



**MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 1, 2018**

**PORT OF ASTORIA**  
WORKSHOP SESSION  
PORT ADMIN BUILDING  
#10 PIER 1, SUITE 209  
ASTORIA, OR 97103

**Call to Order**

President Spence called the Workshop Session to order at 4:00 pm.

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Frank Spence; Dirk Rohne; Robert Stevens; Jim Campbell; and Bill Hunsinger.

Staff present: Executive Director Jim Knight; Director of Operations Matt McGrath; Director of Finance Will Isom; Airport Manager Gary Kobes; and Executive Assistant Judy Fattori.  
Port Counsel was not present for this session.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Changes/Additions**

Commissioner Hunsinger requested an update on FEMA.

**5a) Presentation: Pacific Fisheries Management Council – Christa Svensson**

Ms. Christa Svensson, Fleet Manager with Jessie's Ilwaco Fish Company, spoke to the Commission about her nomination to the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC), which is a position appointed by the Governor of Oregon.

Ms. Svensson shared her background with the Commission, which largely centers on the commercial fishing industry, and requested endorsement of the nomination from the Port of Astoria Commission. Other nominations for the Oregon spot on the PFMC are Mariel Combs, and Robert Rees.

Discussion regarding items such as: qualifications; purpose of the council; other nominees; and Ms. Svensson's thoughts on current issues facing the fishing industry.

Commissioner Rohne moved that the Chairman of the Commission send a letter in support for the nomination of Christa Svensson to the Pacific Fisheries Management Council. Commissioner Stevens seconded.

The vote went as follows:

Commissioner Hunsinger:	No
Commissioner Rohne:	Yes
Commissioner Campbell:	Yes
Commissioner Stevens:	Yes
Commissioner Spence:	Yes

Motion carried with a majority vote.

### **6a) Dredging Discussion**

Mr. Knight spoke to the Commission about the Port's current dredge equipment. Pointing out recent bathymetry results compared to the Port's estimated annual dredging results had shown the dredge had only removed about half of what was expected.

Mr. Knight asked for the Commission's input on the three following options:

- 1) Continue using the current aging and inefficient dredge equipment;
- 2) Purchase new dredge equipment, for an estimated five-million-dollar cost; or
- 3) Outsource the Port's dredging needs for the central waterfront and marina to a private contractor.

Discussion followed regarding the benefits of outsourcing compared to loss of maintenance time during dredge season and replacing antiquated equipment.

The consensus of the Commission was in favor of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for dredging services, to be released as soon as possible.

### **6b) Pier 2 Fire Suppression Overhaul**

Mr. McGrath spoke to the Commission about the Pier 2 warehouse fire suppression systems, noting that the systems are different from each other and do not communicate. Mr. McGrath also noted a recent meeting which included Astoria Fire Chief Ted Ames and emphasized the need for one system for the entire warehouse to ensure safety of the building and the tenants.

An RFP has been sent out to update the Port's system to match the more recent system installed by Da Yang.

Discussion included items such as: whether the Port would be responsible for the system update, and where the update would occur.

The Commission consensus was to continue on with the RFP process.

### **6c) Update on FEMA**

Mr. McGrath explained to the Commission that FEMA was just recently able to get to a report that the Port/KPFF provided to them in October of last year. He added that while some projects are being worked on, FEMA has disagreed with some of KPFF's findings on larger projects that include erosion. The Port is currently waiting on FEMA's approval for three projects.

Discussion included items such as: concerns about receiving matching funds for the ConnectOregon grant; and the potential to receive assistance from local/Federal legislators.

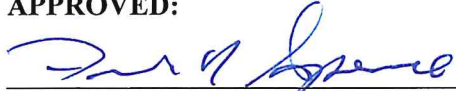
### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

- Regular Session – May 15, 2018 at 4:00 PM.

### **Adjourned**

President Spence adjourned the meeting at 4:59 pm.

**APPROVED:**



Frank R. Spence, Board President  
Board of Commissioners

**ATTEST:**



Robert Stevens, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners

Respectfully submitted by:  
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Executive Assistant & Board Secretary

May 15, 2018

Date Approved