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are offered it is necessary to make decision on rather short notice while, as the bond market has been for a long period, practically all offerings are at substantial premiums.

He stated he would like to have the benefit of the advice of other members of the Board in making decisions on investments offered. After discussion it was moved that the President designate two commissioners to act in an advisory capacity to the Treasurer on investment of Port funds. This motion was seconded, put and carried, and the President appointed Commissioners Boyce and Hood as such advisory committee.

✓ INTEREST BANK DEPOSITS - DISCONTINUANCE OF:

The Treasurer presented letter from the U.S. National Bank dated April 16, giving notice that, through the operation of the Federal Banking Act of 1935, it will be necessary to discontinue paying interest on open accounts after June 7, 1937, and stating that under certain conditions one-half of one percent can be paid on time deposits.

✓ OREGON (OLD BATTLESHIP) BERTH:

A delegation representing the battleship "Oregon" Commission with H. V. Reed as spokesman and accompanied by F. L. Davis, assistant to Commissioner Bean, was present to discuss the berthing project sponsored by the city under the W.P.A. Mr. Reed referred to the Port's resolution of December 17th transmitted to the city, stating Mr. Bean wished to have this revised so that the Port's contribution would be made coincident with the progress of the work instead of after its completion and eliminating the condition that the city assume exclusive responsibility for furnishing a berth for the "Oregon". A general discussion ensued, including reference to the law cited in the correspondence. The President summarized the views expressed by the Commissioners to the effect that if the Port could have definite assurance of the completion of the berthing project and placing of the "Oregon" in the berth, it would make the payment and stated that he would confer with Mr. Griffith regarding the possibility of a guaranteed completion and report back to the Commission.

✓ TRAFFIC BUREAU COMMITTEE REPORT:

Commissioner Standish, as chairman, reported on behalf of the Port's membership on the Joint Traffic Bureau committee that meetings were held on March 31st and April 14th; that Mr. Lloyd Wentworth was elected chairman and F. H. Reese, who has been manager of the Joint Bureau, was elected secretary-manager; that the name chosen for the

autonomous bureau was "Port Traffic Development Bureau"; that the Chamber of Commerce reported on office space to be set aside, which arrangement was approved by the Joint Committee.

✓ HAWAIIAN SUGAR TRAFFIC:

A communication from the Traffic Bureau recommending that The Port of Portland express to the Oregon delegation in Congress and the Agricultural Committee of the House, endorsement of the recommendation made by the Traffic Bureau in connection with the pending Jones-Costigan Act to the effect that Hawaii be treated as a state of the Union and restriction upon the shipment of refined sugar into the continental United States be eliminated, was submitted. This was accompanied by correspondence and explanatory matter. It was moved that the President be authorized to communicate with the Oregon delegation in Congress, in suitable language, endorsing the views expressed by the Traffic Bureau as being the views of The Port of Portland Commission. This motion was seconded, put and carried.

✓ AIRPORT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mr. Corbett reported, as chairman of the Airport Committee, upon negotiations and conferences with W.P.A. officials and particularly with regard to reported rejection of Port's application for a supplementary project to complete airport runway and drainage layout as well as subsequent application by the local W.P.A. to Washington for approval of units covering less than the whole project. He read a protest which had been forwarded to Mr. Griffith, in Washington, under date of April 16th and stated the Senators and the Representative of this district had been advised of its contents, as well as Governor Martin and Mayor Cerson who are in Washington, all being urged to cooperate with Mr. Griffith in securing approval of a supplementary project adequate in scope.

✓ MOSEY, GUS C., - ADVANCE RETAINER:

The President stated associates of the late Gus C. Moser had conferred with him regarding the retainer fee which the Port had been in the habit of paying quarterly and it was noted that, while the second quarter had commenced before Mr. Moser's death, the retainer fee had not been paid. He recommended that the retainer for the second quarter of 1937 be paid. This being agreeable to the Commission, it was moved that payment of \$250.00 be made to Zell Burns, Agent, who is attending to the closing up of the affairs of Mr. Moser's office. This motion was seconded, put and carried.

It was moved that Commissioners Corbett and Standish be designated as a Committee to prepare and submit to the Commission suitable resolution expressing the appreciation of The Port of Portland of Mr. Moser's services to the Port and the community during his lifetime and its sympathy to his family. This motion was seconded, put and carried.

✓ ATTORNEY - SELECTION OF:

The President stated that he has been approached on behalf of various attorneys desiring to be considered when the Commission selects an attorney, and submitted a list of names which had been suggested to him and to other Commissioners and asked that the Commissioners present add any additional names that they may wish, and proposed that with such full list before the Board, ballots be cast. It was decided that the entire list would be submitted for balloting and if there were no majority on the first ballot, the two highest would again be balloted upon. The names presented were Geo. L. Rauch, John R. Latourette, Wm. A. Ekwall, Henderson & Warner, Wm. C. Bristol, John H. Hall, H. B. Beckett, Erskine Wood and Ralph S. Hamilton.

