PORT OF COLUMBIA COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING May 24, 2024 8:30 A. M.

Committee Members in attendance:

Chris Iverson Brian Little
Robert Keyser Dan Garrison
Nancy Ward Sean Clark

Chip Bubl

Staff Members in attendance:

Robert Gadotti
Sydell Cotton
Bob Salisbury
Brittany Scott
Gina Sisco
Guy Glen
Elizabeth Millager
Susan Tolleshaug
Amy Bynum
Lacey Tolles
Bob Salisbury
Rick Sorber
Guy Glen
Elizabeth Millager
Alta Lynch
Elliot Levin
Miriam House

The Port of Columbia County Budget Committee Meeting was called to order by Commission President, Robert Keyser at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Keyser welcomed the committee members to the meeting and asked for introductions then called for nominations for the budget chairperson. Chris Iverson moved to nominate Brian Little as the Budget Committee Chair, Dan Garrison seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, President Keyser called for a vote, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Nancy Ward asked why the Budget Committee meeting is different than regular Port meetings. Why was there no agenda posted to the Port's website. Bob Gadotti, Budget Officer explained that this meeting is to present the budget to the committee for discussion and is part of a formal process required by the state. Mr. Gadotti said the budget is the agenda and that there would be a budget hearing where the public will have the opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Ward also asked if the agenda was set by the committee or by the Port. Mr. Little explained that the agenda is set by the budget which has to be available a certain number of days before the budget committee meeting and is part of a formal process.

Chairperson Little asked Budget Officer, Mr. Gadotti for the Budget message. Mr. Gadotti gave a short introduction and asked Sean Clark, Executive Director, for an overview of the Port's Capital Projects and financial status.

Mr. Gadotti proceeded by presenting a PowerPoint presentation outlining each section of the budget.

The committee discussed the tax levy and consensus was reached to not impose the tax levy.

Chairman Little opened the floor for questions and comments from the audience. No one had any issues or comments.

Chairman Little called for a motion to approve the 2023-24 proposed Budget in the amount of \$16,263,413.00 as discussed not to include the tax levy. Mr. Garrison moved, Chip Bubl seconded a motion to approve the proposed budget as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Little called for a motion for the approval of the permanent tax levy of \$0.0000 per thousand of the assessed value for the 2023-24 budget. Chris Iverson moved, Nancy Ward seconded a motion to approve the permanent tax levy of \$0.0000 per thousand of assessed value for the budget year 2023-24. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bubl moved to adjourn the meeting, there being no further business, the budget meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

President

Date Commission Approved

Secretary