

Port of Ridgefield
Regular Meeting Minutes
Ridgefield Community Library
October 12th, 2022

Present:	Joe Melroy	Bruce Wiseman	Scott Hughes
	Randy Mueller	Ethan Perry	Michael Jennings
	Rob Aichele	Adriana Pereira	Gary Adkins
	Bill Eling	Dave Kelly	Tim Shell
	Claudia		

1. CALL TO ORDER:

At 3:00pm Chair Scott Hughes called the Port of Ridgefield commission meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES:

September 28th, 2022 and October 7, 2022, Minutes: Commissioner Joe Melroy made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

3. CALENDAR:

October 20th – 21st WPPA Small Ports Seminar (Leavenworth)
December 6th, 2022 City of La Center City Hall Open House @ 3pm
December 9th, 2022 Legislative Outlook Meeting for 2023 @ 9am (Hilton)

For all other calendar events, see updated Commission Calendar provided

The Commission cancelled the following meetings:

November 4th, 2022
December 9th, 2022
December 28th, 2022

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. *Discussion, 2023 Preliminary Budget* – Randy Mueller presented the preliminary budget for discussion and ask for a motion to schedule a public hearing at the November 9th Commission meeting as well as to place the budget on file for the public. There were no questions.

b. *Commission Action* - Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to authorize the CEO to place the 2023 Preliminary Budget on file and publish legal notices for a public hearing at the November 9th Commission meeting. Commissioner Melroy seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

c. *Construction Update* – Ethan Perry provided updates on the IT3 tenant improvements, boat launch restrooms and railroad safety fence projects.

d. *Finance*

Payment of the Bills – Commissioner Melroy reviewed the bills and made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion was carried. The bills totaled \$285,242.64.

e. Staff Reports – Randy thanked the Ridgefield City Public Works department for cutting down the overgrown blackberry bushes on the Port’s property near the Wildlife Refuge. He also thanked the Clark County Sheriff’s Office Marine Patrol for placing the Port’s new “No Wake” buoys along the Ridgefield Waterfront. The “No Wake” zone is from McCuddy’s Marina to the Port’s red pump house.

Waterfront Tour – Randy stated the tour with the Ridgefield City Council members and the Port was productive and valuable. The tour consisted of visiting the Ports of Camas-Washougal, Vancouver, and Kalama waterfronts which provided positive insight, enhancing planning ideas with the waterfront at the Port of Ridgefield.

f. Port Commission Reports – Commissioner Wiseman stated it is nice to be in partnership with the City of Ridgefield to collaborate and build a waterfront for the community.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ridgefield City Councilmember Rob Aichele reviewed the topics that will be discussed at tomorrow’s Ridgefield City Council meeting. He also invited all to attend the Ridgefield Main Street meeting tomorrow at 8:30am at the Ridgefield Administrative Civic Center and the Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce meeting on October 26th at 11:30am.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 3:48pm, Chair Hughes suspended the regular meeting to enter into an executive session for 35 minutes to review the performance of a public employee pursuant RCW 42.30.110(g).

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 4:20pm Chair Hughes reconvened the regular meeting and adjourned the meeting with no further comments or discussions.



R. Bruce Wiseman



D. Joe Melroy



Scott Hughes

Respectfully Submitted by
Wonder Baldwin