new temporary hire for the Marina offices helping while Peyton Volpe-Ludwig is on maternity leave.
 - Kristina Hedrick, Accounts Payable Specialist, is celebrating 10 years with the Port.
- Projects
 - 521 and 525 Bay Street building demolition and upcoming site mitigation.
 - Painting and new carpet for the terminal and admin spaces.
 - Experimental Aircraft Association's project of building a glider is nearing completion. Donated solar panels, once installed on the roof of their building, will power the aircraft.

Commission New Business / Reports

1. Letters of Support for State and Federal Ferry Funding

Commissioner Strakeljahn discussed Puget Sound Regional Council's request for elected officials to sign on to a letter of support to the State in support of ferries in the Transportation Budget and a similar Federal letter to ensure federal funding for ferries is at the highest possible levels. All three Commissioners indicated their support and plan to sign both letters.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Strakeljahn

- Reported on the recent Central Puget Sound Economic Development District (CPSEDD) Board meeting.

Commissioner Anderson

- Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) recently conducted an open house regarding the Gorst transportation corridor which was the first launch of making proposed alternatives for Gorst. He noted there is still a long way to go.

Commissioner Bozeman

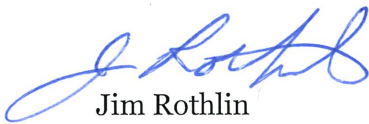
- Attended ribbon-cutting for the Olympic College Poulsbo Campus health science building.
- Discussed the importance of the Port understanding what the impacts on our area will be during the Shipyard's 8-year Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program (SIOP).
- With current trade wars, etc., we need to keep a close watch on the economy – we might get through this but maybe not.
- Expressed condolences on the passing of CEO Rothlin's mother and stated thoughts and hearts are with his family.

Executive Session - None

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Submitted,



Jim Rothlin
Chief Executive Officer
March 20, 2025

Approved,



Axel Strakeljahn
Commission Secretary
March 25, 2025