

**PORT OF NEWPORT
MINUTES
March 16, 2012
SPECIAL MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Vice-President David Jincks called the special meeting of the Port of Newport Board of Commissioners to order on Friday, March 16, 2012, at 12:00 PM, in the Port of Newport Conference Room, 600 SE Bay Boulevard, Newport, OR, the same being within the boundaries of the Port District.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioners Present: David Jincks, Vice-President; Walter Chuck, Secretary; Don Mathews, Treasurer; Dean Fleck, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

Commissioner Excused: JoAnn Barton, President.

Port of Newport Management and Staff: Don Mann, General Manager; Patti Britton, Director of Finance; Maureen Keeler, Special Projects Manager; Patty Benjamin, Administrative Assistant.

Others Present: Yale Fogarty, ILWU Local 53.

III. INTERN ATIONAL TERMINAL RENOVATION.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss and approve the submittal of a Special Public Works Fund grant and loan application to the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD). Copies of the final application form had been provided to the commissioners. General Manager Don Mann explained that a motion to approve submitting the application and the signature of the highest elected official present was required for final approval of the application by the OBDD. The General Manager went on to explain that the Port was applying to OBDD for \$3.5 million. Of that amount, \$3 million was a loan; \$500,000 was a grant; and OBDD was recommending another \$400,000 grant through the Strategic Reserve Fund to make up the gap needed to fund the project. Mann said he anticipated that the interest rate would fall between 3% - 3.7%. In answer to a question from Commissioner Mathews, Finance Director Patti Britton said the schedule of payments is estimated at \$94,800 in interest only up to 2014, followed by an annual principal and interest payment of approximately \$208,472 over a 20-year term. Mann added that the governor's office was highly supportive of the Port's project and was aware of the job retention and job creation that it would mean to the region.

Commissioner Jincks thanked the General Manager and staff, as well as Frank Berg, Day CPM, and Natt McDougall Company for the time they had put into securing the financing.

Commissioner Mathews moved to approve the Special Public Works Fund grant and loan application to the Oregon Business Development Department. Commissioner Chuck seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Yale Fogarty, ILWU Local 53, stated that Oregon trees were being shipped out of state, resulting in economic benefits to those states and creating higher traffic and a larger carbon footprint. He suggested that those factors might be used to increase the amount of grant funds for the terminal project, and offered to make phone calls on the Port's behalf.

V. OTHER

There was no other business.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Special Meeting of the Port Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

ATTEST

JoAnn Barton, President

Walter Chuck, Secretary