

**RESOLUTION 2023-02**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SIGNING OF  
AMENDMENT 1 TO THE RAIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AND  
DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbia County Development Agency (“CCDA”) was created in 2001 to administer the Port Westward Urban Renewal Plan, which in partnership with the Port successfully funded critical road, rail, fire system and water system improvements at Port Westward Industrial Park, and

**WHEREAS**, the only debt obligations now remaining from all of the above improvements are the Rail System Loan and Water System Loan, and

**WHEREAS**, CCDA has sufficient funds available to pay off the Rail System Loan and the Water System Loan and the Port supports the concept of early repayment of these debt obligations and closing out the Port Westward Urban Renewal Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, early payment of these debt obligations will result in termination of the Water System Agreement as well as an amendment to the Rail System Agreement in order to pursue a reimbursement policy that will have the most beneficial financial impact to the overlapping taxing districts in Columbia County, and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency has agreed to permanently terminate the collection of property tax revenues for the Port Westward Urban Renewal Area after fiscal year 2022-23, and

**WHEREAS**, to achieve the above-stated goals and settle longstanding legal matters between the Port and CCDA, it is necessary and appropriate for the Port to sign Amendment No. One to Rail Intergovernmental Agreement and Distribution Agreement, and now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Columbia County as follows:

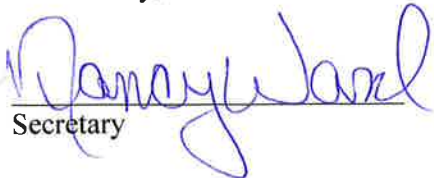
The Board approves the signing of Amendment No. One to Rail Intergovernmental Agreement and the Distribution Agreement, and directs the President of the Port Commission to sign both documents as presented.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023, by the following vote:


AYES: 4    NAYS: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

Attested By:

  
Secretary

**PORT OF COLUMBIA COUNTY**

By:   
President