

**PORT OF OLYMPIA COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

November 3, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

President Van Schoorl called the meeting of November 3, 2005, to order at 12:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room at the Port of Olympia. Commissioners Pottle and Telford were also in attendance.

Staff in attendance were: Interim Executive Rudy Rudolph, Administrative Manager Jeri Sevier, Special Projects Coordinator Jennie Foglia-Jones, Front Desk Coordinator Jessie Bensley, Property Development Director Heber Kennedy, Communications Manager Patti Grant, Public Works Director Andrea Fontenot, Cascade Pole Site Manager Don Bache, Finance Director Steve Davis, and Marketing Director Kari Qvigstad.

Members of the public in attendance included Patrick Conrad from KGY, Jim Syzmanski from *The Olympian*, and Jim Wright, former Port Commissioner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

ACTION CALENDAR

Appointment of Executive Director

President Van Schoorl thanked Mr. Rudy Rudolph for stepping in and holding the Port together since June 23rd.

President Van Schoorl announced that the Commission received over 125 applicants for the Executive Director position. They narrowed the field down with the help of Waldron & Company to the final six to interview and then had two finalists. He indicated from the two finalists one candidate was the unanimous pick for all three commissioners.

Commissioner Pottle moved to enter into negotiations with Mr. Ed Galligan to fill the position of Executive Director for the Port of Olympia with a start date of November 30, 2005. Commissioner Telford seconded the motion.

Commissioner Pottle indicated he supported Mr. Galligan because he has a strong background in Ports with over 15 years and for his previous leadership positions. Commissioner Telford noted that with this applicant, all the stars lined up, he meets our needs and requirements and is a seasoned executive. He noted that he is looking forward to working with him. President Van Schoorl indicated that he is very impressed with Mr. Galligan's tremendous experience in the Port industry and looks forward to his

leadership to this Port and the Commission. The Commission unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Ed Galligan to the Executive Director position at the Port of Olympia.

Mr. Galligan indicated it is an honor to be appointed as Executive Director and complemented the Commission on the process. He indicated he is excited about the opportunity and looks forward to living in this fantastic community.

ADJOURNMENT

President Van Schoorl adjourned the special meeting of November 3, 2005 at 12:07 p.m.

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President

Vice President

Secretary-Treasurer