

February 19, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Port District No. One of Wahkiakum County, Washington, convened on the above date with Commissioner Brett Deaton presiding. Also in attendance were Commissioner Scott Anderson, Manager Todd Souvenir, Maintenance Manager Jerry Nakonsky, Administrative Assistant Mackenzie Jones, Attorney Tim Hanigan, Secretary Nadia Goldinov, and Cowlitz Family Health Center CEO Jim Coffee.

The general public attended by Zoom teleconference.

The meeting opened at 12:00 p.m.

Commissioner Deaton made a motion to excuse Commissioner James Sorensen, and Commissioner Anderson seconded. The motion passed 2-0.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on January 14, 2026, as submitted, and Commissioner Deaton seconded. The motion passed 2-0.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Manager Souvenir submitted the financial reports for January 2026, copies of which are attached. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the financial reports for January 2026, and Commissioner Deaton seconded. The motion passed 2-0.

#### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve vouchers 2026-020—2026-059 in the amount of \$65,837.53 for the month of February 2026, and Commissioner Deaton seconded. The motion passed 2-0.

#### **OPEN FORUM:**

There was no public comment at that time.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

##### **Parking Lot behind health clinic**

Manager Souvenir introduced Cowlitz Family Health Center CEO Jim Coffee. Manager Souvenir stated that Mr. Coffee is working on purchasing the health clinic from the county. One of the things that came up during the process is that the parking lot is not owned by the county, but is actually owned by the Port. Manager Souvenir and Mr. Coffee have been communicating the last few weeks to work on a lease for the parking lot. Mr. Coffee commented he did not want to purchase the health

clinic without having access to the parking lot. Otherwise, there would be nowhere for the staff and patients to park. Discussion ensued.

### **Power, Water & Sewer for Rock Pit**

Manager Souvenir commented he knows that the Port has a lot of projects that they have been working on recently, but he thinks it would be a good idea to connect power, water, and sewer to the rock pit. If the Port does not have to pay the hookup fee of \$3,500.00, the project will cost a little under \$7,000.00. Manager Souvenir is still in discussion with the Wahkiakum PUD about that. If the Port does end up having to pay the hookup fee, Manager Souvenir would like the board's permission to go over the \$10,000.00 limit. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve a one-time exception to go over the \$10,000.00 limit to allow the manager to connect power, water, and sewer to the rock pit, and Commissioner Deaton seconded. The motion passed 2-0.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Souvenir provided a brief update on the Bell House. The roofing install was delayed due to bad weather, but will be completed once the weather gets better. The countertop install will be on February 27<sup>th</sup>, and the inspection will be today around 1:00 p.m. Discussion ensued. Manager Souvenir commented that the staff has done a great job with the house, it turned out great and looks really nice, and they are all super excited for it.

Manager Souvenir stated he met with a group of people to discuss the wooden boat show, and they will have another meeting on March 12, 2026, to go over details, elect officers, and pick a date for the show. Manager Souvenir commented there is interest in moving the show back to the first week of August. Discussion ensued.

Manager Souvenir commented that they have been making calls and confirmed all reservations for springer season. There might be one spot available, but otherwise all sites have been reserved. Discussion ensued.

Manager Souvenir commented that the Wahkiakum West Columbia Coast TV show has aired the Port's episode. The show can be watched on the FYI Network. Manager Souvenir stated he is currently working with Wahkiakum West to figure out what the Port's commercials should be geared towards. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Deaton asked if the Port will be having the fishing derby this year. Manager Souvenir commented they will, and it will most likely happen the last weekend of March. Discussion ensued.

Administrative Assistant Mackenzie Jones commented she is still working on the street market. She has completed the posters, and booked music for the other major events. The first market will be May 22, 2026. Discussion ensued.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Anderson commented the Port staff has been doing a great job.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held March 12, 2026, in the DeBriac Meeting Room at 12:00 p.m.

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 19, 2026.

  
Brett Deaton, President

---

James Sorensen, Vice-President

  
Scott Anderson, Secretary