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Port of Benton Appoints Christy Rasmussen, District 2 Commissioner

RICHLAND, WA - The Port of Benton Commission appointed Christy Rasmussen to the vacant District 2 Commission position at their December 14, 2021 Commission meeting.

Rasmussen will complete the remaining two years of the six-year term recently vacated by Commissioner Robert D. Larson, who retired after 27 years of serving as Port Commissioner.

Rasmussen holds a master's degree in Educational Administration, has spent the majority of her career in Education, and currently works as a Training Specialist at the Hanford Site. Rasmussen has been deeply involved in community outreach, including serving on the General Advisory Committee for Tri-Tech Vocational High School, Hanford site Initiative Lead in a STEM focus in partnership with Battelle, Boeing, OSPI and Pacific Science Center, Tri-Cities Sunrise Rotary, Perfect Image Leadership Foundation, Tri-Cities Gang Intervention Valuing Education & Service, Quest Center, Safe Harbor, My Friends Place, Benton-Franklin Community Health and Services, Center for Children Youth and Justice, and the Tri-Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Rasmussen stated that serving as a Port of Benton Commissioner felt like a natural progression to being a public servant.

Rasmussen indicated that her interest in the Port drove her to seek a better understanding of the Port and its mission in the community and therefore, began to attend meetings, explore the webpage, reading past meeting minutes as well as visiting Port properties. *"Being an example for my family and friends by stepping out of my comfort zone and serving our community in pursuit of building a stronger community through regional economic growth and prosperity inspires me."*

The Port of Benton will continue to focus on their strategic plan and several projects slated for 2022, including a large electrical replacement project at the Richland Airport, rail crossing repair at Van Giesen St. and Swift Blvd. and continued infrastructure repairs and maintenance.

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