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### AGENDA

Port of Kennewick Regular Commission Business Meeting Port of Kennewick Commission Chambers and via GoToMeeting 350 Clover Island Drive, Suite 200, Kennewick Washington

> August 13, 2024 2:00 p.m.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

### II. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ROLL CALL

### III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (Please state your name and address for the public record)

### V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Direct Deposit and ePayments August 1, 2024
- B. Approval of Warrant Register Dated August 13, 2024
- C. Approval of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes July 23, 2024

### VI. PRESENTATION

A. Succession Planning Update, Ann Allen (TIM)

### VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Kennewick Waterfront
  - 1. Kittson Property Exchange Update; Resolution 2024-15 (CAROLYN)

### VIII. REPORTS, COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Vista Field
  - 1. Proposal Updates (AMBER)
  - 2. Southern Gateway Project Update (LARRY)
- B. Kennewick Waterfront
  - 1. Vibrancy Events & Marketing (TANA/DAVID)
  - 2. Cedar's Dock Update (LARRY/TANA)
- C. Oak Street Update (AMBER/LARRY)
- D. CEO Report (if needed) (TIM)
- E. Commission Meetings (formal and informal meetings with groups or individuals)
- F. Non-Scheduled Items (LISA/BRIDGETTE/TANA/NICK/LARRY/AMBER/MICHAEL/CAROLYN/TIM/KEN/TOM/SKIP)
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT (Please state your name and address for the public record)

### X. ADJOURNMENT

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## PORT OF KENNEWICK REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

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JULY 23, 2024 MINUTES

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Commission President Skip Novakovich called the Regular Commission Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ROLL CALL

The following were present:

Board Members:Skip Novakovich, President<br/>Kenneth Hohenberg, Vice President<br/>Thomas Moak, SecretaryStaff Members:Tim Arntzen, Chief Executive Officer<br/>Tana Bader Inglima, Deputy Chief Executive (via telephone)<br/>Larry Peterson, Director of Planning and Building (via telephone)<br/>Amber Hanchette, Director of Real Estate (via telephone)<br/>Michael Boehnke, Director of Operations (via telephone)<br/>Bridgette Scott, Executive Assistant (via telephone)<br/>Lisa Schumacher, Special Projects Coordinator<br/>Carolyn Lake, Port Counsel (via telephone)

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Gus Kittson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Novakovich requested to move the Kittson Property Exchange Introduction under Reports, Comments and Discussion Items, to follow the Consent Agenda.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were made.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Direct Deposit and E-Payments Dated July17, 2024 Direct Deposit and E-Payments totaling \$99,396.64
- **B.** Approval of Warrant Register Dated July 9, 2024 Expense Fund Voucher Number 106048 through 106116 for a grand total of \$473,731.86
- C. Approval of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes July 9, 2024

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Hohenberg moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Commissioner Moak seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. All in favor 3:0.

## PORT OF KENNEWICK REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

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## **REPORTS, COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### A. Kennewick Waterfront

### 1. Kittson Property Exchange (Introduction)

Mr. Arntzen thanked Commissioner Novakovich for moving the Kittson property exchange up to accommodate Gus and Amelia Kittson, who are in chambers today. Mr. Arntzen and Ms. Lake have been working on a draft agreement with the Kittsons (KIE) for a land exchange in The Willow's for additional parking and connectivity to Columbia Gardens.

Ms. Lake outlined the parameters of the land exchange with KIE *(Exhibit A)*. The value of the property is near equal, so this would be a straight exchange, which would require the Commission to approve a Resolution declaring the property surplus and approving a purchase and sale agreement with the Kittsons.

Mr. Kittson stated KIE would need to construct a new fence, prior to removing the existing fence, which would require a City permit. When the Port is ready to construct a right-of-way, Mr. Kittson requested that KIE would have access from the rear of their property to the new road.

Mr. Arntzen stated Rogers Surveying is currently surveying the property and Ferdouse Oneza is working on the planning portion. Mr. Arntzen will deliver a draft agreement to the Kittsons for review and stated the Port will cover most of the costs associated with the land exchange.

Commission offered comments on the land exchange.

Amelia Kittson stated, as a third-generation owner, she appreciates the Port's willingness to work with KIE.

Mr. Kittson asked Port staff to look at some trees in The Willows that are leaning against the KIE building.

