

EVERETT PORT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 2019

PRESENT:	Glen Bachman	President
	Bruce Fingarson	Vice President
	Tom Stiger	Secretary
	Les Reardanz	CEO/Executive Director
	Eric Russell	Chief Finance Officer
	Brad Cattle	Port Attorney

CALL TO ORDER: Commission President Glen Bachman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. CEO/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

May 14 Commission Meeting

CEO Les Reardanz reminded the Commission and public that the May 14 Commission meeting will begin at 9am in the Blue Heron Room to afford the Commission and Staff additional travel time to attend the Washington Public Ports Association spring meeting in Spokane.

Barge Update

The barge came in for the cranes that will be transported from Los Angeles to Everett. The barge is moored at Pier 3 and is scheduled to depart for Los Angeles on May 15, pick up the cranes and return to Everett by the 6th of June. Off-loading of the cranes is set at high tide. Staff will keep the Commission apprised of any updates to the process.

Programmatic Permit

Les Reardanz announced that Port Staff (Laura Gurley) picked up the Programmatic Permit today. The Permit is a 10-year permit for non-dredge maintenance projects. This permit lifts the burden of having to get individual permits with each maintenance project and commended Laura Gurley for her diligence in pursuing this permit.

Open House

The Port is holding a strategic planning update/open house on May 23 from 4-7 pm in the Blue Heron Room.

2. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Marina

Marina Director Jeff Lindhout reported that information for the increased moorage rates of 3.5% and modest increases in other select services was previously provided to the Commission in February 2019. These rates have now been posted for 60 days – they were posted at the gate houses, the Marina office, the Port's website and presented at the Marina Forum meeting. Staff did not receive very much negative feedback at the Marina Forum meeting nor in the Marina Office.

For the guest moorage, the rates increased a larger amount – the Marina went from \$1.00 per foot to \$1.50 per foot. The Anacortes Marina charges \$1.38 per foot, Edmonds charges \$1.50 per foot and Shilshole Marina charges \$1.75 per foot, so the Port of Everett is still within the competitive market.

On fuel prices, the rates are checked routinely and remain within the competitive market.

The new rates become effective May 1, 2019. Most people will be getting their first bill in the next couple of days.

Commission President's Report

Commissioner Bachman said there will be some extensive closure of West Marine View Drive regarding assembling and positioning the Outfall and Pedestrian Cross-

over Bridge. Along with that, the summer events could be impacted somewhat; the more information the Port can send out, the better.

The Farmer's Market will be open on Mother's Day.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Stiger said Woody's Take-Out food service just opened at Commodore Plaza at the South Marina. Commodore Plaza is a very nice park/sitting area for the community to use.

Commissioner Fingarson said that boating season starts next week so it will soon be very busy at the Marinas.

Citizen Comments

Vick L'esperance, Q-dock in the Central Marina, expressed discontent with the access to his boathouse on Q-dock due to all the construction work. He and his wife now must walk 1,800 feet from the nearest gate to his boathouse, and 3,600 feet for a round trip. He recently met with the Marina Director and the remedy offered was to move his boat to another slip while the construction was ongoing. Mr. L'esperance said that the effort to mitigate this issue has not been satisfactory.

Jeff Weymouth, 17603 SR 203, Monroe, has had his boat moored in a boathouse at G-33 on G dock for 36 years and expressed his displeasure about the Port's plans to demolish G dock this summer. He is asking the Port to delay tearing down G dock in the Central Marina and re-evaluate the moorage sizes and configurations to align with market conditions and develop a workable solution to keep the boathouses.

Commissioner Stiger said the Marina Forum committee may be the proper forum for these types of issues. Marina Director Jeff Lindhout said the meetings were open to the public, but there is a set agenda for tomorrow night's meeting and respectfully suggested that people submit their agenda items ahead of time to the Marina Director to assure that the appropriate staff are present for a meaningful discussion for the following meeting.


THE REGULAR MEETING was recessed into Executive Session at 4:23pm – for approximately 45 minutes - to conclude by 5:10 pm.

The purposes of the Executive Session were to discuss with legal counsel 1) the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public discussion could disadvantage the Port's negotiations, and 2) a litigation matter.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, there was no action taken by the Commission and there were no announcements. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

THE REGULAR MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 5:10 p.m.

APPROVED this 11th day of June 2019. EVERETT PORT COMMISSION

By: 
Glen Bachman, President


Bruce Fingarson, Vice President


Tom Stiger, Secretary