



AGENDA*
Regular Commission Meeting
October 9, 2024
9:30 a.m.

The Board of Commissioners of the Port of Portland will hold its monthly meeting in the **Hillsboro Civic Center Auditorium located at: 150 E. Main Street; Hillsboro, Oregon.**

Subject to successful streaming, the Board of Commissioners also plans to provide access to the meeting virtually on the Port's website and YouTube channel for those Commissioners, members of the public, presenters and staff unable to attend in person.

Written public comments can be submitted via email at testimony@portofportland.com. If you submit comments in writing, they will be distributed to all Commissioners for their review. If you wish to provide live testimony, you may do so in person, or you may send an email with your first and last name to testimony@portofportland.com and you will be provided with a link to testify via MS Teams. Please limit your comments to two minutes. The deadline to sign up for live testimony via MS Teams is noon on the day prior to the Port of Portland Commission Meeting.

Minutes

Approval of Minutes: Regular Commission Meeting – September 11, 2024

Executive Director

Remarks in Appreciation of Mayor Callaway

Approval of Executive Director's Report – September 2024

Public Comments

General Discussion

Hillsboro Airport Overview

DAN PIPPENGER
STEVE NAGY

Consent Item

1. APPROVAL OF PORT OF PORTLAND'S APPLICANT FOR URBAN FLOOD SAFETY AND WATER QUALITY DISTRICT BOARD

DAVE ROBERTSON

Requests approval for Dan Eisenbeis to seek appointment as the Port of Portland's agent and representative on the board of the Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District.

APPROVAL OF PORT OF PORTLAND'S APPLICANT FOR URBAN FLOOD SAFETY AND WATER QUALITY DISTRICT BOARD

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Presented by: Dave Robertson
Chief Public Affairs Officer**REQUESTED COMMISSION ACTION**

This agenda item requests approval for Dan Eisenbeis, who joins the Port of Portland (Port) as its Senior Policy Development Manager on its Government Affairs team, effective October 14, 2024, to seek appointment as the Port's agent and representative on the board of the Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District, with the authority to exercise the Port's rights as a landowner within the District.

BACKGROUND

The lands protected by the Columbia River levee system in northern Multnomah County were deemed to be of statewide and regional significance because they contain significant industrial and economic lands; one of the state's most important transportation hubs, the Portland International Airport; the second largest source of drinking water in Oregon; and a number of important natural assets.

As communities across the country face increased flooding and potentially disastrous levee breaches, the 2019 Oregon Legislature approved legislation to establish a safer and more sustainable way to manage flood safety along the Columbia River in the Portland metro region. Senate Bill 431 created the Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District, a new special district responsible for: operating, maintaining and improving the 27-mile levee system from North Portland through Gresham, Fairview and Troutdale; contributing to improved water quality, fish and wildlife habitat in the managed floodplain; promoting equity and social justice across the district's operations; and preparing for and adapting to the impact of climate change in the managed floodplain.

At the time of approval, four independent drainage districts managed parts of this levee system. Established in 1917 to drain the land for year-round agricultural use, the drainage districts were not designed to manage a major urban levee system. Not only was it inefficient to operate a single levee system through four separate agencies, but the drainage districts had only been able to fund basic operations and maintenance work with limited capital investment and were not able to keep up with changing federal safety standards for levees. As a result, Federal Emergency Management Agency accreditation of the levee system was at risk.

To address these issues and move toward a more stable future, governance of the Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District was planned in two phases: an interim board designed to establish a new sustainable revenue structure and dissolve the four legacy districts, and a permanent board that would be seated following this critical transition work. Over the past year,

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voters approved Measure 26-243, a bond in support of capital investments in the levee system, and the interim board approved both a new rate methodology and to dissolve the legacy districts. With these changes complete, it is now time to seat the permanent board.

ORS 550.195 states that the Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District Board of Directors be made up of nine voting directors representing various stakeholders and constituencies, including one seat appointed by the Governor explicitly outlined as, "One director representing the Port of Portland from among persons recommended by the board of commissioners of the Port of Portland" for a term of four years.

While the statute allows for multiple recommendations to be made to the Governor for this seat, it is in the Port's best interest to put forward the person best suited for this role. With two decades of experience in government relations, covering areas such as land use, transportation, infrastructure, environmental remediation, climate, energy, taxation and public finance – Mr. Eisenbeis is uniquely prepared to represent the Port's varied needs on this board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Director recommends that the following resolutions be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That Dan Eisenbeis is recommended by the Port of Portland's Commission, and designated as the Port of Portland's applicant for the Board of Directors of the Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District, effective October 14, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all previous Port of Portland agent and representative designations for the Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District be rescinded upon the Governor's appointment of the new director representing the Port of Portland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Port of Portland Commission in a form approved by counsel.