Mr. Arntzen and Mr. Boehnke will look at the trees to determine if they need to be pruned or removed.

## PRESENTATIONS

### A. Governance and Ethics Discussion

Ms. Lake presented the Governance, Ethics, and Conflicts of Interest to the Commission *(Exhibit B)*. The Port has very robust policies in place and stated this presentation builds on the current Commission Rules of Policies and Procedures.

Commissioner Hohenberg confirmed that the Commission should disclose a friendship with a developer and recuse themself from a vote if there was a deal on the table.

Ms. Lake stated it is better to err on the side of caution and disclose a friendship.

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Commissioner Hohenberg stated Mr. Kittson approached him and Mr. Arntzen regarding the land exchange during a Port event.

Mr. Arntzen appreciates the Commission taking time to let Ms. Lake present today and stated it is even more transparent by having the discussion during a Regular Commission Meeting.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

### A. HAEIF Grant Application for Vista Field Improvements

Ms. Bader Inglima reported that the Hanford Area Economic Investment Fund (HAEIF) has \$560,000 available for grants to fund infrastructure projects that focus on creating primary jobs and encourage new development and business expansion. The Commission recently approved a 90-day right to negotiate for Vista Field Lot #31 which will require the Port to construct vehicle parking. Ms. Bader Inglima stated Port policy requires Commission approval of all grant applications and inquired if the Commission is interested in the Port submitting a grant application to help fund the parking area, roads, and utility work to support proposed commercial development on Azure Drive. The project work is estimated at \$650,000 and does not include the design and permits; thus, the Port would seek \$325,000 and offer a 50% match versus the required 25% local match.

Commissioner Novakovich disclosed that he is the chair of HAEIF; however, that does not affect the Port submitting a grant application. Commissioner Novakovich stated when it comes to HAEIF voting, he will recuse himself and believes other elected officials related to a grant submission for their entity should do the same.

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Moak moved to approve Resolution 2024-14 authorizing the submittal of a Vista Field parking improvement grant application to the Hanford Area Economic Investment Fund Advisory Committee; and further authorizing the Port's Executive Director to execute all subsequent documents necessary for implementation of the grant funding request; Commissioner Hohenberg seconded.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were made.

### Discussion:

Commissioner Moak confirmed this grant project would be for 2025 and would be part of our new 2025-2026 budget.

*Mr.* Peterson stated design work is currently underway for the pavilion parking lot, which would benefit activities at the Vista Field Southern Gateway and the commercial corridor along Azure Drive. Mr. Peterson estimated that the design documents and permitting will take place later this fall with construction early next spring. Mr. Peterson anticipates the Vista Field Southern Gateway project and adjacent parking lot will be completed by June 2025, presuming the grant application is deemed acceptable and the Commission puts this project in the 2025-2026 budget and work plan.

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Commissioner Moak inquired when HAEIF will award the grant funding.

*Ms.* Bader Inglima stated the application is due August 15, 2024, and believes they will award the grant before the end of the year.

Commissioner Moak hopes the grant will be determined before the Commission approves the budget and supports the grant request.

Commissioner Hohenberg thanked Ms. Bader Inglima for her work on this and if we are successful, the 50% match shows HAEIF that we are serious about the project and we have an obligation. Commissioner Hohenberg recognized that it is extra work and hopefully we are successful.

*Ms. Bader Inglima believes the high match will be a benefit.* 

With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. All in favor 3:0.

### **REPORTS, COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS Continued**

### **B.** Vista Field Update

Mr. Peterson reported that the Vista Field Southern Gateway project is underway and on time *(Exhibit C)*.

C. Commissioner Meetings (formal and informal meetings with groups or individuals) Commissioners reported on their respective committee meetings.

### **D.** Non-Scheduled Items

Ms. Hanchette followed up on the Oak Street fire and stated the deadline for current tenants to vacate is July 31, 2024. Most tenants have found new locations or relocated to other Port property.

Mr. Boehnke reported that the Eagles at the Clover Island Boat Launch have been re-installed on the basalt rock perch.

Mr. Arntzen met with Jerrod MacPherson, Benton County Administrator, to discuss a Rural County Capital Fund (RCCF) application for additional infrastructure at Vista Field and a potential joint meeting with Benton County Commission. Mr. Arntzen asked Ms. Bader Inglima and Mr. Kooiker to work with Adam Fyall, Benton County Sustainable Development Manager on a potential RCCF project application.

