

PORT OF PORT ORFORD PORT COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes

FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON
Wednesday, May 21, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

Commissioners present in-person:

Clark Kocurek, Vice President
Aaron Ashdown, Commissioner
Brett Webb, Commissioner

Guests present in-person:

Catherine Scobby, Port Administrator
Tom Calvanese, Redevelopment Chair

Guests present online:

Anonymous member

- a. As apart of the call to order, two commissioner resignations were entered into the record. Commissioner Rick Fox resigned as of May 14, 2025, and Commissioner Dave Rickel resigned as of May 21, 2025. Resignation letters were accepted by the commission.
- b. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
 - i. Commissioner Ashdown declared a potential conflict of interest as a user of the Port.

2. Approval of Agenda - Commissioner Kocurek moved to amend the agenda to add public comment to item six, and was seconded by Commissioner Ashdown. Passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment - A Public member asked to add additional time for public comment at the end of the meeting.

4. Action or Discussion Items/New Business (Action May Occur)

a. OSHA Variance

i. Port Administrator Catherine Scobby reported on the revocation of the Port's variance that allowed individuals to be hoisted down on vessels. Federal OSHA determined that the previous Oregon OSHA-issued variance no longer applied. The commission discussed liability concerns, compliance risks, and the practical and safety implications of enforcing ladder use and other options. Commissioners emphasized the need for a new federal variance, citing safety and operational concerns. Commissioners discussed interim measures, including ladders, man baskets, and potential dredging to allow use of the floating dock. The commission agreed to comply with OSHA and discussed the difficulty of showing the minimized risks behind the current method. ii. The commission unanimously approved a resolution to declare a state of emergency due to regulatory restrictions and operational disruptions.

b. Fuel Station Decommissioning (Award contract)

i. Commissioner Webb moved to accept the bid for \$61, 326 from Arcadia Environmental, and was

seconded by Commissioner Ashdown. Passed unanimously.

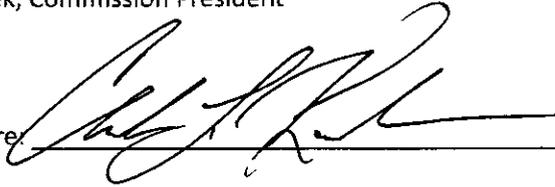
5. **Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting** – special commission meeting, May 27, 2025 at 5:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Approved by

Name: Clark Kocurek, Commission President

Date: 07/15/2025

President's Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clark Kocurek', written over a horizontal line.

Date:

8/19/2025