

**PORT OF ASTORIA**  
**REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**  
**JULY 21, 2009**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

President Larry Pfund called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Persons present were:

Commissioners: Larry Pfund, President; Bill Hunsinger, Vice-President; Floyd Holcom, Treasurer; Dan Hess, Alt. Secretary/Treasurer; and Jack Bland

Staff: Jack Crider, Executive Director

Also present was Janet Farstad, Lesle Palmeri and John Lansing, Budget Comm. Chair  
News Media: Cassandra Profita, The Daily Astorian; Carrie Bartokius, North Coast Oregonian; and Jeff Nelson, KAST Radio

Guests: see Sign in Sheet

**II. CHANGES TO AGENDA**

A motion was made by Commissioner Holcom to remove the DSL Lease, seconded by Commissioner Hunsinger. Discussion on whether to move the DSL Lease to after the executive session or to another meeting. After the discussion Commissioner Holcom rescinded the motion and Commissioner Hunsinger rescinded the second.

**III. OATH OF OFFICE**

Three commissioners were recently re-elected at the Special Election held on May 19, 2009. At the July meeting, Clatsop County Commission Chairperson Jeff Hazen administered the Oath of Office for Port of Astoria Commission to Lawrence A. Pfund for position no. 1 and Floyd Holcom for position no. 2. Dan Hess was absent and not sworn in.

Jeff Hazen administered the Oath of Office for Port of Astoria Commissioner Dan Hess for position no. 5.

**IV. SELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Jack Crider read the Board Bylaws that said the officers were "chosen every year in July" but does not specify method. He said typically the new commissioner goes to the end of the line and all members move up.

Commissioner Hess moved to put the newest member at the bottom and rotate other officers up, seconded by Commissioner Holcom and unanimously approved.

President Pfund then turned the office of President and gavel over to the incoming President Hunsinger. President Hunsinger thanked Commissioner Pfund for a great job that was sometimes stressful.

**V. MINUTES**

A. Special Meeting on May 28, 2009

B. Regular Meeting on June 16, 2009

Commissioner Bland corrected page 3, he did not go to Newport with Betsy Johnson, and it was only a suggestion.

- C. Budget Committee Meeting on June 18, 2009
- D. Special Meeting on June 18, 2009
- E. Budget Hearing on June 29, 2009
- F. Special Meeting on June 29, 2009
- G. Special Meeting on July 14, 2009

Commissioner Hess corrected the attendance to omit him as he was not at the meeting.

Commissioner Holcom moved to approve all the minutes of May 28, June 16, June 18, June 29 and July 14 as written and corrected, seconded by Commissioner Pfund and approved by Commissioners Hunsinger, Holcom, Pfund and Hess. Commissioner Bland approved the meetings he attended and abstained to voting on the meetings he did not attend.

## VI. FINANCIAL FOR JUNE 2009 by Colleen Browne

### A. Vouchers

Wadsworth's invoice mainly for parts.  
Epic Aviation – airport fuel supplier

Commissioner Holcom moved to approve the vouchers, seconded by Commissioner Hess. Vote: Commissioners Hunsinger, Holcom, Hess and Pfund voted yes, Commissioner Bland abstained.

### B. Financial Reports

Budget Profit and Loss is for the entire year with June being a good month. Net income for the year indicates \$500,000.

Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable Aging:

Peter Gering is medical reimbursement, as part of the settlement. The HR Manager misread the separation agreement so the Port paid for over one year.

Overbuy roof is completed with gutters.

Westby confirmed it will be paid.

Union Fish is current.

Marina dock fuel revenue is good now that the tracking is working well. Shrinkage is being addressed.

Commissioner Holcom moved to approve the financial reports, seconded by Commissioner Hess. Vote: Commissioners Hunsinger, Holcom, Hess and Pfund voted yes, Commissioner Bland abstained.

## VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lori Durham asked about the DSL Lease and sublease to LNG. She requested the Commission not to continue with LNG as most of the people don't want it.

### VIII. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Delegate</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
NW Area Comm. On Transportation	J. Bland	D. Hess
CREST	J. Crider	B. Hunsinger
Western Fish Boat Owners	D. Hess	F. Holcom
NW OR Economic Alliance Board	J. Bland	J. Crider
Columbia Pacific Economic Dev. Dist.	J. Bland	L. Pfund
Lower Columbia Solutions Group	B. Hunsinger	L. Pfund
CEDR	J. Crider	L. Pfund
Clatsop Cruise Committee	D. Hess	R. Farney
OPPA	B. Hunsinger	J. Crider
Columbia River Salmon Advisory	B. Hunsinger	L. Pfund
OCZMA	F. Holcom	D. Hess
Astoria Airport Advisory Committee	L. Pfund	J. Bland
Air Service Consortium	L. Pfund	J. Bland
Port 100-year Anniversary	F. Holcom	B. Hunsinger

Commissioner Holcom moved to accept the committee assignments as discussed (above), seconded by Commissioner Hess and unanimously approved.