Mr. Arntzen reported that Blue Chart Homes is working diligently with Ms. Hanchette and Mr. Hume on the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

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Mr. Arntzen continues to work on a Port succession plan with Human Resources attorney Ann Allen. Mr. Arntzen would like Ms. Allen to reach out individually to the Commissioners for a phone interview regarding the succession plan.

Commissioner Hohenberg thanked Mr. Arntzen for working with Benton County on the application and the joint meeting. He appreciates the great working relationship with the County and stated they have been very supportive of the Port.

Commissioner Hohenberg thanked Mr. Boehnke for reinstalling the Eagles, they are his favorite piece of artwork in the Tri-Cities.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were made.

### **COMMISSION COMMENTS**

No comments were made.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to bring before the Board; the meeting was adjourned 3:57 p.m.

**APPROVED:** 

## PORT of KENNEWICK BOARD of COMMISSIONERS

Skip Novakovich, President

Kenneth Hohenberg, Vice President

Thomas Moak, Secretary

## EXHIBIT A

**EXISTING** Parcels & Ownership



### EXHIBIT A

## **POTENTIAL SWAP**

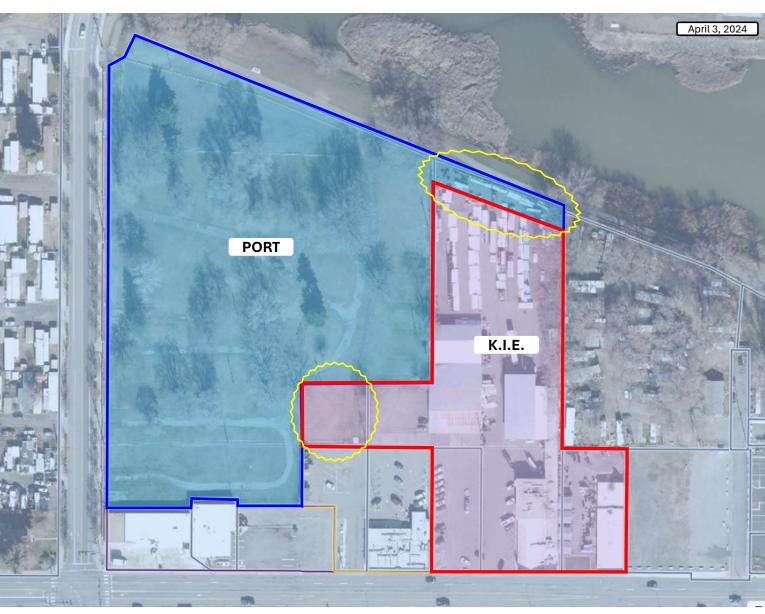
Revised Parcels & Ownership

**K.I.E receives** 100ft x 100ft (10,000sf) Adjacent existing gravel parking area

**PORT receives** 50ft x 210ft<u>+</u> (10,500sf) Panhandle adjacent Duffy's Pond Trail

Expenses to be paid and/or shared by K.I.E. and PORT. Agreement on Responsibility needed.

- □ Survey, Deeds & City fees
- Tree Removal
- Site Control [fencing/Ecology blocks]
- "Material" Removal



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## Port of Kennewick Commission Discussion: Governance, Ethics & Conflicts of Interest



Presented by Carolyn Lake Port Legal Counsel



## Ethics and Conflict of Interest

- Fundamental Principles
- Ethics and Conflicts of Interest Defined
- Authority & Enforcement
- Code of Ethics for Municipal Officers—Contract Interests
- Guidelines to Identify & Manage



## Ethics and Conflict of Interest

- "A conflict of interest is a situation arising from conflict between the performance of public duty and private or personal interests."
- "It isn't wrong or unethical to have a conflict of interest, what is important is that it is identified and appropriately managed."



# Goal: Integrity in decision making

Decision makers demonstrate integrity by:

- serving the public interest
- using powers responsibly
- acting with honesty and transparency
- addressing improper conduct.

