

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A USDOT MARITIME ADMINISTRATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR BEAVER DOCK

WHEREAS, the Port is the owner of Beaver Dock at Port Westward, which is one of only five deep-water ports in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Oregon State legislature passed Senate Bill 1567 requiring seismic resiliency improvements of large capacity fuel storage and distribution facilities such as Beaver Dock, to survive a design level earthquake (defined as a Cascadia Subduction Zone Magnitude 9.0 event); and

WHEREAS, the Port conducted technical structural assessments of the Beaver Dock facility and has developed a multi-phase plan for the modernization of Beaver Dock to meet the new State seismic resiliency requirements and ensure continuity of operations; and

WHEREAS, the first phase of the multi-phase modernization plan includes relocation of the pipelines serving Berth 1 and is estimated to cost \$26 million; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Maritime Administration FY 2025 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Notice of Funding Opportunity is currently open; and

WHEREAS, the Port received a Connect Oregon grant award of \$2.7 million for the Beaver Dock Modernization Project, which can be leveraged as matching funds; has \$2.2 million set aside in the Beaver Dock Maintenance Fund; and tenants Columbia Pacific Bio-Refinery and NXT Renewable Fuels have both signed commitment letters pledging matching funds, if the grant is awarded; Now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Port Commission authorizes an application to the U.S. Maritime Administration PIDP Grant Program for an estimated \$15.6 million grant to fund the Port Westward Energy Security, Seismic Resilience, and Modernization – Phase 1 and set aside up to \$10.4 million in Port funds, including funds received from Connect Oregon and Port tenants, toward grant matching requirements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of September 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Port of Columbia County

By: Chris R.
President

Attested By:

Frank Heyser
Secretary