



**PORT OF GARIBALDI  
MINUTES OF WORKSHOP  
COMMISSION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 1, 2024**

**MOORAGE WORKSHOP**

Commissioners present: Valerie Folkema, Bob Browning, Amanda Cavitt, Kelly Barnett, Jaime Perez (teams).  
Staff present: Michael Saindon, Jessi Coon, Mats Jonsson, Curtis Jepson.  
Visitors: Paul Daniels.

Called to Order: 5:59 p.m.

Folkema called to order and turned over to Saindon to present information regarding South Jetty contractor. Saindon noted that the port has been trying to work through these details for over 2 years. US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) left it up to the contractor to secure a place to load rock. Trade West has looked at other options. Saindon has asked some of the questions of Trade West that were given. Their original plan was to load rock up the Columbia and barge it down. Condition of the bar/jetties was worse than anticipated and they had bid on the original information given. Saindon noted wanted to have this meeting so that the commission could speak freely. Second, asked why the contractors didn't reach out to the port. Trade West said that they were discouraged from reaching out to the port by USACE. Browning noted port and county stated that they could not and would not be a loading point. Saindon shared original proposed drawing from Trade West. Saindon shared staff concerns about the proposal. Noted staff recommendations that may be countered to the contractor. Noted giving more space to contractor to ensure safety and ease of use for the trucks and equipment, using small car parking lot as part of the traffic flow, but the port would maintain control of the small car parking lot so that during busy times it may still be utilized. TW will be running 12 hour shifts, 24 rock deliveries a day, 2 trucks per hour. Mats noted workable, shared his recommendations for management. Commission and staff looked at backup

parking options. Saindon noted it will be a spectacle, requesting fencing and signage and hoping to employ an “excuse our dust” type of campaign. Planning to engage with KTIL. Coon noted with the funds received from the contractor staff plans to start the next cycle of dredge permitting, work on the port shop and put some into reserves. Jonsson noted that proper planning may lessen the impact. Barnett asked where the trucks/trailers will be displaced to. Saindon noted the overflow and event site when not in use. Saindon also noted that staff has gotten good at maintaining positive traffic control.

Browning noted upset that we are here, but now that the port is a part of this we need to make it work. It was noted that one of the dolphins the contractor is planning on using is a USCG dayboard, they would need to get permission to use. Browning noted a traffic pattern would be helpful. Barnett asked if the federal channel will be blocked by the barge/tug. Folkema noted the things happening in the water are important too. Browning asked if the red area could be made larger and the black area made smaller, Saindon noted yes, this is just a preliminary in order to give a visual. Folkema asked if this affects the TEP project. Browning noted not against, but wants to make sure proposal covers enough details. It was discussed bringing in a civil engineer to survey the roads at contractors expense to note the current conditions, then have surveyed again at the end of the project to note any changes. Discussion about the spit road. USACE is adamant about the restoration of the site. USACE is requiring a master schedule and weekly update. Cavitt noted wanting to know how the port is supporting the small businesses, noting parking is already a hot button topic. Discussion about turning some of the truck/trailer parking into car parking temporarily. Saindon noted due to the situation staff will not be looking to cut staff, but fill the maintenance and code enforcement positions in order to have enough staff to meet the needs. Saindon also proposed to the commission that he would like it on record to allow Paul Daniels to speak on behalf of the port. Consensus by the commission to allow Paul Daniels to speak on behalf of the port.

Barnett noted constituents beyond the harbor will be affected by the traffic. Wants an answer from the contractor on how they planned on doing the job without an offload site. Folkema noted this is an inconvenience. Treating this like COVID regarding revenue loss. Daniels pointed out that in the agreement any repairs need to be made to ODOT standards. Contractor will follow what is set forth by this agreement, but all impacts need to be documented. Commission asked a start date, Saindon noted no start date yet. Discussion about negotiations. Saindon shared a video from a local that made a video of the condition of the spit road. Folkema asked if this option will save the contractor money. Ultimately pointing out that the engineering allows for more length to be added to the south jetty and cost

savings may add some length to the jetty. Perez noted in full agreement with what has been discussed. Cavitt requested to have two sub-committees formed to address parking and small business financial impact. Saindon noted may look to Garibaldi Business Association to help with the impact as there will be more impacts coming for the next 2-3 years. It is noted that Folkema and Cavitt will be working on a sub-committee for small business impacts and Browning and Perez will be working on parking. Saindon noted will engage with contractor and work with Daniels to make an agreement package. Saindon noted the port already has a standard lease with a special terms section. Coon asked Daniels if the insurance package proposed by the contractor is enough for the roads. Daniels noted does not see needing more than what is proposed. Barnett noted that this is not a unanimous consensus. Has more questions that he wants answered before entering into negotiations. Feels that this was a bait and switch process. Saindon noted will have a chance to flush this out before an agreement is signed.

Saindon noted the next regular commission meeting is scheduled for 2/14, some commissioners are not available. Should it be moved to the day before or day after. Barnett noted cannot do the 13<sup>th</sup>. Saindon noted will schedule for the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion about small businesses reporting, the different kinds of effects this project might bring.

## ADJOURNED

The workshop adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Val Folkema, President

ATTEST:



Kelly Barnett, Secretary/Treasurer