

PORT OF PORT ORFORD PORT COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

**Minutes**

FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON  
Thursday, July 10, 2025 @ 3:00 PM

**1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 3:09 pm.**

a. Roll Call

Commissioners present in-person:

Clark Kocurek, Vice President  
Aaron Ashdown, Commissioner  
Brett Webb, Commissioner  
Pat Cox, Commissioner  
Scott Mecum, Commissioner

Guests present in-person:

Catherine Scobby, Port Administrator  
Tom Calvanese, Port Redevelopment Chair  
Faith Townsend, Port Communications Coordinator  
Trent Dillon, NREL Researcher  
Molly Grear, PNNL Engineer  
Ian Hermanson, PNNL Engineer  
Lindsey Bear, Spark Northwest  
Jenn Frey, OSU  
Dave Fowley, PO Citizen

b. Declaration of potential conflicts of interest - none

**2. Action or Discussion Items (Action May Occur)**

a. ETIPP Community Engagement Event (3pm-5pm)

i. Representatives from the Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP) gave an overview of potential strategies for transitioning the Port toward renewable energy and improving resilience. Topics included electrical infrastructure upgrades, possible integration with future microgrid projects, and available grant opportunities. Community members voiced support for energy independence, disaster preparedness, and environmental benefits, while also raising concerns about initial costs, ongoing maintenance, and ensuring equipment capacity. Emphasis was placed on how planned Port redevelopment projects fit into ETIPP and the NOAA National Seafood Strategy.

b. Product Hoist Workshop

i. Commissioners reviewed updated quotes and options for replacing the Fisherman's Hoist, including new engineered hoists (\$80K-\$100K), discounted knuckle booms, and used/surplus cranes with engineering certification. Discussion covered the desired 1,500 lbs. capacity,

ownership models (port-owned, private, or hybrid), and balancing accessibility with maintenance and liability considerations. Emphasis was placed on maintaining Port Orford's open-access market model while planning dock space to allow servicing 3–4 vessels at once. Due to recent crane placement changes, a dock site visit was scheduled before the next commission meeting to assess the layout and finalize placement plans.

**3. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting** – July 15, 2025. This meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Submitted by

Name: Catherine Scobby

Port Administrator

Date: 08/19/2025

President's Signature:

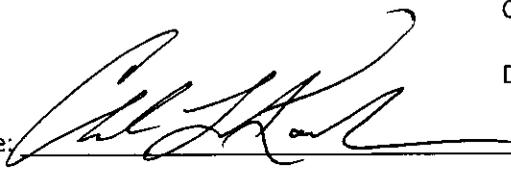
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Name: Clark Kocurek

Commission President

Date:

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