

Draft minutes* for
Quarterly Kitsap All Ports Meeting
July 30, 2018

Prior to the meeting guests enjoyed a barbeque dinner at the Brownsville Yacht Club's office and deck.

At 6:30PM the meeting was called to order by Port of Brownsville Commissioner Jack Bailey. Also in attendance were Lary Coppola representing the Port of Allyn; Shaun Nye and Matt Appleton representing the Port of Brownsville; James Aho and Jonathan Buesch representing the Port of Illahee; Laura Gronnvoll and Steve Heacock representing the Port of Kingston; Bob Ballard, Dan Fallstrom and James Strode all representing the Port of Manchester; Henry Aus, Ed Scholfield and Theresa Haaland all representing the Port of Silverdale; Jack McCarn representing the Port of Waterman; Patty Graf-Hoke and Sarah Hedges representing Visit Kitsap; and Kitsap County resident Caleb Reese.

Commissioner Bailey of the Port of Brownsville thanked everyone for attending and hoped they enjoyed the barbeque.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions were made.

Public Comment – Patty Graf-Hoke of Visit Kitsap (<https://www.visitkitsap.com>) explained that there was recently a Kitsap Peninsula National Water Trails Alliance meeting and she noticed several of the Ports were not represented, so she decided to attend tonight's meeting. She provided everyone with the new national water trails expanded map, which includes the entire Peninsula. Ms. Graf-Hoke explained that Kitsap County is the primary legislative body for the water trails and they have paid for the updated maps. There is a Kitsap Peninsula Water Trails website (<https://www.kitsappeninsulawatertrails.com>) that has an interactive map showing each of the Ports and a calendar showing all the water activities within the County. Ms. Graf-Hoke encouraged everyone to check it out. She explained that each Port can manage their own information on the site by logging into what they call the "backend" of the website. The logon instructions for Port representatives to take with them were included with several Kitsap Peninsula Visitors Guide biking maps and extra Kitsap Peninsula National Water Trails maps. Ms. Graf-Hoke explained that they are hoping Ports will partner with Visit Kitsap not in a financial way, but by promoting the individual Ports because the

role each Port plays in providing public access to the water is so important and the water trails is so very important to our local economy. Sarah Hedges, the Event and Social Media Coordinator for Visit Kitsap, provided flyers that listed several summer events throughout Kitsap County. She asked anyone who noticed an event missing from the flyer to contact her.

Ms. Graf-Hoke asked if a kayak business was going to begin a concession at the Port of Manchester. Commissioner Strode said that the owner had approached the Port at one time, but has since set up closer to Manchester State Park.

Ms. Graf-Hoke and Ms. Hedges thanked everyone for their time and Ms. Graf-Hoke reminded everyone that we are not the gateway we are the destination.

Individual Port Updates

Port of Allyn (<http://www.portofallyn.com>) – Commissioner Coppola reported that the engineer is almost finished with the plans to bring fresh water and power to the floating dock. The permitting for that project continues. The Mason County School District has agreed to a property swap, so Sweetwater Park is a step closer to fruition. They are using the BIAS accounting software now and will begin the budget process the beginning of September.

Port of Manchester (<http://www.portofmanchester.com>) – Commissioner Strode explained that normally on the 4th of July he is nowhere near the Port facilities, but this year he was enjoying festivities at a property adjacent to the Port dock. He witnessed individuals setting off fireworks on the dock where several motorized boats were tied. On three separate occasions Commissioner Strode went over to the dock and informed individuals that fireworks are prohibited on the dock and explained to them the safety reasons regarding open flames next to gas powered motors. For the most part everyone was understanding and listened to him, but the third time he went over he confronted two teenage girls who were lighting mortars from the dock. The girls told Commissioner Strode that he has no right or authority to tell them what to do and they didn't have to listen to him. With that Commissioner Strode kicked the mortar tube into the water and his shoe promptly followed. He removed his remaining shoe and left the dock.

Manchester has sold another derelict vessel via Craigslist. This one was a wooden 35' Chris Craft. It sold for \$300. Commissioner "shoeless" Strode explained that

one major problem the Port has regarding the derelict vessels is trying to find out the owner's name and address. The Port is required to attempt to contact the owner informing them the plans to sell the boat. The Port of Silverdale has an account with the State Department of Licensing (DOL) which allows access to the State's database that states owner information, but the Port's attorney thought the account was limited to be used just for the Silverdale Port. The Port of Brownsville also has a DOL account and Matt offered to look up vessel information for Manchester. He believes that as long as it is used for another governmental entity it is allowed. Commissioner Fallstrom plans to discuss with Committee members in Olympia the possibility of adding additional money to the Derelict Vessel Program. There is normally \$10,000,000 set aside for the program, but when it is used to dismantle the larger vessels there is no money left to take care of smaller derelicts.

