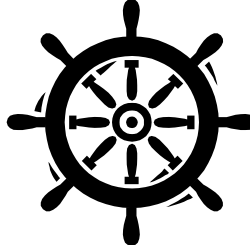


PORT OF ILLAHEE
2014 MEETING MINUTES



THE PORT OF ILLAHEE OF KITSAP COUNTY REGULAR MEETING.

SCHEDULED FOR THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2014

MEETING TIME: 5:00 PM

**LOCATION: 5500 ILLAHEE RD
BREMERTON, WA 98311**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: All

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Aho, Roy Barton & Andy Lehde

(1) THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING WERE READ AND APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

(2) VOUCHERS WERE AUDITED AND CERTIFIED BY THE AUDITING OFFICER AS REQUIRED BY: RCW 42.24.080.

(3) EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMS HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED AND RECORDED ON A LISTING WHICH HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD, AS REQUIRED BY RCW 42.24.090.

**(4) GENERAL FUNDS VOUCHERS: #3397 THROUGH # 3407
APPROVED TO PAY VOUCHERS FOR A TOTAL OF: \$3,511.53**

**(5) TREASURE REPORT: As of 12/05/ 2013 General Fund: \$ 76,137.13
Investments: \$266,831.38**

(6) COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. Gifted properties:
2. New Small Works Roster
3. To cover parking area on water side by boat ramp: asphalt ± \$2800.00. Commissioner Magill will continue getting bids.

(7) DOCK MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Life Ring: Needs a new backing board. A motion was made seconded and passed to put lettering on the life ring, not to exceed \$20.00
2. Missing wheel on ramp to the near float:
3. Pier lighting: We have 2 bids in hand

(8) COMMUNITY INPUT

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

(9) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Illahee day:
2. Illahee store: Nothing new from attorney Vancil
3. 5500 Illahee Rd:
4. 5560 Ocean View Blvd:
5. Cross Braces Under the Pier: Commissioner Magill will get bids
6. Lease hold excise tax audit: nothing yet
7. Light on PSE pole: will not happen
- 8.

(10) NEW BUSINESS:

1. Swear in two newly elected Commissioners, done
2. Positions: Chair Port Mgr Sec/Treas : tabled until the February meeting
3. Revisit the possible road vacation with attorney Vancil
4. Comp plan:
5. Jim Aho provided an "Opening Statement" copy attached

ADJOURNED AT: 6:00 PM

Next scheduled meeting: February 12, 2014 @ 5:00pm

Next All Ports meeting: January 27, 2014 @ 7:00pm

Commissioners

Cassie Magill

James Aho

George Schaefer

Opening Statements

8 January 2014

I want to make several opening statements now that I have been officially sworn in. I have decided to put them in writing so they will be part of the public record.

Statement #1

I decided to run for this Port position when I saw little real progress being made over the last few years. The big and deciding issue was the lack of progress on installing cross-bracing on the dock's wood pilings. I remember being at the Port meeting in 2010 when the Structural Survey Report was presented and passed around.

In 2013 I talked with an insurance broker who has offices in several Washington counties and asked him about coverage on a structure when structural repair work wasn't complete. I won't forget his response as he made a hand washing gesture as he stated insurance companies aren't liable to replace a structure if routine maintenance is not done and the result is a failure.

Port Commissioners have a responsibility to make sure the Illahee community dock is structurally sound and that structural maintenance items are completed in a timely manner. I would venture that the replacement value of the dock would be somewhere between \$1 million and \$1.5 million. It is imperative that the cross-bracing be completed as soon as possible, before a major earthquake hits, or an errant float, like the one recently removed by the Army Corps of Engineers, is washed into the dock during a major storm.

Statement #2

During the campaign for the Port position I tried to talk with as many Port residents as I could to try and hear what their thoughts and concerns were regarding the Port of Illahee. I also tried to go to a number of the newer developments and the fringe areas of Illahee. Rather than do most of the talking I tried to listen and said my brochure told why I was running.

What I found was roughly a third had read the voter's pamphlet write-ups and many had already voted. I also was totally surprised that nearly everyone I talked with knew they were paying taxes to the Port of Illahee and those who I conversed with all wanted to keep their taxes low. They expressed few other concerns, except for those who wanted to know if the Port was also interested in those who didn't live on the water. One couple and one individual expressed concerns about the dock's stability. The couple attended an earlier Illahee Day event when the divers were there and felt dock movement from the number of people on the dock. The individual, a retired structural engineer who worked at Bangor, was concerned about the effects of an earthquake on the dock.

I also found there was some confusion by some regarding the fact that there were 3 internal Port districts, but you could only run if you were in the district, but everyone within the Port boundaries could vote. In discussing the districts, a few liked them, but others agreed that the Port was small enough that they could be eliminated. I think a vote on the issue would pass, maybe 60/40 to eliminate them. When discussing a possible two districts and one 'at-large' position, this seemed to satisfy both parties, which I think would result in a possible 75/25 vote. My position is in the voter's pamphlet that I would like to eliminate the districts, and will push for a Commissioner vote on the issue at a later date.

Statement #3

The first item in my campaign brochure stated I would push for a facility master plan to be developed with community input and involvement. But before that can happen I think the commissioners need to agree on what the purpose or vision of the Port is. Is it a broad vision or a narrow one?

After attending Port of Illahee meetings for nearly a decade, it is hard for me to articulate what the Port's mission is today. There have been some discussions, but currently there seems to be no collective direction. Without having a clear and concise vision or mission statement, it would be hard to come up with a Master Plan of where the Port should be going in the future.

Does the Port have a mission statement? If not, is this something we could work on? The three of us will be meeting monthly for at a minimum the next two years so it would be nice if we could be in agreement about what our sworn duties are.