

*Port of Hood River Commission
Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2016 Joint Meeting with Port of The Dalles Commission
Marina Center Boardroom
12:00 P.M.*

THESE MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL until approved by the Port Commission at the next regular meeting.

Present: **Port of Hood River:** Commissioners Fred Duckwall, Rich McBride, and Brian Shortt. From staff, Michael McElwee, Fred Kowell, Anne Medenbach, and Genevieve Scholl.

Port of The Dalles: Commissioners David Griffith, Bob McFadden, and Greg Weast. From staff, Andrea Klaas.

Absent: **Port of Hood River:** Commissioners Jon Davies and Hoby Streich; and Legal Counsel Jerry Jaques.
Port of The Dalles: Commissioners Mike Courtney and Kristi McCavic; and Legal Counsel Bill Dick.

Media: None

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob McFadden called the meeting for the Port of The Dalles Commission to order at 12:13 p.m. President Brian Shortt then called the meeting for the Port of Hood River Commission to order at 12:14 p.m. The purpose of this work session was to get acquainted and discuss potential collaborative efforts to expand the economic zone we live in and bring more jobs to the Gorge. Shortt commented that he would like to see these joint meetings continue and invite other Ports to the table. No action will be taken as a result of the work session.

Introductions: Self introductions were made.

Port Overview and Key Issues: Executive Directors Andrea Klaas and Michael McElwee provided an overview of their respective Port districts and discussed common key issues. Klaas shared a PowerPoint presentation discussing Port history, urban growth boundary, Columbia Industrial Park, and other assets. She also discussed The Dalles Community Outreach Team comprised of the Port, City, County, Public Utility District, and the School District. McElwee's discussion focused on the Hood River Bridge and the Port work and replacement plan going forward.

Commission Discussion/Key Issues: Issues of common interest to both Commissions included discussions on transportation planning; urban growth boundary review; Gorge Commission advocacy; the regional FAST Act; marina consolidation; and OneGorge recruiting. Shortt recommended periodic meetings for all Port district presidents and periodic Gorge-wide joint meetings of the full Commission bodies.

Adjourn: At 2:00 p.m. Presidents McFadden and Shortt adjourned the Special Meeting. No action was taken as a result of this joint work session Special Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Borton

ATTEST:

Brian Shortt, President, Port Commission

Jon Davies, Secretary, Port Commission