

Friday Harbor Port District

Port Commission Meeting

San Juan Island Yacht Club

Friday, March 28, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Graham Black
Barbara Marret
Richard Goodhart

Port Staff Present: Todd Nicholson, Executive Director
Phyllis Johnson, Port Auditor
Kyle Gropp, Deputy Director (via ZOOM)
Mike Roling, IT Administrator

Public Present: Jill Belcovson, LWVSJ
Mike Byrne

Public Comment Period:

Commissioner Goodhart opened the meeting to comments from the public.

During public comment, Mike Byrne publicly recognized the League of Women Voters for doing their diligence and bringing people to all the public meetings.

Commissioner Goodhart closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Staff Report: Jan Gresseth gave a report on the marina's status:

Reservations are coming in slower than in previous years, but the 4th of July weekend has recently filled up, and the permanent small boat slips are nearly full, which is typical for this time of year. The summer season staff has been lined up with increased interest from young people due to the scholarship program, and while the reservation system is working well, some customers still need assistance with it.

Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Payroll & Vouchers

Commissioner Marrett moved to approve the consent agenda.

Commissioner Black seconded.

The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Approval of Minutes from March 14, 2025

Commissioner Black moved to approve the minutes from March 14, 2025

Commissioner Marrett seconded.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion Items:

A. Marina BMPs.

Jan discussed her research regarding boat washing in the marina. An update to the marina boat washing policy to include "no visible suds on the water" language will be made.

B. WPPA Spring Meeting (May 14 – 16)

No Port of Friday Harbor employees will be available to attend this year.

C. Amazon Short Term Lease Proposal

Amazon proposes rental of vacant parcel 777 for package transfers and deliveries. They may potentially hire local staff. The proposal is a month-to-month pilot program, and if successful, Amazon may consider a long-term lease or increasing the parcel's infrastructure. The Port is pursuing this proposal with Amazon.

D. Port Public Art Policy Proposals

After listening to the commissioner's comments, Todd recommended that they take Gib's policy as a starting point and then do one more round of Commissioner red lines for review at a future meeting.

Executive Director Report:

- Todd reported we had our bid **opening** for the airport fueling system apron. MEM was the apparent low bidder, and we are reviewing their packet now.
- Todd reported the \$7 million Port Electrification Grant has been included in the supplemental budget on both the House side and the Senate side. The outlook is optimistic.

Commissioner Marrett:

Commissioner Marrett reported on the climate sustainability committee. They have been discussing Edge Lane roads (low speed, single lane road with large shoulders) and how they may be an alternative to building very expensive sidewalks to allow bikes, pedestrians and vehicles to share the road.

Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 § 1(i):

“To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.”

Expected Duration: 30 Minutes

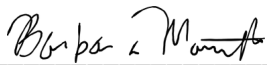
Extend Executive Session:

After 30 minutes Commissioner Goodhart extended the executive session for an additional 10 minutes.

Close Executive Session:

Commissioner Goodhart closed the executive session at 11:58 am, no action was taken.

Adjourn: 11:59 am



Barbara Marrett, Commissioner



Graham Black, Commissioner



Rich Goodhart, Commissioner