

**PORT OF NEWPORT MINUTES**

January 16, 2019

Commission Special Meeting

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**Agenda Item**

**Audio**

**Time**

0:00

**I. CALL TO ORDER .....**

Commission President Stewart Lamerdin called the Regular Commission Meeting of the Port of Newport Board of Commissioners to order at 12:02 pm at the South Beach Activities Room, 2120 SE Marine Science Drive, Newport, Oregon.

**Commissioners Present:** Walter Chuck (Pos. #1), Secretary/Treasurer; Sara Skamser (Pos. #2), Vice President; Stewart Lamerdin (Pos. #3), President; Jeff Lackey (Pos. #4); and Jim Burke (Pos. #5).

**Management and Staff:** Teri Dresler, Interim General Manager; Aaron Bretz, Director of Operations; and Karen Hewitt, Administrative Supervisor.

**Members of the Public and Media:** Steve Beck, Newport resident; Bret Yeager, Newport News-Times; Jim Cline, Rogue; Doug Cooper, Hampton Lumber; Wayde Dudley, Port Volunteer Mates; Barb Dudley, Port Volunteer Mates; Kiera Morgan, KYTE Radio; Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative (MTC); Robert Smith; Dietmar Goebel, Newport City Council; and Rex Capri, Newport resident.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

**III. RESOLUTION REGARDING HOUSE BILL #2284 .....**

0:51

Lamerdin presented the draft Resolution included in the meeting packet. The Commission discussed the purpose of the Resolution, what the resolution might say, whether this is the best form for communicating their message, and to whom this message would be presented. Chuck suggested adding "nor sees a need for" to Section 1 of the Resolution. Dresler spoke about her understanding of what information elected officials would like to receive. There was also a discussion about the limitations on staff regarding political issues.

Mann commented on the Port's presentation to the County Commissioners and on the inefficiency of amending the proposed bill.

Beck encouraged the Commission to address the concerns of elected officials, provide a timeline for hiring and General Manager and Director of Finance, and asked the Commission to let the public know whom to contact in Salem with their comments.

Burke suggested perhaps including an addendum with the Vision and Mission statements. Dresler said the Resolution was specific to the bill, but those items would be important in presentation to the legislature. The Commission discussed planning to meet elected officials and talking points. Lamerdin suggested information also be posted on the website. Dresler said she could prepare an

initial packet of facts to send to elected officials before the meeting, which could be built upon. Skamser proposed reaching out to Port District voters, which Burke said would be an opportunity for transparency and confidence building.

Chuck suggested amending the Resolution to include “nor sees a need for” in Section 1 of the Resolution.

**A motion was made by Burke and seconded by Skamser to approve Resolution 2019-01 as amended. The motion passed 5 – 0.**

Lamerdin recessed the meeting for a break at 12:48 pm. .... 45:50  
Lamerdin reconvened the meeting at 12:54 pm.

**IV. VALUES/VISION/MISSION STATEMENTS UPDATE..... 47:42**

Dresler introduced the current Mission, Vision and Values statements from the 2013 Strategic Business plan, included in the meeting packet. She explained the Wordle created from these statements. The Commission discussed and made comments regarding proposed changes, which Hewitt recorded as notes on the PowerPoint presentation, appended to the minutes. It was agreed that Dresler would take the feedback and make a draft of the changes, which the Commission would have an additional opportunity to review when they were included in the draft of the new Strategic Business Plan.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT..... 1:32:00**

Beck suggested the Commission be proactive with elected officials and include self-evaluations of the Commission in the mission/vision/values.


Cline said the Resolution was great and encouraged the Commission to consider specific amendments.

Mann commented that the press had left the meeting, and that it would be nice for there to be a news story about the Commission’s progress.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT ..... 1:36:28**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:44 pm.

ATTESTED:

  
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Stewart Lamerdin, President

  
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Walter Chuck, Secretary/Treasurer