

March 18, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Port District No. Two of Wahkiakum County, Washington, was held on the above date with Commissioner Austin Burkhalter presiding. Also in attendance were Commissioner Russ Reese, Manager Terina Davis, Attorney Timothy Hanigan, Secretary Nadia Goldinov, Director of Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Council of Governments Bill Fashing, Wahkiakum West Communications President Ken Johnson, and County resident Kay Walters.

Commissioner Kylie Thacker and the general public attended by Zoom teleconference.

The meeting commenced at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Columbia Coast TV Show - Ken Johnson

Wahkiakum West Communications President Ken Johnson presented a funding opportunity for Port District No. Two to help promote regional tourism, development, and travel by collaborating with Wahkiakum West Communications channel Columbia Coast. Mr. Johnson commented that the idea is to present to the public what they can experience for themselves in the counties of Wahkiakum, Pacific, and Clatsop. Discussion ensued.

Wahkiakum West Communications President Ken Johnson exited the meeting after his presentation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Minutes of February 18, 2025 Meeting

Commissioner Reese moved to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 18, 2025, as submitted and Commissioner Thacker seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Approve Vouchers dated through February 28, 2025

Commissioner Thacker made a motion to approve voucher numbers 2025-023—2025-052 through February 28, 2025, in the amount of \$47,222.98 and Commissioner Reese seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

MANAGER - COMMENTS & UPDATES

Wholesale Ice Price

Manager Davis suggested increasing the wholesale ice price from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per bag. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Thacker made a motion to approve the increase of the wholesale ice price to \$2.00 per bag and Commissioner Reese seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Surplus Wooden Boat

Manager Davis commented that about a year and a half ago, Port District No. Two purchased a wooden boat. The boat has not left the shop since it was brought there, and nobody on the staff is confident about wanting to use it. Manager Davis would like ideas on what Port District No. Two should do with it. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Reese made a motion to surplus the wooden boat and Commissioner Thacker seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Rebranding Vista Park - Website and Logo

Manager Davis commented that she and Commissioner Thacker have met a few times to discuss updating and reworking Port District No. Two's website and creating a permanent Vista Park logo. Commissioner Thacker recommended a few graphic designers and website builders. Manager Davis stated that she contacted three or four different designers but had settled on Mattie Star from Coast Commerce Solutions to design the new logo and website.

Commissioner Burkhalter, Commissioner Reese, and Commissioner Thacker were all in agreement that a whole new website will need to be designed. Discussion ensued.

Svenson Park Host Discussion

Manager Davis suggested it might be a good idea to start thinking about getting a park host for Svenson Boat Launch out on Puget Island. There have been a few minor issues over the years happening out there, and it would be a good idea to hire a park host to maintain and upkeep the boat launch. Discussion ensued.

Manager Davis updated everyone on the Appello Annex building. The building has been cleaned out. Port District No. Two donated the cubicles that were surplus to the Wahkiakum County Fair. Manager Davis informed everyone that the Appello Annex will be hosting two classes for the Chamber of Commerce, five classes for Lower Columbia College, and two other events.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Thacker commented that Manager Davis has been doing a good job about posting on social media. Every time she sees the posts, they look great. Manager Davis commented that with Commissioner Thacker's help she has been trying to post two to three times a week.

Commissioner Burkhalter commented it looks great in the Appello Annex, and he is excited to see what they can do with building. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Burkhalter stated that he and Manager Davis met with Columbia Land Trust and the Fish and Wildlife Department about partnering with them to put in a non-motorized boat ramp at Crooked Creek out on the west end. Discussion ensued.

County resident Kay Walters commented that the Wahkiakum County Fair is happy with the cubicles that Port District No. Two donated to them, and they will probably be seen at the county fair this year.

Director of Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Council of Governments Bill Fashing asked if anybody has any questions or thoughts about the classes and events that are being hosted at the Appello Annex. No questions or comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be April 15, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., at the Appello Annex in Skamokawa, Washington.

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 18, 2025.

Austin Burkhalter, Commissioner

Kylie Thacker, Commissioner

Russ Reese, Commissioner