PORT OF LEWISTON
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

June 10, 2026

The regular meeting of the Port Commission was held at the Port District Office, 1626 6th Ave. N, Lewiston, ID, at 10:00 a.m. on June 10, 2026.

Present at the meeting were Port Commission President Joe Anderson, Vice President Mike Thomason, and Port Commission Secretary/Treasurer Denise Metz. Administrative staff in attendance were Executive Director Scott Corbitt, Finance & Property Manager Preston Comstock, Operations Manager Jen Blood, and Communications Manager Mary Iacobelli.

The meeting information was advertised as required prior to the meeting.

CONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

At 10:00 a.m. Commission President Joe Anderson convened the Regular Meeting of the Port Commission.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Port Executive Director Scott Corbitt made some changes to the agenda, which he reviewed with the Commission. President Anderson called for review of the agenda as amended. Commissioner Thomason made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Metz. Voting Aye – Commissioners Anderson, Thomason, and Metz. Voting Nay – None. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

President Anderson called for review of the draft minutes. The Commission examined the minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2026 and the Special Meeting of May 29, 2026. Commissioner Metz made a motion to accept both sets of minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Thomason. Voting Aye – Commissioners Anderson, Thomason, and Metz. Voting Nay – None. The motion passed unanimously.

CONVENE PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF THE FY2026 AMENDED BUDGET:

President Anderson opened the Public Hearing for the adoption of the FY2026 Amended Budget. Executive Director Corbitt reviewed changes to the budget. With no comments from citizens, the public hearing was closed.

CONVENE PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF THE FY2027 BUDGET:

President Anderson opened the Public Hearing for the adoption of the FY2027 Budget. Executive Director Corbitt reviewed highlights of the budget. With no comments from citizens, the public hearing was closed.

ADOPT FY2026 AMENDED BUDGET

Commissioner Metz made a motion to approve the FY2026 Amended Budget as presented; seconded by Commissioner Thomason. Voting Aye – Commissioners Anderson, Thomason, and Metz. Voting Nay – None. The motion passed unanimously.

ADOPT FY2027 BUDGET

Commissioner Metz made a motion to approve the FY2027 Budget as presented; seconded by President Anderson. Voting Aye – Commissioners Anderson and Metz. Voting Nay – Commissioner Thomason. The motion passed.

ADOPT 2026 TAX LEVY

The Commission discussed the proposed tax levy of 0.0000615, representing a 2.5% decrease from last year and an 85.36% drop since 1990. The levy will contribute $390,000.00 to the Port's budget. After review and discussion, Commissioner Thomason made a motion to approve the 2027 tax levy as presented; seconded by Commissioner Metz. Voting Aye – Commissioners Anderson, Thomason, and Metz. Voting Nay – None. The motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Active Agenda:

- **Consider for Approval for Staff to Enter into Negotiations for a Ground Lease (Roll call vote):** The proposed ground lease is for 13 acres in Harry Wall Industrial Park. The interested party is undisclosed at this time. After review and discussion, Commissioner Metz made a motion to allow staff to enter into negotiations with the unnamed party; seconded by Commissioner Thomason. Voting Aye – Commissioners Anderson, Thomason, and Metz. Voting Nay – None. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Consider for approval a Fiber Easement Agreement with the City of Lewiston for the Middle Mile Project (Roll call vote):** After review and discussion, Commissioner Metz made a motion to approve the easement agreement as presented; seconded by Commissioner Thomason. Voting Aye – Commissioners Anderson, Thomason, and Metz. Voting Nay – None. The motion passed unanimously.

Non-Active Agenda:

1. **Goals Table Review:** Executive Director Corbitt reviewed various goals, projects and updates for Commissioners.
2. **Port Activities Update:** Executive Director Corbitt and staff reported on various activities. He also noted that Commissioner Thomason has announced his resignation from the Commisssion, effective July 31, 2026. The Port will advertise for a replacement in the coming days.
3. **Upcoming Meetings and Events:** The next Port Commission meeting is July 8, 2026. Other events include the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association's summer conference later this month, the Washington Public Ports Association Finance & Administration in late June, the WPPA's Executive Director's Seminar and Commissioners Seminar in July, the Washington Association of Wheat Growers' annual legislative fly-in on August 18, and the filming for the Now We Know tv show at the end of August.

TERMINAL I, TERMINAL II. TERMINAL III, AND FIBER OPTIC NETWORK:

- **Terminal I (Dock Operations):** Activity is going smoothly with regular grain and log barges flowing through.
- **Terminal II (Warehousing):** Warehousing continues to be active with steady loading and unloading of pulp.
- **Terminal III (Cruise Passenger Facility):** The American West and American Jazz have all docked as the season continues. Some damage to the gangway is being addressed.
- **Fiber Optic Network:** Operations Manager Jen Blood reviewed various fiber/broadband activities, including the Middle Mile project and Confluence Fiber Communications progress.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Commissioner Anderson/Idaho Water Users Association:** President Anderson reviewed for the Commission activities at the IWUA's recent meeting in Sun Valley, Idaho.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Executive Director Corbitt presented Financial Statements prepared by the Port Auditors for the period ending May 31, 2026. After review and discussion, Commissioner Thomason made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented; seconded by Commissioner Metz. Voting Aye – Commissioners Anderson, Thomason, and Metz; Voting Nay – None. The motion passed unanimously.

ACT ON CLAIMS:

The next order of business was review and discussion of claims against the Port. A motion was made by Commissioner Metz to approve and pay Port Vouchers Nos. 28263-28295, transfers and EFTPS for a total amount of $94,433.08; seconded by Commissioner Thomason. Voting Aye – Commissioners Anderson, Thomason, and Metz; Voting Nay – None. The motion passed unanimously.

RECESS

The Commission took a recess at 12:05 p.m. prior to executive session. They reconvened at 1 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Roll Call Vote):

President Anderson made a motion to enter Executive Session; seconded by Commissioner Metz. Voting Aye – Commissioners Anderson, Thomason, and Metz; Voting Nay – None. The motion passed unanimously. The Commission entered into Executive Session in accordance with In accordance with Idaho Code §74-206(1)(f) – to *communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.*

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Secretary
Denise Metz