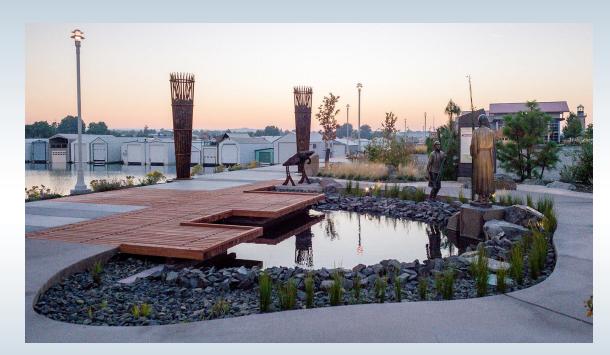


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## What are Ethics?

 That branch of moral science which treats the duties which a person owes to the public and to his professional brethren.

Black's Law Dictionary,

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Rev 4<sup>th</sup> Ed.

Standards of professional conduct that protect the interests of the Port separate and independent from an individual's personal and financial interests.

(generally)

# What is Appearance of Fairness?

- A rule of law requiring government decision-makers to oversee hearings and proceedings in a way that is fair and unbiased in both appearance and fact. It was developed as a method of assuring that due process protections, which normally apply in courtroom settings, extend to certain types of administrative decision-making hearings
- The doctrine attempts to bolster public confidence in fair and unbiased decision-making by making certain, in both appearance and fact, that parties to an argument receive equal treatment.

## What is a Conflict of Interest?

• Any beneficial interest, directly or indirectly, in any contract which may be made by, through, or under the supervision of such officer, in whole or in part, or which may be made for the benefit of his or her office, or the acceptance, directly or indirectly, of any compensation, gratuity, or reward in connection with such contract from any other person beneficially interested therein.

RCW 42.23.030

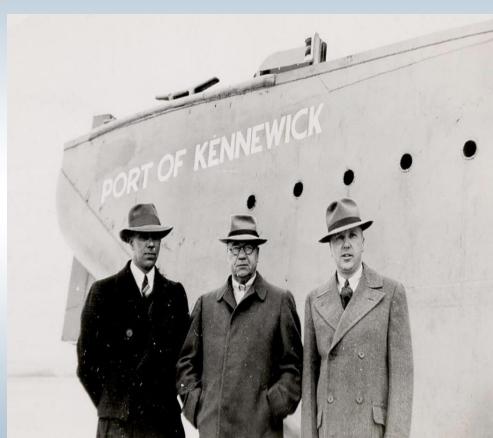
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## What is a Conflict of Interest?

- A conflict of interest is a situation arising from conflict between the performance of public duty and private or personal interests.
- Conflicts of interest may be actual, or be perceived to exist, or potentially exist at some time in the future.
- Perception of a conflict of interest is important to consider because public confidence in the integrity of an organization is vital.



# Is it wrong to have a conflict of interest?



No. It is not necessarily wrong or unethical to have a conflict of interest. However, identifying and managing the situation is important.

Public officers have a responsibility to always serve the public interest in performing their duties. Personal interests, whether these are financial, or relate to family, friends or associates, should not influence public duty. It is not always possible to avoid a situation where a conflict of interest exists, particularly in small communities, or some specialist industries. It is vital that these situations are correctly

managed to ensure the public

interest is protected.

## Authority: Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

- Statutes
  - RCW Chapter 42.23 Code of Ethics for Municipal Officers—Contract Interests
  - RCW Chapter 42.52 Ethics in Public Service
  - RCW 42.17.130 Use of public office or agency facilities in campaigns Prohibitions / Exceptions
- Governmental Agency Regulations



- Organizational Mandates and Policies
  - Port Ethics / Conflicts of Interest Policy

## State Code of Ethics For Municipal Officers– Contract Interests

RCW 42.23.070. Prohibited acts.

(1) No municipal officer may use his or her position to secure special privileges or exemptions for himself, herself, or others.



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(2) No municipal officer may, directly or indirectly, give or receive or agree to receive any compensation, gift, reward, or gratuity from a source except the employing municipality, for a matter connected with or related to the officer's services as such an officer unless otherwise provided for by law. (de minimis exception.)

(3) No municipal officer may **accept employment or engage in business or professional activity t**hat the officer might reasonably expect would require or induce him or her by reason of his or her official position to **disclose confidential information** acquired by reason of his or her official position.

