

**PORT OF BREMERTON**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

**MINUTES**

January 23, 2024  
6:00 PM

Bill Mahan Conference Room  
Port Administration Offices  
Bremerton Nat'l Airport Terminal Bldg  
8850 SW State Hwy 3, Bremerton  
Remote Option via Zoom

**Commissioners and Staff Present**

Commissioners

Gary Anderson  
Cary Bozeman  
Axel Strakeljahn

Staff Members

Jim Rothlin  
Arne Bakker  
Jeremiah Wiley  
James Weaver  
James Goodman  
Ginger Waye  
Stephanie Frame  
Anne Montgomery, Atty

**Call to Order**

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Oath of Office**

Kitsap County Judge (Ret.) James Riehl administered the Oath of Office to Axel Strakeljahn, re-elected Commissioner for District 3. Commissioner Bozeman offered congratulatory comments and Commissioner Strakeljahn provided words of appreciation to everyone for their support.

At 6:05 p.m., the meeting was recessed for a brief reception and reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

**It was moved by STRAKELJAHN, seconded by BOZEMAN to:**

Approve the Agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIES, 3-0**

**Consent Items**

A. Minutes of the regular business meeting of January 9, 2024.

- B. Payment of checks #902125 through #902126 and #902127 through #902128 and #902129 through #902131 and #85578 through #85602 and #E01835 through #E01853 from the General Fund for \$366,138.03.

**It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by STRAKELJAHN to:**

Approve the Consent Items as presented.

**MOTION CARRIES, 3-0**

### **Citizen Comments**

David Emmons, President/CEO, Greater Kitsap Chamber of Commerce

- Congratulated Commissioner Strakeljahn on his re-election. He provided background on the Greater Kitsap Chamber of Commerce stating that Commissioner Bozeman was one of the initial board members of the Chamber in 2022 after Bremerton and Silverdale Chambers merged. He presented an award to Commissioner Bozeman for his leadership and tutelage while on the Board, especially regarding the fast ferry initiative.

**Action Item** - None

### **Staff Reports**

*Jim Rothlin, Chief Executive Officer*

- Reported on employee anniversaries providing a brief background on each individual:
  - Jeremiah Wiley, Chief Financial Officer – 2 years
  - Ginger Waye, Executive Assistant – 31 years
- Inventech Marine has contracted with Henderson Partners, LLC, for their 60,000 sq ft building in the industrial park. It is anticipated the walls will be going up starting March 15.
- Currently recruiting a new Airport Manager to replace the previous manager, Monroe Whitman IV.
- A new sign for Amelia's Hangar Restaurant has been installed on the building.
- Described the Port's booth that will be at the upcoming Seattle Boat Show, February 2-10 at Lumen Field.
- Busy first of the year kicking off 2024 projects and studies, dealing with freezing weather, king tides, etc. There was discussion with the board on the upcoming retreat planning and timing.
- Announced Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will be holding a public hearing/open house on the environmental assessment on the proposed SR3 freight corridor study. It will be held February 13 at North Mason High School from 5:00-7:00PM.

## Commission Reports / New Business

1. Commissioner assignments for 2024-2025 representation of the Board on various organizations and committees.

Commissioner Bozeman suggested adding structure to the way committee assignments are assigned and rotated. After providing his philosophy on meetings, he provided the following recommendations on how the Port can transition the process for assigning representation on boards and committees every even calendar year:

- Continue rotating the Commission officer positions.
- Assign Commission President to Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council.
- Assign Commission Vice-President to Puget Sound Regional Council.
- Assign Commission Secretary to Kitsap Economic Development Alliance.
- Other assignments can be worked out with Commission agreement.

He stated his belief that rotating assignments makes for better elected officials as we become more informed; have different experiences; and it removes the politics.

Commissioner Anderson recommended giving it some thought and to bring ideas and discussion to the next meeting. It was determined to move Commissioner assignments for 2024-2025 to the next meeting agenda.

### *Commissioner Strakeljahn*

- Central Puget Sound Economic Development District (CPSEDD) is working on putting together officer appointments.
- Recently assumed role of co-chair of Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC) Board.

### *Commissioner Anderson*

- Reported on a recent meeting on the WSDOT ferry system issues.
- Planning to attend the upcoming All Kitsap Ports meeting during which James Weaver, Director of Marine Facilities, will provide a presentation on grants.

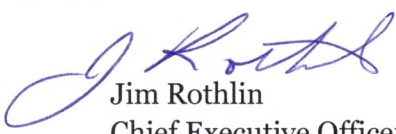
### **Executive Session - None**

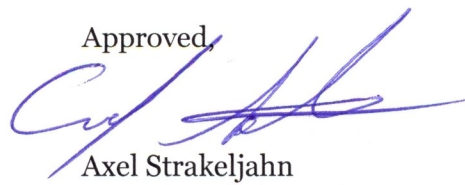
### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Submitted,

Approved,

  
Jim Rothlin  
Chief Executive Officer  
February 8, 2024

  
Axel Strakeljahn  
Commission Secretary  
February 13, 2024