Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2026 – 9:00 AM
2 Marine Drive, Boardman, Oregon 97818

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Murray was not present.
Rick Stokoe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present:	Rick Stokoe, Kelly Doherty, Joel Peterson, and Jerry Rietmann. John Murray was absent.
Staff Present:	Lisa Mittelsdorf, Eileen Hendricks, Mark Patton, Miff Devin, Anna Browne, Tim Patton, Jeff Wilson, Chad Snyder, Marcine Brangham, Jeff Montgomery, Brandy Warburton, and Erika Morton
Visitors Present:	Jonathan Tallman
By Zoom Meeting:	(Guests) George Cress, Sam Tucker, Cody Vavra, Joe Mitzel, Nick Graue, Lauryn Geurrissi, Aaron Palmquist, Michael Miller, Jim Doherty (x2), Jordan Krouse, Justin Nelson, Griffin Beach, Android user, Isavel Gonzalez

Conflict of Interest Declarations

Kelly stated that if there is discussion regarding the resolution, she may possibly have a conflict of interest and would like to have it pulled off the agenda until everyone has time to review it.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

– Jonathan Tallman said he wanted to speak. He was asked if he had completed a request to give a public comment and he responded no and proceeded to question Port policy and OAR. Mr. Tallman was asked several times to please follow Port policy for public comment and he refused each time, insisting stating his name was enough. He then addressed the commission regarding *Resolution 20-2026* [*sic*], alleging that several commissioners and staff members had conflicts of interest due to OGEC complaints and litigation matters. Rick Stokoe asked Mr. Tallman to leave if he wouldn't abide by Port policy. Mr. Tallman refused to comply and continued speaking and arguing.

Rick recessed the meeting until order could be restored. After approximately 46 minutes, Commissioner Stokoe reconvened the meeting.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. September 9, 2026, Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

Joel made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Jerry seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. The motion passed unanimously.
Joel Peterson – Yes
Rick Stokoe - Yes
Kelly Doherty – Yes
Jerry Rietmann - Yes

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. CDA Update – Joel gave the CDA update. At the last CDA meeting, they discussed the programmatic agreement, the parcel transfer, audits, the road project grant, purchase and sale agreement, and the letter sent to Greg with a repayment address. Lisa read a report from Emily highlighting the purchase and sale agreement, a Morrow County land use update, the upcoming auction, and an ODOT update about the road project.

B. Morrow County Clean Water Consortium Update – Jerry reported that the next meeting has been postponed until the 20th. We have bids for design to evaluate. Lisa also commented regarding discussions between the City and the County and a proposal to form a water district. Kelly asked about the process involved with setting up a district and there was a brief discussion.

C. Strategic Business Plan Update – Lisa said we received approval from the State of Oregon for a $50,000 grant and we will move forward with the RFP process. We will have an opportunity to apply for a second grant.

D. Secondary Treatment Update – Aqua – Nick Graue from Aqua Engineering gave a status update. The design has been finalized and 100% design was submitted to DEQ four months ahead of the schedule. DEQ comments were received Monday, October 12, and there will be a meeting with Port staff to review those. He turned the presentation over to Cody Vavra who shared a visual virtual demonstration on how the system works. The Aqua team answered questions from the commission following the presentation.

E. Other
No other old business was discussed at the time.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2026-12 – Legal Policy – Rick mentioned Kelly's earlier concerns and request for time to review the policy and potential conflict of interest. Jerry expressed that everyone might have a potential conflict of interest, but it is a valid item to discuss. Rick and Joel also provided their thoughts. They agreed that they'd like to discuss the policy

but want to wait for voting. They would like to seek legal counsel. Kelly doesn't want to discuss it until she's had time. Lisa said we could wait and Misha could be available next month to answer questions and discuss the policy with commissioners.

The consensus was to table the policy for discussion.

B. Other
No other new business was discussed at the time.

VI. STAFF REPORTS – Staff reports are included in the packet, and the project maintenance updates will be provided during the tour.

VII. OTHER REPORTS

A. WCVEDG – No one available

B. BCDA – Report is in the packet

C. ICABO – Jerry said that they just started meeting again and there's nothing to report.

VIII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

IX. UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 15		POM Commission Tour – following Regular Meeting
November 11	1:30 PM	POM Regular Commission Meeting

November 11 is a holiday. The meeting was rescheduled for November 10 at 1:30 PM.

Kelly asked Eileen about a statement of net position. She said it's the draft of their financial statement for their review. She requested the commission look it over and let her know if there are any questions. We would like to send it to the auditors next week.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rick read the following statement and recessed the regular session at 10:30 AM.

The Port will hold an executive session meeting for the permissible reason(s) stated below under ORS 192.660(2). Representatives of the news media and designated staff and other persons shall be allowed to attend the executive session. All other members of the audience will be asked to leave the room. The public virtual Zoom Meeting link will be closed during the executive session as permissible executive session meetings are not subject to HB2560. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session, except to state the general

subject of the session as previously announced. No decision will be made in this executive session. At the end of the executive session, we will return to open session and welcome the audience back into the room in-person and open the public virtual Zoom Meeting link again.

A. For the Purpose of Consultation with Counsel Concerning the Legal Rights and Duties of a Public Body with Regard to Current Litigation or Litigation Likely to be Filed – ORS 192.660 (2)(h)

Rick reconvened the meeting at 11:20 PM. He called for a motion to create a litigation subcommittee.

Jerry expressed that he was interested and available.

Joel made the motion to form a litigation subcommittee consisting of John Murray and Jerry Rietmann. Kelly seconded the motion. Kelly stated she wants to make sure everything is done legally and between the lines and make sure ethics are taken into consideration. The motion passed unanimously.
Joel Peterson – Yes
Rick Stokoe - Yes
Kelly Doherty – Yes
Jerry Rietmann - Yes

Rick announced the Port tour. There was discussion about when to adjourn or recess the regular meeting. The regular meeting will be adjourned after the tour. The commission departed to take the informational tour of Port projects at 11: 23 AM. No decisions were made during the tour.

Tour attendance included: Mark Patton, Kelly Doherty, Jerry Rietmann, Rick Stokoe, Tim Patton, Erika Morton, Miff Devin, Chad Snyder, Jeff Wilson, Joel Peterson, Jason Hendricks, Natasha Rockwell, Brandy Warburton, Carmen Mendoza, Lisa Mittelsdorf, Jeremie Whitesell (driver)

After the tour, the commission assembled in the commission meeting room. Rick thanked staff for the tour and noted that there are many positive things happening for the Port of Morrow and a lot of work that makes it happen. Rick adjourned the meeting at 1:49 PM.

Submitted by:

John Murray, Commission President

Lisa Mittelsdorf, Executive Director

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SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME PLEASE PRINT	COMPANY REPRESENTING	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS (If we don't have it)
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Anna Browne	POM		
Jeff Wilson	POM	541-371-7920	
Tim Patton	Port of Morrow		
Erika Morton	POM		

Port of Morrow Commission
Public Comment Sign-in Sheet

If you are interested in addressing the Commission under the Public Comment portion of the Agenda, please sign-in below before the meeting starts. A copy of the Public Comment Policy is available to any member of the public who wishes to speak.

DATE: October 15, 2026

FULL NAME:	PHONE:	TOPIC: