

**JOINT PORT OF BENTON/RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2018**

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** The joint Special Commission Meeting was called to order at 12:13 p.m. at the Port of Benton Commission Meeting Room, 3250 Port of Benton Boulevard, Richland, Washington. Present were Commissioners Jane Hagarty, Roy D. Keck and Robert D. Larson. Staff members present included Executive Director, Scott D. Keller, PPM ®; Director of Finance, Stuart B. Dezember, CPA, PPM®; Director of Marketing, Wally Williams; Port Attorney, David Billetdeaux and Administrative Assistant, Kelly Thompson. Present from the City of Richland were Mayor Robert Thompson; Mayor Pro-Tem, Terry Christensen; City Council Members: Phil Lemley, Sandra Kent, Ryan Lukson, City Manager, Cindy Reents; Assistant City Manager, Jon Amundson; Community Development Director, Kerwin Jensen; Parks and Public Facilities Director, Joe Schiessl. Also present were Morgan Shook, Marv Kinney, Julie Longenecker, Laura Lockwood, Frank Lockwood, Aaron Johnson, William Brauer, Rick Leaumont, Karen Wieda, Dana Ward, Dirk Peterson, Elise Haas, Ginger Wireman, Kevin Sliger, Francesca Maier, Laurie Ness, Patrick Paulson, Jaclyn Selesky, Delaney Towie, Bob Roselli, Mike Lilga, and Alison Cable.
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Robert Larson led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
- 1. INTRODUCTION OF GOVERNING BOARDS:** Port of Benton Commission President Roy D. Keck introduced himself and the Port of Benton Commission and introduced Richland City Council Mayor Robert Thompson and welcomed councilmembers and staff.
 - 2. LAND USE FEASIBILITY STUDY:** Kerwin Jensen introduced Morgan Shook, ECONorthwest, who provided a presentation including maps and photographs on possible uses for 80 acres of City of Richland land at Columbia Point South. The City and the Port have assisted ECONorthwest with the feasibility study and also received input from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Discussion items included: regulatory issues, concepts for future use, past uses, feasibility, road widening and availability of utilities. Port Commissioners and Richland City Councilmembers asked questions of the consultant regarding: possible future uses, cultural impact, economic development and outdoor recreation. The Port does not own or control the land being discussed. The property is owned by the City of Richland.
- While this was an open public meeting, it was not a public hearing, and public comment was not received in the interest of time.
- No action was taken following comments and discussion.
- D. ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, the joint Port of Benton/Richland City Council Commission meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Robert D. Larson,
Commission Secretary