Port of Longview  
January 9, 2020

A Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Longview was held at the Port Offices on the above date.

PRESENT:  
Doug Averett, Commissioner  
Jeff Wilson, Commissioner  
Allan Erickson, Commissioner  
Norm Krehbiel, Chief Executive Officer  
Jennifer Brown, Chief Administrative Officer  
Dan Stahl, Chief Operating Officer  
Ashley Helenberg, Marketing Communications Manager  
Dale Lewis, Director of External Affairs  
Robin Johnson, Executive Assistant/Commission Coordinator  
Amy Robinson, Miller Nash Graham & Dunn  
Ray Byers, KLOG

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Commissioner Erickson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE. Commissioners Averett, Erickson and Wilson were present at the meeting, constituting a quorum.

MEETING GUIDELINES. Commissioner Erickson reviewed the Meeting Guidelines.

APPROVE AGENDA. Upon motion made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Averett and unanimously carried, the Commissioners approved the Agenda, as presented. A copy is attached to these Minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no public comments.

CONSIDER LETTER OF OPINION TO U.S. FOREST SERVICE. Ashley Helenberg and the Commissioners reviewed the draft opinion letter discussed at yesterday’s Regular Meeting. Additional changes by the Commissioners were discussed and incorporated into the draft letter. After a final review of the draft letter, upon motion made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Averett and unanimously carried, the Commissioners and CEO Norm Krehbiel signed the letter, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

CONSIDER PROCESS AND PROCEDURES FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPLACEMENT, INCLUDING JOB DESCRIPTION REVIEW. Amy Robinson with Miller Nash Graham & Dunn lead the discussion concerning the replacement of CEO Norm Krehbiel. She advised that the job description is currently being drafted and will be presented to the Commissioners for review at a later meeting. Commissioner Wilson suggested that the Port undertake the search for the new CEO with the Port’s staff and attorneys at the beginning of the process. It was noted that a headhunter can be employed at a later date if the Port’s search does not yield adequate applicant responses. The Commissioners also discussed the direct relationship of the CEO with the ILWU, proposed timelines for advertising, Port District residency, and the necessity for prior Port experience. Amy Robinson suggested “preferred
maritime experience” be used. It was noted that this matter will be placed on the Agenda for the January 22, 2020 Regular Meeting.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION. At 11:00 AM, the Commissioners recessed the Special Meeting to hold an Executive Session to evaluate the qualifications for an applicant for public employment. RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). It was noted that the Special Meeting would reconvene at 11:30 AM, with no Commissioner action taken. At 11:30 AM, the Executive Session was extended to 11:40 AM. At 11:40 AM, the Executive Session was extended to 12:00 PM.

RECONVENE AND ADJOURN. The Special Meeting was reconvened at 12:00 PM, then adjourned.

DOUG AVERETT, Commissioner

ALLAN ERICKSON, Commissioner

JEFF WILSON, Commissioner
1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

4. MEETING GUIDELINES

5. APPROVE AGENDA  [Commissioner Action Only]

6. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA  [Non-Action]

7. CONSIDER LETTER OF OPINION TO U.S. FOREST SERVICE  [ACTION]
   [NOTE: THIS ITEM MAY BE DELETED IF COMMISSIONER ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THE JANUARY 8, 2020
   REGULAR MEETING.]

8. CONSIDER PROCESS AND PROCEDURES FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPLACEMENT,
   INCLUDING JOB DESCRIPTION REVIEW  [Non-Action]

9. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION  [Non-Action]
   a. TO EVALUATE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF AN APPLICANT FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
      RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)

10. RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING, AND ADJOURN
January 9, 2020

Responsible Official
Gifford Pinchot Forest Supervisor
987 McClellan Road
Vancouver, WA 98661

Subject: Port of Longview Support for Alternative B: Windy Ridge to Pump Station, Spirit Lake Tunnel Intake Gate Replacement and Geotechnical Drilling Project

Dear Reviewing Officer,

As a regional economic engine downstream of the Spirit Lake Tunnel, the Port of Longview urges the US Forest Service to implement *Alternative B: Windy Ridge to Pump Station*. This option provides for the long-term protection of our communities and the management of the upriver system that feeds into the Columbia River, the lifeblood of this region’s economy.

PROTECTION OF LIFE, HEALTH & SAFETY
The Port of Longview district spans 830 square miles and nearly 100,000 citizens – the vast majority of whom rely on the US Forest Service’s proper management of the Spirit Lake Tunnel and surrounding areas for protection of life, health and safety through flood control. Alternative B will provide relief and stability for the protection of our citizens that live and work within and along the “inundation zone” below the Mt. St. Helens Sprit Lake Tunnel Intake.

SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT
The Port of Longview is at the confluence of the Cowlitz and Columbia Rivers. Over the last several years, the Port has experienced significant sedimentation deposits, likely originating from the Cowlitz River. From 2012 – 2018, the Port dredged nearly 130,000 cubic yards from along its dock fronts at a cost of $2.3 million in order to maintain business operations and accept ocean-going vessels.

PRE Preserve INVESTMENTS IN RIVER INFRASTRUCTURE
The Columbia River Ports and Federal government have invested hundreds of millions of dollars in navigation infrastructure, such as channel deepening, jetty reconstruction and stern buoys. A catastrophic event or failure of the system could release 2.4 billion cubic yards of debris into our local river system, brining with it disastrous impacts not seen since the 1980 eruption of Mt. St. Helens. An event of this magnitude will destroy decades of investment and halt the flow of goods on one of the Nation’s most critical trade gateways.
PROTECT PORT'S ECONOMIC INFLUENCE
Since 1921 the Port of Longview has been this region’s economic engine. Today, the Port generates nearly 20,000 jobs, $34 million in state and local taxes and $2.9 billion in overall economic value. Proper management of the river systems that feed into the Columbia are critical to the Port’s ability to maintain this economic stronghold.

At risk is the viability of Washington’s third largest port, as well as the major ports of Kalama, Vancouver and Portland upstream of Longview that rely on a predictable and maintained navigation channel.

From strong environmental practices and economic prosperity to protecting health and safety, the Port of Longview Commission is an elected body committed to the best interests of its constituents. The Port of Longview Commission unanimously urges the implementation of Alternative B as the only appropriate remedy for the management of the Spirit Lake Tunnel.

Sincerely,

Allan Erickson
Commissioner

Jeff Wilson
Commissioner

Doug Averett
Commissioner

Norm Krehbiel
Chief Executive Officer

CC:
US Army Corps of Engineers – Portland District
US Department of Agriculture
Federal Emergency Management Agency
United States Geological Service
Cowlitz County
City of Castle Rock
City of Kelso
City of Longview
US Senator Patty Murray
US Senator Maria Cantwell
US Congresswoman Jaime Herrera-Beulter

Washington State Senator John Braun
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