PUBLIC MEETING: Port Commission Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, **June 21, 2026, 6:00 PM**
LOCATION: Cascade Locks City Hall 140 Wa Na Pa St, Cascade Locks, OR 97014
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85806615790

MINUTES

1) Commission meeting called to order at 6:03 PM
   a. Pledge of Allegiance
   b. Roll Call
      i. President Lorang (via Zoom)
      ii. Vice-President Klute (via Zoom)
      iii. Commissioner Nance
      iv. Commissioner Gann
      v. Commissioner Dodd
      vi. Members of the Staff and Other Support – Executive Director Jeremiah Blue; Deputy Executive Director Genevieve Scholl; Administrative Specialist Keriane Stocker; Operations Manager Parker Nelson; Tommy Brooks – Legal Counsel, Cable Huston; Dan Mahr – Government Affairs Consultant, Mahr Strategies
      vii. Members of the Public – iPhone (via Zoom)
   c. Modifications, Additions, and Changes to the Agenda
2) Election of Officers

MOTION: To approve all current officers to stay as is
MOVE: Ted Dodd
SECOND: Travis Gann
DISCUSSION: Upon the motion duly made and seconded, the Commission unanimously approved to reappoint all current officers in their respective positions for the upcoming term, with no further discussion
VOTE: **Aye:** Brad Lorang, Carrie Klute, Albert Nance, Travis Gann and Ted Dodd
VIDEO TIMESTAMP: **00:03:00**

3) Committee Assignments

MOTION: To keep all current committee representatives consistent with previous years
MOVE: Albert Nance
SECOND: Ted Dodd
DISCUSSION: Following a clarification by Nance regarding the Bridge of the Gods Advisory Committee representative, Lorang confirmed that he was the representative. Staff noted that they will update the committee's roster accordingly.
VOTE: **Aye:** Brad Lorang, Carrie Klute, Albert Nance, Travis Gann and Ted Dodd
VIDEO TIMESTAMP: **00:6:53**

4) Consent Agenda

a. Approval of minutes for the June 30, 2026 Regular Session

b. Ratification of bills from June 23, 2026 – July 15, 2026 in the amount of $84,000.90

c. Approval of payroll for July 3 in the amount of $38,082.48 and for July 17 in the amount of $45,183.24

MOTION:	To approve the consent agenda
MOVE:	Albert Nance
SECOND:	Ted Dodd
VOTE:	**Aye:** Brad Lorang, Carrie Klute, Albert Nance, Travis Gann and Ted Dodd
VIDEO TIMESTAMP:	**00:08:25**

5) Public Comment (Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes)

6) Reports and Presentations

a. FY 2022-23 Audit Report – Matt Apken, Merina+Co

MOTION:	To accept the fiscal year 2023 financial statements and audit
MOVE:	Albert Nance
SECOND:	Travis Gann
VOTE:	**Aye:** Brad Lorang, Carrie Klute, Albert Nance, Travis Gann and Ted Dodd
VIDEO TIMESTAMP:	**00:26:44**

7) Commissioner Comments and Sub-Committee Reports

a. Klute gave an update on the Bridge of the Gods Centennial Celebration Committee, sharing that there has been an extension for accepting vendors

b. Dodd noted that there has been discussion to organize a mountain biking festival on June 19-20, 2027.

c. The Commission commended Port Staff for their successful coordination of the Fourth of July celebration.

8) Executive Director Report

ED Blue reported that the City Planning Commission has approved the amendment to the Light Industrial area to include an approved use of campgrounds or RV parks. The recommendation will now be brought in front of the City Council for consideration during the August 10th meeting.

9) Business Action Items

a. Consider updates to Port Economic Development Grant Program for FY 2026-27

DED Scholl provided an update on the Port Economic Development Grant program, highlighting the successful completion of Round Two and its key takeaways. To guide the subsequent discussion, Scholl asked the Commission to establish Round Three expectations and benchmarks, clarify grant priorities and scoring criteria and evaluate applicant eligibility.

The Commission emphasized downtown revitalization and tourism as primary focus areas for Round Three. Commissioners discussed requiring applicants to prove how their projects will stimulate the local economy, support neighboring businesses, and create jobs within the city.

In consideration of construction timeline challenges and the impact of permitting delays, the Commission came to a consensus that large construction projects could be extended to eighteen (18) months. Lorang also suggested that the award date could also be set for when permits are approved.

The Commission also agreed that the scoring for job creation should be increased.

The Commission resolved to continue the discussion during the next meeting. Staff agreed to return with a revised grant application criteria based on the Commission's feedback.

10) Adjourn 8:04 PM

Port of Cascade Locks

Port Commission President
Brad Lorang

Port Commission Secretary
Albert Nance

Date Approved
Prepared by Keriane Stocker