



PUBLIC MEETING: Port Commission Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, **April 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 6:02 PM
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Roll Call
 - i. President Lorang
 - ii. Vice-President Klute
 - iii. Commissioner Nance (excused)
 - iv. Commissioner Gann (Excused)
 - v. Commissioner Dodd
 - vi. Members of the Staff and Other Support – Executive Director Jeremiah Blue; Administrative Specialist Keriane Stocker; Operations Manager Parker Nelson
 - c. Modifications, Additions, and Changes to the Agenda
- 2) Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of minutes for the February 17, 2026 Commission Meeting
 - b. Ratification of bills from March 17–April 14, 2026 in the amount of \$368,437.88
 - c. Approval of payroll for March 4 in the amount of \$37,567.97 and for March 19 in the amount of \$42,652.09

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda, as stated in its entirety

MOVE: Carrie Klute

SECOND: Ted Dodd

VOTE: **Aye:** Brad Lorang, Carrie Klute, and Ted Dodd
Absent: Albert Nance and Travis Gann

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- 3) Public Comment (Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes)
 - a. Community Member James Ross Bright addressed the Commission, encouraging funding for the Movies in the Park Program
- 4) Recess to Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(i): *To review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing*
 - a. Recess from Regular Session, into Executive Session at 6:07 PM
- 5) Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene Regular Session
 - a. Recess out of Executive Session, into Regular Session at 6:45 PM
- 6) Commission Approval of Actions Arising from Executive Session
 - a. Approve the performance evaluation for ED Blue for the period of June 1, 2024, through February 28, 2026

MOTION: To adopt the performance evaluation of Jeremiah Blue for the period of June 1, 2024 through February 28, 2026

MOVE: Ted Dodd

SECOND: Carrie Klute

DISCUSSION:

The Commission discussed the performance of ED Blue during the Executive Session. Upon returning to the regular meeting, it was noted that the evaluation reflects the Commission's consensus on the Executive Director's goals and achievements over the last twenty-one (21) months. There was no further discussion.

VOTE:

Aye: Brad Lorang, Carrie Klute, and Ted Dodd

Absent: Albert Nance and Travis Gann

- b. Approve the parameters for the Executive Director's next evaluation

MOTION:

To move that the Commission establish the following parameters for the Executive Director's next evaluation, including:

- Evaluation Period of March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027
- Evaluation criteria to be the same as the criteria used for the 2025-26 evaluation, and
- Performance goals to consist of continued implementation of the Executive Director's work plan and strategic business plan, and that the suggested goals identified in the 2025-26 evaluation be considered as part of the ongoing updates to the Executive Director's work plan.

MOVE:

Ted Dodd

SECOND:

Carrie Klute

DISCUSSION:

Knudson led the Commission through a review of the upcoming evaluation parameters. Members voiced their concurrence with the proposed timeline and advocated for the continued application of established criteria to maintain institutional fairness and transparency.

VOTE:

Aye: Brad Lorang, Carrie Klute, and Ted Dodd

Absent: Albert Nance and Travis Gann

- 7) Special Presentations and Reports from Outside Resources, Staff, and Government Officials

- a. NWTA CLIMB Trails Update – Ted Dodd

- 8) Commissioner Comments and Sub-Committee Reports

- 9) Executive Director Report

ED Blue outlined several key dates for the upcoming quarter. An annual planning session is scheduled for March 14 from 10 AM to 2 PM, with a preference for the morning. Other notable dates include the RV Park Open House on March 24 and a series of budget committee meetings beginning April 14, followed by sessions on April 21 and May 1.

- 10) Business Action Items

- a. Approve Comprehensive Land Use and Real Estate Investment Plan

MOTION:

Approve Port of Cascade Locks Comprehensive Land Use & Real Estate Investment Plan

MOVE:

Carrie Klute

SECOND:

Ted Dodd

DISCUSSION:

ED Blue presented the final monitoring letter from Business Oregon, confirming that all grant requirements for the Comprehensive Land Use and Real Estate

Investment Plan have been met. ED Blue noted that the plan remains unchanged since the January 2026 presentation by EcoNorthwest, leaving only the formal public approval and the final \$50,000 reimbursement request to complete the process. ED Blue reported that this final step marks the successful conclusion of the state-funded planning and marketing project.

VOTE:

Aye: Brad Lorang, Carrie Klute, and Ted Dodd

Absent: Albert Nance and Travis Gann

b. Approve Contract with Gorgeous Cascade Locks for 2026 Movies in the Park Program

MOTION:

To authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and sign a contract with Main Street Cascade Locks for the 2026 Summer Movies in the Park series, authorize a payment of \$2,000, renew the MPCL licensing agreement, and authorize the Executive Director to finalize details for the August 4 Community Picnic and National Night Out event within the approved budget.

MOVE:

Ted Dodd

SECOND:

Albert Nance

DISCUSSION:

ED Blue reported that Main Street Cascade Locks has requested to partner with the Port to organize and present the 2026 Movies in the Park series under terms consistent with prior discussions. The proposal includes a 12-week series of family-friendly movie presentations held on Tuesday evenings in Marine Park, along with coordination of a joint community event.

VOTE:

Aye: Brad Lorang, Carrie Klute, and Ted Dodd

Absent: Albert Nance and Travis Gann

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11) Adjourn 7:35 PM

Port of Cascade Locks

Port Commission President
Brad Lorang

Port Commission Secretary
Albert Nance

Date Approved
Prepared by Keriane Stocker