On the first ballot there was one vote each for Geo.L.Rauch, John R. Latourette, Wm. A. Ekwall, Henderson & Warner, and four for Erskine Wood. As Mr. Wood's total vote was not a majority and there was no second high, it was decided to vote again on the entire list. This ballot resulted in one vote each for Geo.L.Rauch, John R. Latourette, Ralph S. Hamilton, and five for Erskine Wood. Mr. Wood having received a majority it was moved that the selection of Erskine Wood as attorney for The Port of Portland be approved as the unanimous selection of the Commission and that the retainer fee of \$1,000 a year heretofore paid the Port attorney, remain in effect. This motion was seconded, put and carried.

✓ DRAINAGE DISTRICT DIKE PROTECTION:

A letter from the Secretary of the Multnomah County Drainage District No.1, protesting the cutting of trees on the Port's lands outside the Drainage District dike at the Columbia Bottoms airport site, was read. The letter stated the District would hold the Port responsible for any resulting damage to the dike by erosion due to the absence of the trees and asserted the Port should not have cut the trees until it was sure the proposed sand fill would be made on the shore lands. This latter remark referred to filling work which was ordered discontinued

as not being a part of the W.P.A. airport project, after review of the point by the W.P.A. officials. The letter was ordered filed.

✓ WHARFAGE CHARGES DURING STRIKE TIE-UP:

Acting on letters from the States Steamship Company asking cancellation of wharfage charge on the SS "Illinois" moored at the dry dock wharf during the coast-wise maritime strike between October 30 and February 3, and citing instances where at other Pacific Coast dry dock plants no wharfage charges were made, and report by the Manager that the Commission of Public Docks had waived charges for vessels of lines regularly using their facilities, and recommendation of the Manager that the wharfage charge be waived, it was upon motion ordered that the wharfage charges on the SS "Illinois", amounting to \$485.00, be cancelled.

✓ VANCOUVER, B. C. HARBOR DAY:

A letter from the Vancouver Board of Trade inviting attendance of a representative of The Port of Portland at International Harbor Day at Vancouver, B.C., on May 14, 1937, was submitted. It was agreed that the President would designate the Manager to attend if it appeared desirable and was convenient for him to do so at the time.

✓ M. S. "FELTRE" - DOCKAGE:

It was reported that there is a prospect of the recently salvaged Italian M.S. "Feltre" being repaired at Portland and local ship repair contractors are anxious that the Port cooperate so that there would be no chance of the job getting away from Portland on account of dry dock rates. Reference was made to the minutes of March 19, 1934, wherein authority was granted the President, Vice-President and Manager to make special reduced rates for the dockage of vessels when desirable in their opinion in the interest of the community. As this authorization has remained in effect it was considered that no specific action is necessary at this time.

✓ WAGE RATES:

The Manager reported that petitions or suggestions have been submitted by various employee groups and labor organizations respecting the rates of pay in certain occupations on The Port of Portland pay rolls, particularly at the dry dock plant. These items were referred to briefly and it appeared to the Commission that the subject requires detailed consideration. It was, therefore, moved that the President and the Manager, with two Commissioners selected by the

President, be constituted a Committee to review the Port's wage scale and current conditions affecting same, and report to the Commission. This motion was seconded, put and carried and Commissioners O'Reilly and Polhemus were designated by the President accordingly.

The following resolution was prepared and transmitted in accordance with motion passed this date:

WHEREAS, The Port of Portland Commission has lost by death the services of Gus C. Moser, its General Counsel and Legal Advisor; and

WHEREAS, Gus C. Moser has served The Port of Portland Commission for many years, giving to it a full measure of service and advice under which the affairs of The Port have been greatly advanced; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Port Commission feel that they have not only lost an advisor but also a close friend and associate whose advice was of value to each of them in their official capacity and whose friendship was of enduring memory;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission of The Port of Portland does hereby express its deep sense of loss in the sudden death of Gus C. Moser, and its appreciation for the many valuable services rendered it by him; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minute Book of the Commission and that a copy be executed by the President and sent to Mrs. Moser in token of the affection and esteem in which each member of the Commission held him.

There being no further matters offered the Commission, upon motion, adjourned.

APPROVED:

May 12, 1937

Chas. J. Squire
President

Walter Standish
Secretary

Portland, Oregon, May 10, 1937.

The regular monthly meeting called for this date, adjourned until 11:00 A.M., May 12th.

Those answering roll call and voting for adjournment were Commissioners Squires, O'Reilly, Standish, Smith and Boyce.

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