

May 20, 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, and County residents Kay Walters, Mary Hogue, Noah Burkhalter, and Bowen Burkhalter.

The general public attended by Zoom teleconference.

The meeting commenced at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments at that time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Manager Davis stated that the date for the Spring Bazaar has changed to June 7, 2025. She is currently working with vendors to get ready and set up for the bazaar. Discussion ensued.

Manager Davis requested the board's guidance regarding the funding opportunity Wahkiakum West Communications President Ken Johnson presented a couple months ago. She stated that the Wahkiakum Chamber of Commerce has committed to \$35,000.00, but to her knowledge Port District No. One has not made a decision yet to provide funding for the project. Discussion ensued. Commissioners agreed to not fund the project for this year and to look at it in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Minutes of April 15, 2025 Meeting

Commissioner Reese moved to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 15, 2025, as submitted, and Commissioner Burkhalter seconded. The motion passed 2-0.

Approve Vouchers dated through April 30, 2025

Manager Davis gave a brief explanation on the voucher report, and commented she submitted to the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Government that Port District No. Two will not be a member next year.

Commissioner Reese made a motion to approve voucher numbers 2025-072—2025-099 through April 30, 2025, in the amount of \$36,706.53, and Commissioner Burkhalter seconded. The motion passed 2-0.

Nomination of Potential Commissioner

Attorney Hanigan stated there is a commissioner vacancy in Skamokawa District No. Two, and asked County resident Mary Hogue if she was still interested in being nominated. Ms. Hogue stated she was still interested.

Commissioner Burkhalter made a motion to nominate Mary Hogue to be commissioner of Skamokawa District No. Two, and Commissioner Reese seconded. The motion passed 2-0.

MANAGER - COMMENTS & UPDATES

Manager Davis commented she attended a tourism committee meeting at the Wahkiakum Chamber of Commerce. Garrett and Ryan from the Wahkiakum Chamber of Commerce are planning the annual kite festival in Vista Park. They have also been helping to work out new events to have in the park.

Manager Davis stated that Work Source is holding a hiring event at the Appello Annex. There will be about 13 employers at the event. Discussion ensued.

Manager Davis stated there have been two applicants for the park host position on Puget Island. She will conduct interviews next week.

Manager Davis stated the Grays River Grange reached out to see if Port District No. Two would like to continue mowing the Covered Bridge area. Manager Davis asked everyone's thoughts on the proposition. Discussion ensued. Commissioners agreed to move forward.

Manager Davis commented that Port District No. Two has not heard back from Columbia Land Trust and the Fish and Wildlife Department regarding partnering with them to put in a non-motorized boat ramp at Crooked Creek. Discussion ensued.

Manager Davis commented she is still working on ideas for the park logo. She is in no hurry to create the website and settle on a permanent logo for the park.

Commissioner Reese asked Manager Davis if Wahkiakum PUD has come down yet to look at the electrical in the park. Manager Davis stated they have not, but she is looking into different electrical companies who may be able to come out and take a look. Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Burkhalter asked Manager Davis the status of reservations and booking of the park sites. Discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

The next meeting will be June 17, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., at the Appello Annex in Skamokawa, Washington.

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 20, 2025.

Austin Burkhalter, Commissioner

Kylie Thacker, Commissioner

Russ Reese, Commissioner