### IX. RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION PER ORS 192.660 (2)(e) TO CONDUCT REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Recess regular meeting for executive session at 6:30 pm.

Reconvened meeting at 7:38 pm.

Jack Crider noted that the Commission is aware of the August 31 deadline and have several options for consideration.

Commissioner Holcom moved that based on information needed, recommend decision awaited on additional information, seconded by Commissioner Hunsinger (not valid).

Discussion:

Commissioner Holcom amended motion to make decision at regular meeting on August 18.

Commissioner Holcom then withdrew first motion and moved to delay decision to renew DSL lease to third Tuesday of August based on information coming to make a decision, seconded by Commissioner Bland.

Commissioner Holcom amended the motion to send a draft letter to the attorney, seconded by Commissioner Bland.

Discussion:

- Opportunity to get more information and understand consequences of postponing the decision.
- Talk to DSL about 30 year lease if LNG folds.
- Financial disaster is a risk if the commission does not proceed in the best interest of the Port.

- A decision needs to be made on Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> regardless of information brought forward.
- Original intent was a 5 year lease to get permits, that has not happened and now LNG wants a 60 year lease.
- A public meeting was promised and it needs to be well advertised.
- Sworn officials are to uphold the law; their job is to make hard decisions.

Call for the question: Vote was 5 approved motion.

Commissioner Holcom moved that the next meeting on topic (DSL/LNG Lease) is a public meeting to receive public comment on August 18, seconded by Commissioner Bland.

Discussion:

- Commissioner Pfund reminded the Commission they are elected to vote in the best interest of the Port.

Call for the Question: Vote Yes Commissioners Hunsinger, Holcom and Bland  
No. Commissioners Hess and Pfund

#### **X. DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS LEASE - SKIPANON**

Omitted, need more information.

#### **XI. O.D.O.T BRIDGE INSPECTIONS**

Omitted, need more information.

#### **XII. RESOLUTION 2009 – 24 TARIFF MODIFICATIONS**

A resolution to modify Tariff No. 10 that was approved on June 21, 1994 as follows:

1. Dockage fee for vessels under 200' LOA. Current is \$.15/foot/day, increased to \$.65/foot/day.
2. Labor rates of ILWU Longshore increased July 2009, Pacific Maritime Assoc. is increasing longshore assessment dues, and benefits for longshoremen increase of 32-24%.
3. Fresh Water Rates increase to \$1.50/ton due to City of Astoria rate charge increases.

Commissioner Holcom moved to approve Resolution 2009-24 Tariff Modifications, seconded by Commissioner Bland.

Discussion:

- Rates passed on to users.
- Has other tonnage factors been checked.
- Potential Conflicts of Interest declared by:  
Commissioner Hunsinger – belongs to ILWU Longshore.  
Commissioner Hess – belongs to ILWU Longshore.  
Commissioner Holcom – foster father belongs to ILWU Longshore.

Vote: Unanimously approved by all 5 commissioners.

**XIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Director's Evaluation – Commission to return written evaluation for August 18 meeting.
  
- B. Pier 1 Public Access Rules – Draft rules completed, need to get signs and forms printed. Pier 1 was previously closed based on "security"; now the Coast Guard has approved a new plan to allow for restricted public use.

**XIV. COMMISSION**

A. Reports

Commissioner Holcom did not attend any meetings but then talked about the past issues the Port was facing took a lot of time and they need to get them behind the Port, they have been doing a lot of cleanup. He thanked Jack Crider for his patience. He is looking forward to proceeding into future projects.

Commissioner Hess attended the Cruise Host, a ship is coming from Japan in January and translators will be needed.

B. Concerns/Comments

President Hunsinger said that due to possible litigation, there should be no commissioner contact with LNG representatives until a decision is made. All discussion should be done by the Executive Director.

**XV. OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Holcom reported that on Aug. 4 at 11:15 there will be a meeting at Camp Rilea with Four Star General.

President Hunsinger reported that OR LNG and the City of Warrenton has a meeting planned on August 4 at 1:30 in Salem at DSL, someone from the Port should attend.

**XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

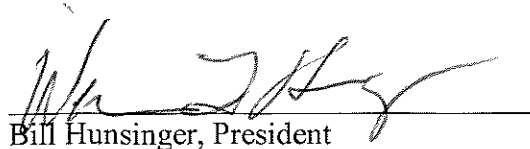
Lori Durham thanked the commission for the public meeting on LNG; and agreed that no conduct with LNG is good, especially with Peter Hansen.

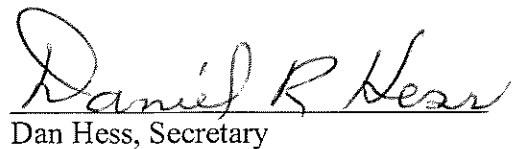
**XVII. ADJOURN** at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by Janet Farstad

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

  
Bill Hunsinger, President

  
Dan Hess, Secretary

