

**MINUTES  
MARCH 18, 2014**

**PORT OF ASTORIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
PORT COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**Call to order**

Chairman Campbell called the Regular Meeting to order.

**Roll Call**

Commissioners present: Jim Campbell, Steve Fulton, Ric Gerttula and Jack Bland.  
Commissioners not present: Bill Hunsinger.

Staff present: Interim Director Michael Weston and Finance Manager Colleen Browne.  
Also present: Port Counsel Ron Guerra.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Changes/Additions**

Unavailable on audio

**Special Presentations**

Merina and Company 2012-2013 Audit Report

The Port has increased its net financial position by about \$944,000 for fiscal year July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Overall, it was a favorable audit.

Commissioner Bland moved to approve, Commissioner Gerttula seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Calendar**

1. Consider Minutes

None available – deleted from Consent Calendar

2. Financials February 2014

Questions regarding payments to North Coast Land Conservancy and Washington Business Services. Commissioner Bland moved to approve vouchers, Commissioner Gerttula seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Events Calendar

N/A

**Public Hearings**

N/A

**New Business**

N/A

**Old Business**

N/A

### **Commissioners/Director Reports**

Interim Director Mike Weston gave reports on the following:

1. **Washington D.C. Trip – TIGER Grant Application**

Mike met with the Directors of the Department of Transportation and Marine Transportation, gaining valuable insight. He also met with State Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, and Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici, as well as their aides.

The application deadline is April 28<sup>th</sup>, and retaining a grant writer is currently in process. Overall, it was a very positive trip.

2. **Bornstein/DaYang Lease Status**

The Bornstein lease is currently in its 5<sup>th</sup> version. Some of the latest additions to the lease are:

- The Port has taken on more responsibility on the structural side.
- More responsibility on insurance, to be carried by Bornstein's.
- Common Area factor.

The DaYang lease will be sent to the Commission by March 25<sup>th</sup>, for an April 1<sup>st</sup> vote.

There was a motion to create a policy that when leases are brought to the Commission, they will be agreed to by the other parties. Commissioner Gerttula moved to approve, Commissioner Fulton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Good of Order - Public comment for items not on the agenda.**

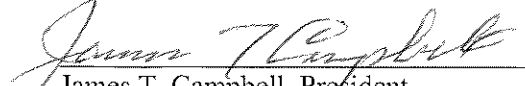
1. Rhiannon McKenney, Astoria – Rhiannon expressed an idea about the possibility of using public donations to help in funding the rail repair project, and also a special dock intended specifically for sea lions. She feels the area would be a great place for tourists to view sea lions, as there are so few places available.
2. Stacey McKenney, Astoria – Stacey presented an idea for financial opportunity by selling sea lion items to tourists at the East End Basin. She stated that she would even be willing to donate personal funds to the repair project.
3. Floyd Holcom, 652 Alameda Avenue, Astoria – Former Commissioner Holcom expressed unhappiness about a recent editorial in the Daily Astorian. He also mentioned that he would like to see a resolution to honor former attorney of the Port of Astoria, Mr. George Fulton, who recently passed.

### **Next Meeting Dates**

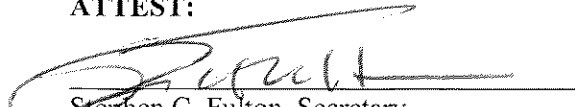
- Budget Committee Meeting, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 12:00 PM
- Special Session Meeting, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at 6:00 PM

### **Adjourned**

**APPROVED:**

  
James T. Campbell, President

**ATTEST:**

  
Stephen C. Fulton, Secretary

Respectfully submitted by:  
Judy Farfan, Administrative Clerk

4-21-2014  
Date Approved