

PORT OF NEWPORT MINUTES

Tuesday, June 21, 2016
Commission Special Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Walter Chuck called the Regular Commission Meeting of the Port of Newport Board of Commissioners to order at 12:00 noon at the South Beach Activities Room, 2120 SE Marine Science Drive, Newport, Oregon.

Commissioners Present: Walter Chuck (Pos. #1), President; Ken Brown (Pos. #4), Vice-President; Patricia Patrick-Joling (Pos. #5), Secretary/Treasurer; and Stewart Lamerdin (Pos. #3).

Management and Staff: Kevin Greenwood, General Manager; and Karen Hewitt, Administrative Assistant.

Members of the Public and Media: Steve Beck, Commission candidate; Steve Lackey, Commission candidate; Kiera Morgan, KYTE; Wayde Dudley; Barb Dudley; Dennis Anstine, Newport News-Times; Yale Fogarty, ILWU; Sara Skamsner, Foulweather Trawl.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Yale Fogarty said he had provided a letter of support for Steve Beck on behalf of the ILWU Local 53.

III. FILLING OF COMMISSION VACANCY POSITION NO. 2

A. Review Letters of Interest.

The Commissioners had read the submitted letters prior to this meeting. Greenwood advised that a letter in support of Jeff Lackey had been submitted by the Midwater Trawlers and was included in the packet, and social media comments regarding Steve Beck were provided by Beck to the Commissioners at this meeting. Greenwood summarized Resolution 2014-08, the process for filling a Commission vacancy, and stated the declaration and publication were completed. Two qualified letters of interest had been received from Steve Beck and Jeff Lackey, who by lot would be questioned in that order.

B. Interview Candidates

The Commissioners in turn read the questions from the packet to the applicant for response:

1. What do you know about the Port of Newport, its mission, goals and the services it provides?
2. What experience have you had serving on boards (public vs. private)?
3. Why are you interested in serving on the Port of Newport Board of Commissioners?
4. What professional experience or knowledge do you possess that could assist the Port meet its goals?

5. What do you view as the Port's strengths?
6. What do you see as the Port's weaknesses, and what measures would you suggest be taken to address those weaknesses?
7. What do you believe your role is as a Port Commissioner?

1. Steve Beck: Beck stated he has been a Newport resident for 13 years and highlighted his past board experience on the Pacific Samaritan Healthcare Foundation, Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses, and CDC of Lincoln County, and the projects accomplished. He stated that economic development was a priority for him, and the Port is a driver for the region. Keeping the port up-to-date, modern and appealing are important. He also will look to the bottom line, and getting the International Terminal Shipping Facility (ITSF) 100% operational. He had previously reviewed the Port's insurance with Greenwood, and has experience in risk management. Beck believes it is critical to evaluate exposures while still making money and keeping expenses down. He feels the Port is well regarded in the community; community outreach is one of his strengths. The issues with Port Docks are a concern and the ITSF is key. He would prefer no bonds issued and continue pursuing grants. Beck said while he had little nautical experience, he had the ability to think "outside the box", work hard at community outreach, learn quickly and be a team player.

2. Jeff Lackey: Lackey stated he has lived in Newport for 7 years, worked as an engineer for 15 years, and for the past 5 years managed 2 fishing vessels. He also served as a member of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's Advisory Panel for the last 6 years. Lackey stated he would approach Port business from the commercial fishing side. He sees the number one value of the Port is the leadership of the Commission to represent the interests of the population. He considers stewardship of the Port and the diversity of the Port as primary ideals and considers Newport to be a unique community. While Lackey admits he did not have much board experience, he would be advocate for the commercial fishing industry. He has experience communicating with stakeholders with direct honesty no matter his personal views. Since Jincks left the commission, Lackey said that commercial fishing representation was a crucial component, and he saw it as his duty to apply. Lackey stated he has a unique set of work experiences that would allow him to contribute to the dynamic operations of the Port without micromanaging. Lackey said he would more information to identify specifics but ongoing and deferred maintenance are concerns, as well as looking for long term financial viability of the Port.

Chuck offered an opportunity for Public Comment. There was no public comment at this time.

C. Deliberation

Brown said to the candidates that the decision to fill the vacancy was not a personal one but based on experience. Chuck thanked the candidates for their time adding he was appointed six years ago. Patrick-Joling said she appreciated the candidates coming forward. She has experience being appointed to a Board, and has won and lost elections. She added that the Commissioners all bring something unique to the Commission. Lamerdin commented that the Port was fortunate to have two qualified people looking to serve on the Commission, which is critical to the Port's infrastructure. Greenwood advised that this was a public meeting so the candidates would not be required to leave during deliberation. Patrick-Joling stated that the Commission has a lot to deal with and wants to select someone who can hit the deck running with the work facing the Commission such as maintenance, budget, leases, and new projects. She would select a candidate who has political knowledge and has a demonstrated commitment to Newport.

D. Vote

The Commissioners wrote their votes on individual slips of paper which were collected by Greenwood. Greenwood announced the vote: Brown for Beck, Patrick-Joling for Beck, and Lamerdin for Lackey. The vote count was two for Beck, one for Lackey.

A motion was made by Patrick-Joling and seconded by Brown that Steve Beck be appointed to fill the vacant position #2 on the Port of Newport Commission until the expiration of the term on June 30, 2017, in accordance with Port of Newport Resolution 2014-08 and ORS 198.320. The motion passed 4 – 0.

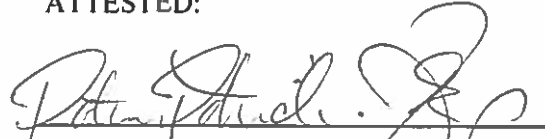
IV. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:43 pm.

ATTESTED:



Walter Chuck, President


Patricia Patrick-Joling, Secretary/Treasurer

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