Meeting Minutes



Special Meeting
Port of Brownsville Commission
Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 11:00 AM
9756 Ogle Rd, Bremerton, WA 98311

Open Meeting / Call to Order

Commissioner Shaun Nye calls the meeting to order at 11:14 AM.

In attendance Port Commissioner Shaun Nye, Port Commissioner Kenneth McEwan, Executive Director Jerral Williams, Attorney Peter Ruffatto, and Administrative Assistant Heidi Cross. For the Suquamish Tribe, Council Member Sammy Mabe, Chairman Leonard Forsman, Vice Chairman Joshua Bagley, Attorney Maryanne Mohan, Senior Biologist Alison O'Sullivan, and Fisheries Director Robert Purser.

Commissioner Nye motioned to approve the agenda; Commissioner McEwan seconded the motion. The agenda is approved.

Discussion with Suquamish Tribe regarding 2017 Moorage Agreement:

Executive Director Williams greets all in attendance.

Director Williams states that they have become aware of the agreement between the Port and the Suquamish Tribe that was put in place in 2017. Since then, the entirety of the executive staff has turned over. The purpose of this meeting is to open a line of communication and attempt to establish guidelines and procedures that is beneficial for both the Tribe and the Port.

Commissioner McEwan: The Tribe and the Port share a common interest.

Director Williams: Currently, there is no established communication process between the Tribe and the Port for use of the Port's facilities.

The Port is asking for Tribal Captains to reach out to the Port when they leave their vessels. Letting the Port know where they moored, an estimated length of stay, and a phone number for the Port to be able to reach the operator in the event of an emergency.

The subject of vessel insurance was discussed.

The subject of boat ramp use was discussed.

All in attendance agree that communication is important to the working relationship between the Port and the Tribe.

The Tribe provided contact information for Tribal Enforcement and Leadership.

The subject of assigned moorage was discussed.

The Tribal members suggested the option of keeping to one side of the boat launch when offloading catch, to keep a lane open for other users.

There will be another meeting scheduled in the future to finalize the topics that were discussed:

- Dedicated spots
- Reimbursement for moorage paid
- Contact information
- Check-in Process for
- Insurance requirements

Commissioner Nye adjourns the meeting at 12:49 PM.

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