



PUBLIC MEETING: Port Commission Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, **March 17, 2026, 6:00 PM**

LOCATION: Cascade Locks City Hall 140 Wa Na Pa St, Cascade Locks, OR 97014

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85806615790>

AGENDA

- 1) Commission meeting called to order at 6:03 PM
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Roll Call
 - i. President Brad Lorang
 - ii. Vice-President Carrie 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; Matt Apken, Financial Advisor – Merina+Co
 - vii. Members of the Public – Todd Anderson, Gorge Paddling Center dba Pedal & Paddle Hood River; Chris Matlock, Chad Sperry, Breakaway Promotions (Bridge of the Gods Run); Jason Waicunas, PCTDAYS; iPhone
 - c. Modifications, Additions, and Changes to the Agenda
ED Blue requests that Discussion Items 5a and 5b switch order, so that the Government Cove Kayak Rental Concession Proposal is presented first.
- 2) Consent Agenda (***)Consent Agenda may be approved in its entirety in a single motion. Items are considered routine. Any Commissioner may make a motion to remove any items from the Consent Agenda for individual discussion)
MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety as stated.
MOVE: Carrie Klute
SECOND: Albert Nance
VOTE: **Aye:** Brad Lorang, Carrie Klute, Albert Nance, Travis Gann, and Ted Dodd
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 - a. Approval of minutes for the February 17, 2026 Commission Meeting
 - b. Ratification of bills in the amount of \$936,920.19
 - c. Approval of payroll for February 19 in the amount of \$35,533.66 and for March 4 in the amount of \$37,567.97
- 3) Public Comment (Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes)
- 4) Special Presentations and Reports from Outside Resources, Staff, and Government Officials
 - a. Annual Events Update – Jeanetta Blue
 - i. Waicunas presented a wrap-up on PCTDAYS event, highlighting the success and challenges of the 2025 event.
 - ii. Sperry provides an overview of the 2025 Bridge of the Gods Marathon event, highlighting the success of the event, including the sell-out of registration and the positive impact on the community.

5) Discussions

b. Government Cove Kayak Rental Concession Proposal – Todd Anderson

MOTION: To approve this kayak concession for 2026, giving ED Blue the latitude to make the final decisions as to the agreement discussions

MOVE: Ted Dodd

SECOND: Travis Gann

DISCUSSION: Anderson introduced himself to the Commission and requested an approval for a kayak concession adjacent to EasyCLIMB. Commissioners expressed concern regarding Condition C, specifically highlighting that the proposed exclusivity. The Commission called for more stringent requirements for waste management and the placement and maintenance of port-a-potties to ensure the area remains sanitary and well-regulated.

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

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a. Executive Director Review Orientation – Mark Knudson, SDAO

MOTION: To approve SDAO’s proposal for completing the Port Executive Director’s performance evaluation for 2024-25 including adoption of the proposed:

- Evaluation Process & Schedule,
- Evaluation Period of June 1, 2024 through February 28, 2026,
- Evaluation Criteria & Goals,
- Rating Scale, and
- Performance Evaluation Form.

MOVE: Travis Gann

SECOND: Albert Nance

DISCUSSION: Knudson re-introduced himself to the Commission. Knudson reviewed the process for the Executive Director’s performance evaluation and proposed that the evaluation period be from June 1, 2024 to February 28, 2026, noting that going forward, evaluation would start in February and the review would take place in March. The evaluation criteria would include effectiveness of administration, relationship with the Commission, leadership, fiscal management, and customer service.

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

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6) Commissioner Comments and Sub-Committee Reports

Vice-President Klute (remotely) exited the meeting at 9:01 PM

7) Executive Director Report

The Commission discussed potential dates for an open house for the proposed campground and RV park. Tuesday, April 7 was agreed upon.

8) Business Action Items

a. Resolution 2026-2: Oregon Business Development Loan

MOTION: To approve Resolution 2026-2 authorizing a loan from the Special Public Works Fund by entering into a financing contract with the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority

MOVE: Ted Dodd

SECOND: Albert Nance

DISCUSSION: ED Blue informed that the Port seeking approval to transition an expiring \$1,888,000 interim loan from 2017 into a long-term direct loan with the Oregon Business Development Department. Resolution 2026-2 authorizes this new financing agreement at a 4.1% annual interest rate to cover the construction costs of the Flex 2 and Flex 4 buildings.

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

Absent: Carrie Klute

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b. Resolution 2026-3: Grand Ronde Tribe Toll Waiver

MOTION: To approve Resolution 2026-3, authorizing non-revenue bridge passage for the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon

MOVE: Albert Nance

SECOND: Travis Gann

DISCUSSION: ED Blue stated that the Port is considering expanding its bridge toll exemption policy for the Bridge of the Gods to include the Grand Ronde Tribe. Following a formal request, staff drafted a resolution to grant the same non-revenue crossing privileges to Grand Ronde members and employees currently enjoyed by five other regional tribes.

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

Absent: Carrie Klute

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9) Adjournment at 9:09 PM