

**MINUTES OF THE PORT OF BELLINGHAM
COMMISSION MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022
REGULAR IN-PERSON/REMOTE MEETING**

Present:	Commissioners:	
	President	Bobby Briscoe
	Vice President	Ken Bell
	Secretary	Michael Shepard
Staff:	Rob Fix	Executive Director
	Tamara Sobjack	Chief Financial Officer
	Holly Stafford	Port Legal Counsel
	Elliott Smith	Director of Real Estate
	Noah Carlson	Property Manager
	Greg Nicoll	Senior Engineer
	Ben Howard	Environmental Project Manager
	Tiffany DeSimone	Marinas Director
	Carey Jones	Executive Administrator

4:00 PM OPEN PUBLIC MEETING, ROLL CALL

At approximately 4:00 PM, President Bobby Briscoe opened the public meeting, and announced that all three Commissioners were present.

4:00 PM PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment

COMMISSIONER BRISCOE READ THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULES

Bellingham International Airport Advisory Committee (BIAAC) –

July 14 @ 4 PM

ZOOM ONLY

Marina Advisory Committee (MAC) –

September 13 @ 6 PM Harbor Center Building Conference Room (1801 Roeder Ave., Bellingham)

IN-PERSON ONLY

CONSENT AGENDA-

- A. Approve minutes from the May 3, 2022 regular scheduled commission meeting.
- B. Motion authorizing the Executive Director Rob Fix to execute the Settlement and Hold-Harmless Agreement for Whatcom County Case No. 19-2-01882-37 between the Port of Bellingham (Defendant) and Craig Kovacevich (Plaintiff).
- C. Motion authorizing the Executive Director to execute a one-year extension and modification of the Agreement for parking management services at Bellingham International Airport (BLI) with SP Plus Corporation (SP+).
- D. Approval of a motion ratifying an emergency contract to handle Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) at Bellingham International Airport's ARFF facility.
- E. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a new Remedial Action Grant Agreement with the Department of Ecology for the Harris Avenue Shipyard site to provide State funding toward site cleanup.

- F. Authorize reallocation of funds from GL# 105-403-1900 [Paint Harbor Office] to new project "Visitor Moorage Kiosk" to fund the purchase and installation of a self-service, visitor moorage pay station.
- G. Motion by the Commission approving the Modification of Lease between the Port of Bellingham and Wise Enterprises, LLC for premises known as Lease Parcel 5A of Bellingham International Airport Binding Site Plan.
- H. Motion by the Commission to approve the following Consent to Assignment of Lease Change of Ownership:
 - Hilton Roeder II LLC to AMBK Holdings LLC
 - I&J Properties LLC to AMBK Holdings LLC

Motion: Approve Consent Agenda items A - H

Discussion: No discussion

Motion approved with a 3 - 0 Vote

PRESENTATION

1. Blaine Marine Industry Update

Discussion: Property Manager Noah Carlson gave an update on the Blaine Marine Industry Update. Noah covered the bulkhead projects, environmental cleanup projects (Including Westman Marine & Sea K Fish), and Blaine Harbor Access Improvements.

Commissioner Shepard and Commissioner Briscoe started a discussion about getting the design work done early on the road in Blaine (Marine Drive), so when the City of Bellingham completes their part, the Port can hit the ground running.

Ken Bell said if the Port is going to be the leaders in the road repair project, the Port will be the ones to design it. Ken said he believes this should qualify for EDI funds.

All three Commissioners had a discussion about the design layout of the Blaine Marine Industrial Area.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve Resolution 1403 adopting an updated moorage model, superseding Resolution 1330, and making necessary language changes to the Harbors' Rules, Regulations, and Rates Handbook as described in the Resolution.

Discussion: Marinas Director Tiffany DeSimone addressed the Commissioners and asked them for consideration of the adoption of Res. No. 1403 Moorage Model.

Commissioner Shepard said they have had plenty of discussions about the moorage model and not a lot of public input besides the MAC and the Working Waterfront.

Commissioner Briscoe said he does not like to raise rates and always like to find another way, but unfortunately the Port does not have another way to raise needed funds.

Motion approved with a 3 - 0 Vote

END OF MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Paul Burrill chairperson of the Marina Advisory Committee thanked the Port staff and Commissioners for holding off on the moorage model vote to give the public an opportunity to give feedback. Paul said as a lease tenant of the Port he thanked the Commissioners for the discussion on maintaining the Blaine Marine Industry access road in Blaine.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Bell reported that the Whatcom County Business and Commerce Committee has a subcommittee on housing, he said this diverse group is focusing their efforts on affordable housing in Whatcom County.

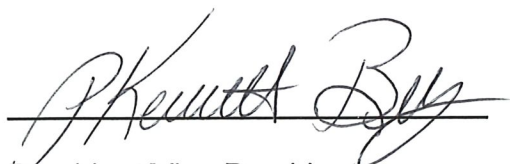
Commissioner Shepard shared that he attended a stakeholder meeting with Congressman Rick Larson, and elected officials in the NW WA District to discuss the Infrastructure Bill and upcoming funding. Michael said the main buckets that they see coming through with funding include culverts, broadband, ferry electrification, potential for terminal electrification, electric vehicle charging infrastructure and 40% of the funds will be used for competitive grants and projects that have multi-agency collaboration.

Executive Director Rob Fix and Commissioner Briscoe attended the Washington Public Ports Association Spring Meeting, he shared that the Port was presented with a Creative Partnership Award for the Pump Track and Container Village. Rob said that the project was a collaborative effort with the Port, the local mountain bike club and local businesses. This was one of four awards presented, Rob said this speaks well of the Port of Bellingham's ability to work well in the community.

Commissioner Briscoe shared that the Blessing of the Fleet was held Saturday, May 7th at the Fisherman's Pavilion. The celebration included a swap meet, and Dockside Market. Bobby said the event was well attended and he was thankful for the pavilion, as the skies opened up in the middle of the blessing and folks were able to get out of the rain.

Executive Administrator Carey Jones announced the Port sponsored Marine Trade Job Fair and Internship will take place at the Fisherman's Pavilion on Thursday, May 19th from noon to 4pm.

President Bobby Briscoe adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:27 PM.



President/Vice President



Secretary

