

Friday Harbor Port District

Port Commission Meeting

San Juan Island Yacht Club

Friday, April 25th, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Graham Black
Barbara Marret
Richard Goodhart

Port Staff Present: Todd Nicholson, Executive Director
Phyllis Johnson, Port Auditor
Kyle Gropp, Deputy Director (via ZOOM)
Mike Roling, IT Administrator
Jan Gresseth

Public Present: Jill Belcovson, LWVSJ
Mike Byrne
ChinMayo

Public Comment Period:

Commissioner Goodhart opened the meeting to comments from the public.
No comments or requests were made.
Commissioner Goodhart closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Payroll & Vouchers**
Commissioner Black moved to approve the minutes from April 11, 2025, Meeting
Commissioner Marrett seconded.
The motion was approved unanimously.

- B. Approval of Minutes from April 11, 2025, Meeting**
Commissioner Marrett moved to approve the minutes from April 11, 2025, Meeting
Commissioner Black seconded.
The motion was approved unanimously.

Action Items:**A. Approve Resolution 25-003 – Transfer FAA Entitlement Funds from W33 to Deer Park Municipal Airport**

Todd gave a brief description regarding this item. The Seattle ADO urgently requested FAA funds for a construction project at another airport. Funds can only be transferred between similar types of airports (primary to primary or non-primary to non-primary). The seaplane base can't transfer funds to Friday Harbor Regional unless enplanements exceed 8,000. The FAA Seattle Airport District Office wants to keep the funds in the region. Todd further explained the goal that future transfers should stay within the county, possibly to Port Lopez or Port Orcas as long as enplanements stay under 8,000.

Commissioner Marrett moved to approve the resolution 25-003 – Transfer FAA Entitlement Funds from W33 to Deer Park Municipal Airport.

Commissioner Black seconded.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion Items:**A. Music in the Park**

Jan Gresseth led off the discussion. The Marina operations team values the "Music in the Park" event for its positive impact on the community and guest boaters. It attracts people to the park, supports local artists and businesses, and creates a lively atmosphere. The well-trained staff efficiently manages the setup, and the music often draws people to stop, listen, and dance, making it a cherished program.

Commissioner Marrett commented that it's refreshing to have new musicians for locals to enjoy. Also, she noted that someone had asked to play solo, but she understands that currently bands are preferred for their energy.

ChinMayo, who has organized Music in the Park for many years, discussed the past of Music in the Park and the historical efforts in promotional and creative marketing strategies.

Executive Director Report:

Todd provided updates on several topics.

The next meeting will cover the art policy and updated lease policy. He mentioned the hopeful status of a \$7 million port electrification grant and plans to apply for a \$200,000 RCO infrastructure grant to electrify breakwater A. Todd and Kyle will also work on a public facilities infrastructure grant, aiming for \$1 million.

Commissioner Goodhart:

Commissioner Goodhart shared an art experience from his vacation in Jasper, highlighting an inclusive installation featuring various First Nations groups. Inspired by Gibb's idea of a walking path, he described the installation's reflective mirrors with words that changed with the sun's movement, creating forward reflections on the ground. The installation included simple, clean silkscreen prints on aluminum sheets, showcasing different tribes and historical data. This affordable and tasteful concept could be spread across a town, offering a way to honor multiple cultural units without overshadowing any single group.

Adjourn: 11:09 am

Barbara Marrett, Commissioner

Graham Black, Commissioner

Rich Goodhart, Commissioner