


Port of Cascade Locks

The Port of Cascade Locks Commission Joint Meeting with the Port of Hood River was held Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at the Port of Hood River Office in Hood River, OR 97031

1. **Meeting called to order/ Pledge of Allegiance:** Commission President Groves called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Groves, Mohr, Caldwell, Cramblett & Haight were in attendance. Port of Hood River Commissioners present were Commissioners McBride, Duckwall, Davies and Shortt. Executive Director Mike McElwee, and Port Legal Counsel Jerry Jaques. Staff Fred Kowell, Anne Medenbach, Liz Whitmore and Laurie Borton.
 - **Others Present:** IGM Paul Koch, Sally Moore, Don Mann, Holly Howell.
3. **Declaration of Potential Conflicts of Interest:** None
4. **Modifications, Additions to Agenda:** None
5. **Items from the floor: (Special presentations, outside resource presentations and other reports not requiring action).**
 - a. **Joint Work Session:** Commissioner Groves called the meeting to order with Port of Hood River. This was an annual meeting to discuss the mutual understanding and commonalities between the two Ports and the respective bridges. The two Bridges, tolls, technology and The One Gorge Coalition was discussed. A common concern are that both are small Ports with aging bridges that need to be maintained. Upgrading and electronic tolling technology was discussed with the possibility of working together on a toll system that would be compatible for both bridges. Presently, the Port of Hood River is working on upgrading their technology, and the Bridge of the Gods (BOG) is researching toll technology to install within the next year. Both Ports see a need to stay focused on a long term preservation plan. The Port of Hood River has developed a 30 year plan with HNTB, and the game plan is modified yearly and adjusted. The Port of Cascade Locks recently adopted a Ten Year Bridge of the Gods Plan. It includes yearly maintenance and repairs. President Groves stated the Port of Cascade Locks learned a lot from the most recent repair of the BOG in bringing the weight limit back to 80,000 pounds. The Port of Cascade Locks will attend the Pacific Northwest Waterways conference in WA D.C. in early March. They will bring their concerns about bridge repair funding to their representatives. CP Groves stated annually the BOG looks at possible toll increases. He stated there may be an increase for truck axles; most likely there will be no increase for cars and local commuters. There is a need for a Gorge wide safety plan. The Hood River Bridge becomes an Interstate in the Gorge when Interstate 84 closes. Other topics discussed was to formulate a joint bi-state resolution that deals with an area transportation plan that addresses technology and emergency response. The Commissions discussed visiting with Greg Walden to ask if Congress is following through on their commitment to the Gorge Scenic Act. Both Ports would like to set up a joint meeting with the Port of the Dalles, Port of Klickitat and Port of Skamania. They decided to attempt to meet more than once a year to discuss issues for both Ports.

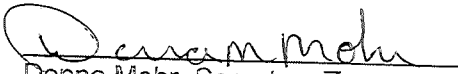
6. Adjournment: COMMISSIONER MOHR MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAIGHT. The motion was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:16PM.

Port of Cascade Locks:



Jess Groves, President
Port Commission

Attest:



Donna Mohr, Secretary Treasurer
Port Commission

DATE APPROVED: 2-23-15
Prepared by: Sally Moore