

**PORT OF ILWACO**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 17, 2024**

**COMMISSION MEETING**

**Chairman Smith opened the Commissioner's regular meeting at 4:00 PM. Those present were, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Shirley, and Port Manager Lofstrom.**

- **Call to Order**

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

- **Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Smith requested under New Business to add a discussion about suspending wharfage.

Commissioner Shirley entered a motion to approve the change of the agenda.

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

- **Approval of minutes from August 20, 2024, Commission Meeting.**

Commissioner Shirley entered a motion to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2024, Commission Meeting.

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

- **Approval of vouchers 20890 through 20906 and electronic fund transfer payments in the amount of \$30,826.80, and vouchers 20907 through 20935 and electronic fund transfer payments in the amount of \$160,910.50.**

Commissioner Bennett entered a motion to approval of vouchers 20890 through 20906 and electronic fund transfer payments in the amount of \$30,826.80 and vouchers 20907 through 20935 and electronic fund transfer payments in the amount of \$160,910.50.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**D. Berger-** discussed a problem with the airport and the taxiway and the city closing it down.

**T. Odneal-** Brought up worries regarding Beacon RV Park and the people living there, Mayor Cassinelli told him to go to the next City meeting to bring it up to the City Council.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Unfinished Business

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Suspending Wharfage**

There was discussion about forming a sub-committee to figure out how to manage wharfage for the port. Commissioner Bennett will be part of the sub-committee. Mike Domeyer asked about wharfage and reporting. Only fish ticket reporting will be eliminated from the fish buying rules, the permit is still in effect. Only Item 7 – Wharfage on page 53 of the Port of Ilwaco Tariff will be suspended.

Commissioner Bennett entered a motion to approve the suspension of wharfage until December 1, 2025.

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

## OPERATIONS REPORTS

**Manager Report:** Bid opening for Bulkhead Project opens on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and that FO Hayes was attending a Finance Conference and it will address Grant Management and financing.

**Finance Report:** None given.

## COMMISSIONERS REPORT

**Commissioner Shirley:** It was nice to see everyone in town for Slow Drag. Thanks to the staff for all their hard work.

**Commissioner Bennett:** Mentioned the painted restrooms. He reminded everyone that a single commissioner does not have the authority to make decisions for the port.

**Chairman Smith:** Senator Cantwell's meeting last week and the change in the name of Outer Harbor Way to Sen Cantwell Dr. He mentioned she had done a lot of things for our area. Also, drug paraphernalia was found in the restroom, so lights were added to help prevent issues. Slow drag was not as busy, but Mayor Cassinelli mentioned that they had the same number of attendees as last year. He said that the even though we are down 2 employees' staff is doing well.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION -to discuss potential litigation. R.C.W. 42.30.110 (i)

The session convened at 4:40 pm and the time to exit was 30 minutes. It went a bit longer and it was mentioned that we would need to go another 15 minutes. The session ended at 5:25 pm. No decision was made.


The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM by Chairman Smith.

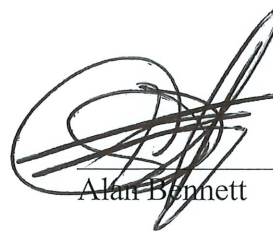
Minutes submitted by Tracy Lofstrom for approval on October 1, 2024.

  
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Tracy Lofstrom, Port Manager

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Alan Bennett