

PORT OF BREMERTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

MINUTES

February 25, 2025
10:00 AM

Main Meeting Chambers
Norm Dicks Government Center
345 6th Street
Bremerton Washington
Remote Option via Zoom

Commissioners and Staff Present

Commissioners

Gary Anderson
Cary Bozeman
Axel Strakeljahn

Staff Members

Jim Rothlin	Cole Barnes
Arne Bakker	Erica Filler
Aaron Schielke	Ginger Waye
James Weaver	Stephanie Frame
James Goodman	Anne Montgomery, Atty

Call to Order

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by STRAKELJAHN to:

Approve the Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIES, 3-0

Consent Items

- A. Minutes of the regular business meeting of February 11, 2025.
- B. Payment of checks #902684 through #902685 and #902686 through #902687 and #E02521 and #86614 through #86629 and #E02522 through #E02540 and #902688 through #902691 and #E02541 and #902692 through #902704 and #86630 through #86648 and #E02542 through #E02556 from the General Fund for \$487,820.34.

It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by STRAKELJAHN to:

Approve the Consent Items as presented.

MOTION CARRIES, 3-0

Information Items

1. Bremerton National Airport Market Feasibility Study Update

CEO Jim Rothlin provided background on the Phase 1 process for the feasibility study and introduced consultant Kevin Mulcaster with Mead & Hunt, the consulting team charged with developing this study.

Mr. Mulcaster led off the presentation stating the intent of Phase 1 was to determine the feasibility of whether there is a market for either air service or passenger commercial service and/or air cargo service at Bremerton National Airport and what the community thinks about it. The following members of the consultant team continued the presentation within their areas of expertise:

Joseph Pickering presented on the air service component.

Levi Anstine presented the data analytics of the air service component findings.

Mr. Pickering continued with different airline model approaches and provided an air service summary stating there would be challenges but some airports have been successful with a multi-year effort.

Kirk Level presented on the air cargo service component summarizing at the conclusion of his presentation that air cargo service at Bremerton National would be extremely limited and not recommended.

Nicholas Mirra, Maul Foster Alongi, presented the Phase 1 public engagement summary stating there are strong feelings for and against new service with quality of life concerns higher than economic benefits. He provided the public's thoughts on what Phase 2 should examine if the Port decides to move forward.

Mr. Mulcaster closed the presentation by describing several opportunities for a deeper dive on issues raised by the community in Phase 2 should the Port move forward.

The presenters responded to questions and comments from the Board throughout the presentation.

Citizen Comments

The following members of the public shared their concerns and comments about Bremerton National Airport commercial passenger or cargo service:

- John Saulietis, Sunnyslope resident
- Jerry McDonald
- Roy Runyon, Port of Bremerton taxpayer, retired aviator, boater, veteran
- Sandy Pernitz, Gorst resident
- Kurt Geisreiter
- Christina H.

- Zachary Krause, locally certificated pilot and mechanic
- Leanna Krotzer, Belfair resident, member of local school board
- Scott Menard, West Bremerton resident
- Julie McDowell, Belfair/Allyn resident, small business owner

Action Items - None

Staff Reports

Jim Rothlin, Chief Executive Officer

- The Seattle Boat Show and the Northwest Aviation Conference have both concluded. Full reports will be provided at the next meeting.

Commission Reports / New Business

Commissioner Bozeman

- Commented that he was Bremerton Mayor when the Norm Dicks Government Center (NDGC) was built and is still very proud of the building. He described some of the building history.

Commissioner Strakeljahn

- Will be attending the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board meeting later this week.

Commissioner Anderson

- Thanks to everyone for coming, especially due to the current widespread windstorm and power outage throughout the region.

Open House

At 12:15 p.m. President Anderson announced the airport feasibility open house would now begin allowing for in-person participants to view the presentation boards and interact with the consultant team. Due to technical unfeasibility, the virtual connection/broadcast was concluded.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Submitted,

Approved,



Jim Rothlin
Chief Executive Officer
March 6, 2025



Axel Strakeljahn
Commission Secretary
March 11, 2025