

**PORT OF BENTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2022**

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:48 a.m. at the Port of Benton Commission Meeting Room, 3250 Port of Benton Blvd., Richland, WA

PRESENT: Commissioner Christy Rasmussen; Commissioner Roy Keck; Commissioner Lori Stevens; Executive Director, Diahann Howard, PPM®; Port Attorney, David Biletdeaux; Executive Administrator, Summers Miya; Aaron Stevens, Jessup Stevens, Wyatt Stevens, Weston Stevens, Kristeen Miller

The following attendees attended via remote communications: Director of Finance/CPA, Danielle Connor; Director of Real Estate, Teresa Hancock; Director of Marketing, Wally Williams; Contract Specialist, Sheri Collins; Director of Facilities & Operations, Ron Branine; Roger Wright, RGW Enterprises; Senior Accountant, Veronica Serna; Director of Economic Development & Governmental Affairs, Miles Thomas; Community Member, Gareth Nisbett; Community Member, Richard Whitney; Community Member, Dennis Nichols; Tri-Cities Area Journal of Business, Wendy Culverwell; Century West Engineering, Bryan Condon; James Stevens

The Commission Meeting was conducted using the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) recommended social distancing protocols for COVID-19 with Commissioners meeting in-person; public attending remotely and Port staff members participating in-person or remotely, and said meeting was noticed as required by RCW 42.30.070.

- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Roy Keck, seconded by Commissioner Lori Stevens and unanimously passed by the Commission approving the January 12, 2022, Economic Development Corporation (EDC) minutes.

- C. SELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

As required by the Port of Benton EDC bylaws, an annual board meeting would be held on this date. **A motion was made by Commissioner Lori Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Roy Keck and unanimously passed by the Commission approving the EDC officers for 2022: President, Christy L. Rasmussen; Vice President, Roy D. Keck and Secretary, Lori Stevens**

D. ADJOURNMENT: The EDC meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Lori Stevens

Lori Stevens, Secretary
Port of Benton
Economic Development Corporation