

**PORT OF ILWACO
MINUTES
March 04, 2025**

COMMISSION MEETING

Chairman Smith opened the Commissioner's regular meeting at 4:00 PM. Those present were, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Shirley, Port Manager Hayes, Admin/Accounting Assistant Reed, and Admin Assistant Lambert.

- **Call to Order**
Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

- **Approval of Agenda**
Commissioner Shirley entered a motion to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Bennett seconded; the **motion was carried** by voice vote.

- **Approval of minutes from February 18th, 2025, Commission Meeting.**
Commissioner Shirley entered a motion to approve the minutes from the February 18th, 2025, Commission Meeting.
Commissioner Bennett seconded; the **motion was carried** by voice vote.

- **Approval of vouchers 21186 through 21204 and electronic fund transfer payments in the amount of \$86,859.90.**

Commissioner Bennett entered a motion to approval of vouchers 21186 through 21204 and electronic fund transfer payments in the amount of \$86,859.90.
Commissioner Shirley seconded; the **motion was carried** by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

D.Berger: Member of the AOPA. Still trying to get a taxiway at the airport. In 2012 the FAA closed small airport taxiways. Has a hearing on Friday about the taxiway and it doesn't look good. It will be up to Madison Johnston a new member of the AOPA to try to get the taxiway approved. The judge informed Berger that he will not get a taxiway lane approved. On March 10th he has a harassment suit against a city employee and on March 20th he has a suite against the city mayor. The taxiway is there for the safety of other pilots taking off and the ones trying to land .

B.Sullivan: Several years ago former port Manager Guy Glenn approved for Mr. Sullivan to get an annual boat ramp launch pass for free for being a disabled vet. Came into the office three weeks ago to get his annual ramp launch pass and was informed that we could not give him a pass for free. Other ports that he travels to gives out their ramp passes for free to disabled vets.

B.Smith: The ability to give out annual boat ramp launch passes to disabled vets for free was never officially added to the tariff and was not agreed upon by the board. We can look at adding

it to the tariff for next year that way everyone will get treated fairly. Commissioner Smith offered to pay for his launch ramp pass this year.

M.Cassinelli: The transit council voted and all disabled vets will get to ride for free. The transit council later voted to establish all rides for free in Pacific County. The city supports the Port. We need to establish a meeting between the city and the port to talk over projects.

B.Smith: Behind the bathroom by Coho there is standing water. The drain isn't draining properly.

G.Trusty: Recently put in his proposal for freezer container box. Just waiting on a quote for the electrical work. Was wondering what it would take to get gates with locks to secure the other docks on the marina that don't have them? People have also figured out you can turn the lights off on C and D-dock.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **None**

NEW BUSINESS

- **Cancellation of March 18th, 2025 meeting**

Commissioners verbally agreed for the cancellation of the March 18th, 2025 meeting.

- **Dumping at the oil station of substances that are not oil and costs associated**

We have been having issues at the oil station with people dumping something that is not oil and toxic in the tank. During off hours the oil station needs to be locked up and camera's installed to monitor the situation. No dumping at the oil station off hours.

- **Termination of Ward Lease**

Commissioner Bennet entered a motion to approve the termination of the Ward Lease.

Commissioner Shirley seconded; the **motion was carried** by voice vote.

OPERATIONS REPORTS

Manager Report: Cleaning out Boatyard shop. Letters going out to individuals with items stored in the boatyard shop to remove from premises. Responding letter sent to Werners. Bulkhead project is on time. Stormwater project paving will start next week, set to be done in April. Dredging will be done on Saturday. Summer reservations in full swing. Beacon at the airport has been replaced, needs an enclosure built for it. Capital dredge permit sent to the Department of Ecology. Surprise LNI inspection on 03/04/25. Letters sent to the Perkins about lease.

Finance Report:

None

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Shirley: Thank you everyone for your hard work. Is the college part of the Port's property. Why isn't it being used? Can it be used for events such as a farmer's market?

T.Hayes: The college is not part of the Port's property it is privately owned by the college. We are hoping to buy it back in the future.

Commissioner Bennett: Thank you everyone. Awesome job Tina. Trip to Washington DC is next week.

Chairman Smith: Three weeks ago the Canada Treaty was approved until next year. Washington DC trip was really good. Went for ocean surveys and fish stock assessments. The other Commissioners have helped build up a good name for the Port with senator Cantwell. Heading to Vancouver for the Pacific Fishing Council for the next week. Oregon's Sport Troll fish is cancelled for this year and the May 1st Sport Fishing Troll for our district is in danger of being closed. Grateful to the Port staff for their hard work and cooperation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 PM by **Chairman Smith**.

Minutes submitted by Natasha Lambert for approval on April 1st, 2025.

Natasha Lambert Admin. Assist.

Commissioners:

Butch Smith, Chairman

Mike Shirley

Alan Bennett