

**MINUTES**  
**MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

**PORT OF ASTORIA**  
**EMERGENCY SESSION**  
**PORT COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**Call to order**

Chairman Campbell called the Regular Meeting to order.

**Roll Call**

Commissioners present: Jim Campbell, Bill Hunsinger, Steve Fulton and Jack Bland.

Staff present: Interim Director Mike Weston.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Changes/Additions**

Commissioner Bland moved to add Great Ocean/DaYang Seafood Lease to the agenda. Commissioner Hunsinger seconded.

Commissioner Hunsinger moved to add the East End Basin to the agenda, with regard to the commercial fishing float. Commissioner Bland seconded.

Commissioner Hunsinger moved to add the Daily Astorian to the agenda, with regard to responding to incorrect items in recent articles. Commissioner Fulton seconded.

**Public Comment** – for items on the agenda except public hearings.

N/A

**Public Hearings**

N/A

**New Business**

1. **Letter of Resignation and Declaration of Commission Vacancy**

Interim Director Mike Weston noted to the Commission that on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the Port received a letter of resignation from Port Commissioner Ric Gerttula. Mr. Weston read the letter of resignation to the Commission and those assembled.

Commissioner Hunsinger moved to accept the letter of resignation from Commissioner Gerttula. Commissioner Bland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Interim Director Mike Weston explained the process of filling the vacancy to the public. Mr. Weston noted that once the position is declared open, the Port of Astoria will accept letters of interest/resumes until May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the candidates will be interviewed in public forum, and the Commission will make a selection at the June 3<sup>rd</sup>, or the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Hunsinger expressed concern over the length of time it could take to fill the position and asked if the Port could expedite the process.

Letter of Resignation and Declaration of Commission Vacancy (Continued)

Mr. Weston explained that typically the process is allowed 30 days; however there is no identified timeline and the Port has elected to use a shorter time frame in which to select a replacement.

Discussion followed regarding when would be the soonest date possible to select a new Commissioner, and the term length for the position.

Commissioner Fulton moved to declare the position open and to review candidates on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Commissioner Hunsinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

1A Great Ocean/DaYang Lease

Commissioner Bland expressed concern about the possibility of losing the Connect IV grant and moved that the Commission approve the signed lease.

Commissioner Fulton would like for the staff to update the Commission as to what is currently happening with the DaYang lease issue.

Commissioner Hunsinger pointed out that since the lease came to the Commission 8 months ago, DaYang has added a partner, Great Ocean, and that they have not signed the lease, nor have they presented financial statements or a business plan.

Commissioner Fulton agreed with Commissioner Hunsinger, in that the Commission would need to have more information from Great Ocean. He also noted that he would be open to allocating funds to satisfy the State of Oregon, and allow Great Ocean/DaYang to put together a business plan. Commissioner Fulton asked Commissioner Bland to amend his motion.

The motion was amended as follows; to have Great Ocean/DaYang give a presentation to the Commission at the earliest possible date as soon as the Port has obtained their business plan and financials. Commissioner Fulton seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

1B East End Basin

Commissioner Hunsinger recommended that the commercial fishermen's float at the East End Basin be moved to where vessels will be able to use it again, as it is currently being used by sea lions. He suggested that the float could be moved to the West End Basin, or to Tongue Point.

Commissioner Hunsinger moved to recover the float for commercial fishermen use. Commissioner Bland seconded.

Interim Director Mike Weston recommended waiting until alternate facilities are provided and then the sea lions should leave the floats alone. He also noted that if the float is moved out, it may not be easy to get it back into the basin.

Commissioner Hunsinger amended his motion to remove the commercial fishermen's float to a safe facility where it can be used as intended.

The vote went as follows:

Commissioner Hunsinger: Yes

Commissioner Bland: No

Commissioner Fulton: No

Commissioner Campbell: Yes

1C The Daily Astorian

Commissioner Hunsinger noted to the Commission that some of the information that The Daily Astorian has been printing is incorrect, and expressed that the Interim Director and Chairman Campbell should do something about the errors.

Discussion followed regarding the amount of information the press has to process, and that errors are inevitable. However, concern was expressed over the use of any information that directly relates to the Executive Sessions.

Interim Director Mike Weston presented a possible solution, noting that he and Chairman Campbell could communicate with Mr. Forrester regarding this issue.

Old Business

1. **AOC Funds Release**

Interim Director Mike Weston expressed the need for additional funds for the Connect Oregon project, and requested the release of some of the AOC funds.

Commissioner Hunsinger moved to release AOC funds for Mr. Weston to use to complete the project. Commissioner Fulton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Bornstein's Seafoods, Inc. / APS Assignment**

Interim Director Mike Weston presented the Commission with the Bornstein's Seafoods lease and noted some of the details of the Bornstein's Seafoods, Inc. /Astoria Pacific Seafoods assignment, which will be of benefit to Bornstein's with the coming season.

Discussion followed regarding the length of term left on the lease, Bornstein's Seafoods options once the current lease has ended, and obtaining a courtesy letter from Andrew Bornstein.

Commissioner Bland moved to approve the Bornstein lease as presented and the transfer assignment. Commissioner Fulton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment – for items not on the agenda**

N/A

**Commissioners/Director Reports**

Interim Director Mike Weston told the Commission that in light of all the negativity surrounding the Port of Astoria, he has received a lot of positive feedback from state agencies and the public. He also noted that the Port is getting stronger financially.

**Good of Order – (Commission Direction)**

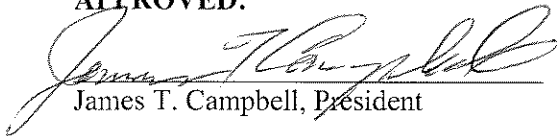
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**Next Meeting Dates**

- Regular Meeting, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:00 PM

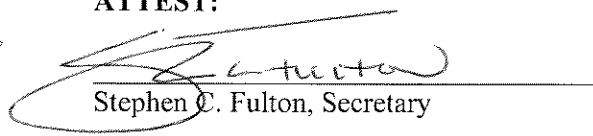
**Adjourned**

**APPROVED:**



James T. Campbell, President

**ATTEST:**



Stephen C. Fulton, Secretary

Respectfully submitted by:  
Judy Farfan, Administrative Clerk

5/20/14  
Date Approved