# PORT OF LEWISTON
# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

## July 8, 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 July 8, 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. Also present at the meeting were Kim Mayo and Billy Hogan of Nepra Foods.

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:**

Executive Director Corbitt used this portion of the agenda to recognize and thank Commission Vice President Mike Thomason for his service to the Commission. This meeting was the last for Commissioner Thomason, who is retiring as of July 31, 2026. Executive Director Corbitt saluted his hard work, dedication, and kindness he displayed during his tenure, which began in 2013. Commissioner Thomason received a round of applause for his fellow commissioners as well as the staff and audience in attendance.

**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.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- **Nepra Foods, Regarding Assignment Opportunity:** Billy Hogan and Kim Mayo of Nepra Foods presented to the commission about taking over the lease currently held by Millenium Trust. The facility currently on the site is Artesian Fusion, which produces bottled water. Nepra Foods, a Colorado-based company, expects to produce bottled water as well with a focus on healthy lifestyles. They would continue using aluminum, environmental-friendly bottles for their product. President Anderson said he would look forward to considering the official reassignment lease for a formal vote at a future meeting.
- **Benn Brocksome and Todd Dvorak, Benn Brockson & Associates, Regarding End of Legislative Session and Look Ahead:** Benn Brocksome and Todd Dvorak of Benn Brocksome, our Idaho state government lobbying firm, reviewed the latest legislative session for Idaho's state government and what to expect moving forward.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**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.
3. **Upcoming Meetings and Events:** The next Port Commission meeting is August 12, 2026. Other events include the Washington Public Ports Association

Executive Director's Seminar and Commissioners Seminar in July, the Washington Association of Wheat Growers' annual legislative fly-in on August 18, the filming for the Now We Know tv show at the end of August, the MARAD/M-84 Conference in October, and the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association Conference in October.

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

- **Terminal I (Dock Operations):** Activity is busy with harvest season in full swing. In addition, Executive Director Corbitt noted that the Port's crane has been recertified on schedule.
- **Terminal II (Warehousing):** Warehousing continues to be active with steady loading and unloading of pulp. Regular maintenance of the Inland 465's maintenance is also ongoing.
- **Terminal III (Cruise Passenger Facility):** The American West and American Jazz have all docked as the season continues. The American Song and American Encore have also made fueling stops on the Port dock.
- **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 Thomason/Valley Vision and Lewis Clark Valley Chamber:** Commissioner Thomason said both groups are busy, with Valley Vision preparing for its annual meeting.
- **Commissioner Anderson/Urban Renewal Agency/Pacific Northwest Waterways Association:** President Anderson said URA will soon be meeting to amend their current budget and also approve next year's budget. In addition, he attended the PNWA summer conference in Newport, OR and said it was a good event.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Executive Director Corbitt noted that there would be no financials approved, as final numbers had not been received yet due to how early in the month July's meeting fell. Both June and July will be approved at the August meeting.

**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. 28926-28364, transfers and EFTPS for a total amount of $629,366.34; seconded by Commissioner Thomason. Voting Aye – Commissioners Anderson, Thomason, and Metz; Voting Nay – None. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Secretary
Denise Metz