

PORT OF PORT ORFORD PORT COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD ON  
TUESDAY, April 21, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Port Orford City Hall, 555 20th St., Port Orford & Via Teleconference (Google Meet):

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**1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.**

a. Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Aaron Ashdown, President  
Scott Mecum, Commissioner  
Pat Cox, Secretary/Treasurer  
Clark Kocurek, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:

Brett Webb, Commissioner

b. Declaration of potential conflicts of interest - none

**2. Approval of Agenda**

- a. Commissioner Mecum moved to approve the agenda with the amendment that item 5d becomes item 7c, and the addition of item 4b. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and the vote passed unanimously.

**3. Public Comment - none**

**4. Oral Reports**

- a. Manager's Report – Catherine Scobby, Port Administrator
- i. Catherine provided the commission with a detailed update on current port operations and noted steady day-to-day operations and coordination with partners and stakeholders. The report included updates on ongoing projects and compliance items, and her formal resignation from the Port Administrator position, with her last day as May 15, 2026.
- b. Revitalization Report - Tom Calvanese
- i. Tom provided updates on ongoing revitalization projects, highlighting that the dredge replacement request has been included in the House spending bill and may be funded through PIDP. Discussion included the importance of maintaining clear capital improvement priority lists to allow staff to respond quickly to funding opportunities.

**5. Consent Agenda/Routine Business**

- a. Acceptance of Financial Reports for March 2026
- b. Acceptance of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on March 17, 2026
- c. Acceptance of Minutes for the Special Meeting held on March 31, 2026
- ~~d. Acceptance of Minutes for the Seawater Committee Meeting held on March 31, 2026~~
- e. Acceptance of Minutes for the Workshop held on April 9, 2026
  - i. Commissioner Cox moves to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item 5d, and was seconded by Commissioner Mecum . The Vote passed unanimously.

**6. Unfinished Business - none**

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

- a. Appoint Budget Committee Member to Fill Vacancy
  - i. Commissioner Cox moved to appoint Cecil Ashdown to the Budget Committee, and was seconded by Commissioner Mecum . The Vote passed unanimously.
- b. Grant Writing RFP Proposal Review
  - i. Commissioners unanimously moved to reject all submitted grant writing RFP proposals due to recent management changes, with the intent to revisit professional services through the budget process at a later date.

**8. Commissioner Updates**

- a. Commissioner Kocurek provided a personal update and reported progress on governance and transition-related documentation.
- b. Special Meeting: Monday, April 27th: Transition, Hiring Committee, Interim Manager, Budget Calendar, Sea Water Contract, Cape Blanco Marine Contract.

**9. Correspondence - none**

**10. Public Comment**

- a. Wilson Thompson (F/V Fantasy) provided public comment regarding the ice machine status and dredging concerns.

**11. Future Agenda Items**

- a. Leadership transition planning, professional services policies, and resolution of outstanding employment benefit questions. Dredging... Plan for larger capacity dredging... State and Federal Coordination.

**12. Executive Session - none**


**13. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Regular Meeting** – Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Submitted by

Name: Jessie Bradley

Interim Port Manager

Date: 05/19/2026

Signature: 

Approved by

Name: Aaron Ashdown

Title: Commission President

Date: 6/2/26