Port of Illahee (<http://www.portofillahee.com>) – Commissioners Aho reported that the Port is still trying to purchase the old Illahee Store property. The purchase and sale agreement has been signed by both the Port and Flett Dairy. Now the Port is awaiting the sheriff's sale. The Port has paid \$60,000 which will provide the Port with a \$100,000 credit towards the purchase of the property. The cleanup costs of the contamination on the property have increased to \$539,000. The Port ranked number sixteen out of thirty-eight for a grant through the Pollution Liability Insurance Agency (PLIA). They have recently asked for financial information from the Port to determine if the Port will be required to pay a portion of the remediation. It is hoped PLIA will take into consideration that the Port's annual tax revenue is just a set \$79,646. Commissioner Aho went on to report that he and Commissioner Buesch attended the Aquatic Land Enhancement Account (ALEA) Technical Review meeting in Olympia at the Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) in May. At that meeting RCO personnel suggested the Port apply for a Water Access grant to use as matching funds to the ALEA grant. RCO personnel originally agreed that the Port could apply for the Water Access grant, which was great news as it would have enabled the Port to complete the Waterfront Access Park project all at once instead of having to complete it in phases. Commissioner Aho began working on the Water Access grant application, but then was notified that the RCO changed its decision in allowing the Port to compete for the Water Access grant this round. They determined that since the application deadline for that grant had already passed it would not be fair to the other applicants to allow the Port to compete. The next round for both grants will be in 2020 and the Port will be ready to apply for both at that time. Illahee Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 4, 2018 starting at 4:00PM.

Commissioner Bailey said that Ports should support the Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) as they push for funding of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), which helps to keep our waters clean.

Port of Waterman – Commissioner McCarn reported that the possibility of a shelter on the pier is not being pursued any longer, although it will continue on the Port Comprehensive Plan. Both the contractor and the engineer take no responsibility for the failed stairway. The contractor estimated \$13,000 to fix it. It is a safety hazard and so the Port will have it fixed. Commissioner McCarn plans to send the bill on to the contractor's insurance company.

Port of Silverdale (<http://portofsilverdale.com>) – Commissioner Aus reported that Whaling Days was this past weekend and although it was extremely hot, there was a pretty good crowd enjoying the festivities. Commissioner Scholfield reported that the Port trespassed an individual back in May as he was threatening the public at the dock and the park. The individual has been taken into custody twice now for continuing to trespass on Port property. His boat is anchored out in the bay not too far from the Port's boat launch. It has been reported to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as a derelict. An individual was also arrested for breaking into the Old Town Pub and attempting to strip the building of all copper wiring causing approximately \$8,000 worth of damage. He made bail and has since missed his court date.

Port of Kingston (<http://portofkingston.org>)– Steve Heacock introduced himself as a new Port Commissioner for Kingston. He was appointed in February 2018. He has lived in the Kingston area for over twenty years and has served on the Kingston Advisory Committee. He works in the County's Department of Community Development (DCD) Department and has a lot of experience with permitting, etc. He thought a lot about serving his community in the role of a Port Commissioner prior to making his final decision to do it. Commissioner McCarn of Waterman said that he has received a lot of good advice from Commissioner Heacock in his role at DCD. At times Commissioner McCarn didn't like the advice given but looking back realizes it was good advice. Commissioner Gronnvoll is also a new Port Commissioner for Kingston. She was elected in November of 2017. She reported that the Washington Boulevard Park will have a ribbon cutting ceremony in August. The Port is having a marine rate study conducted to ensure that the marina revenue is sufficient to cover ongoing maintenance of the facilities. Kitsap County Public Works is working on the Kingston Stormwater Retrofit study. The Port hosted a sailing regatta and it was fantastic. There is discussion about adding an additional dock for non-motorized

use and to possibly house sailboats. The Kingston fast ferry is being retrofitted and is hoped to be in operation this October/November. Commissioner Gronnvoll explained that Kitsap Transit is looking at using the local park and rides to bus passenger-only ferry riders.

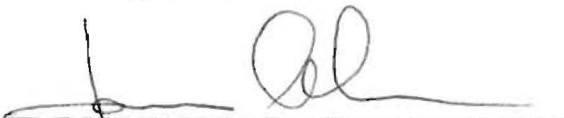
Port of Brownsville (<http://portofbrownsville.org>) – Commissioner Bailey reported that he and Commissioner Nye attended the WPPA sponsored Spring meeting. One item that was discussed was websites and how important it is to make them inviting and user friendly as a lot of times this can be the deciding factor for individuals to visit your Port. Construction of the new boat launch at Brownsville will begin this week. The grant for the project also includes replacing all of the asphalt in the staging area, which is great because it has been patched many times. The project will be completed within sixty days as outlined in the contract. While the meeting was being conducted the U. S. Navy drove by with one of their mini subs in tow. Commissioner Bailey explained that they launch at Brownsville often, in fact he believes Brownsville is the most used Port in the State for this purpose. Until the boat launch project is complete they will need to find another spot to launch. Also during the meeting, a Sheriff deputy was seen outside of the Brownsville Yacht Club office. He appeared to be looking for someone. Matt later reported that there had been a scuffle in the Port parking lot and an individual was trespassed from Port property.

Mutual Interest Items

An e-mail from George Geyer of Kitsap County Cable Franchise Authority regarding an upcoming meeting was included in the agenda packet.

Information about the WPPA sponsored Small Ports Seminar in Leavenworth on October 18th and 19th was also included in the agenda packet along with last quarter's meeting minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.



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