(4) No municipal officer may **disclose confidential information** gained by reason of the officer's position, nor may the officer otherwise use such information **for his or her personal gain or benefit.** 

## State Code of Ethics For Municipal Officers— Contract Interests



## RCW 42.23.010. Declaration of Purpose.

It is the purpose and intent of this chapter to revise and make uniform the laws of this state concerning the transaction of business by municipal officers, as defined in chapter 268, Laws of 1961, in conflict with the proper performance of their duties in the public interest; and to promote the efficiency of local government by prohibiting certain instances and areas of conflict while at the same time sanctioning, under sufficient controls, certain other instances and areas of conflict wherein the private interest of the municipal officer is deemed to be only remote, to the end that, without sacrificing necessary public responsibility and enforceability in areas of significant and clearly conflicting interests, the selection of municipal officers may be made from a wider group of responsible citizens of the communities which they are called upon to serve.

## State Code of Ethics For Municipal Officers<sup>EXHIBIT B</sup> Contract Interests

## **Commissioners cannot have a beneficial interest in any Port contracts, subject to certain exceptions.**

RCW 42.23.030. Interest in Contracts Prohibited – Exceptions.

No municipal officer shall be beneficially interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract which may be made by, through or under the supervision of such officer, in whole or in part, or which may be made for the benefit of his or her office, or accept, directly or indirectly, any compensation, gratuity or reward in connection with such contract from any other person beneficially interested therein. This section shall not apply in the following cases:

(7) The leasing by a port district as lessor of port district property to a municipal officer or to a contracting party in which a municipal officer may be beneficially interested, if in addition to all other legal requirements, <u>a board of three disinterested appraisers and the superior court in the county where the property is situated finds that all terms and conditions of such lease are fair to the port district and are in the public interest. The appraisers must be appointed from members of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers by the presiding judge of the superior court;</u>

A municipal officer may not vote in the authorization, approval, or ratification of a contract in which he or she is beneficially interested even though one of the exemptions allowing the awarding of such a contract applies. The interest of the municipal officer must be disclosed to the governing body of the municipality and noted in the official minutes or similar records of the municipality before the formation of the contract.



## State Code of Ethics For Municipal Officers— Contract Interests

## A Commissioner may have a "remote interest" in a contract so long as that interest is disclosed.

RCW 42.23.040. Remote Interests.



A municipal officer is not interested in a contract, within the meaning of <u>RCW 42.23.030</u>, if the officer has only a remote interest in the contract and the extent of the interest is disclosed to the governing body of the municipality of which the officer is an officer and noted in the official minutes or similar records of the municipality prior to the formation of the contract, and thereafter the governing body authorizes, approves, or ratifies the contract in good faith by a vote of its membership sufficient for the purpose without counting the vote or votes of the officer having the remote interest. <u>As used in this section "remote interest" means</u>:

- (1) That of a nonsalaried officer of a nonprofit corporation;
- (2) That of an employee or agent of a contracting party where the compensation of such employee or agent consists entirely of fixed wages or salary;
- (3) That of a landlord or tenant of a contracting party;

(4) That of a holder of less than one percent of the shares of a corporation or cooperative which is a contracting party.

None of the provisions of this section are applicable to any officer interested in a contract, even if the officer's interest is only remote, if the officer influences or attempts to influence any other officer of the municipality of which he or she is an officer to enter into the contract.

## State Code of Ethics For Municipal Officers— Contract Interests

## RCW 42.23.050. <u>Prohibited contracts</u> <u>void--Penalties for violation of</u> <u>chapter</u>.

Any contract made in violation of the provisions of this chapter is void and the performance thereof, in full or in part, by a contracting party shall not be the basis of any claim against the municipality. Any officer violating the provisions of this chapter is liable to the municipality of which he or she is an officer for a penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars, in addition to such other civil or criminal liability or penalty as may otherwise be imposed upon the officer by law.

In addition to all other penalties, civil or criminal, the violation by any officer of the provisions of this chapter may be grounds for forfeiture of his or her office.



## State Code of Ethics For Municipal Officers— Contract Interests



## RCW 42.23.060. <u>Local</u> <u>charter controls chapter</u>.

If any provision of this chapter conflicts with any provision of a city or county charter, or with any provision of a city-county charter, the charter shall control if it contains stricter requirements than this chapter. The provisions of this chapter shall be considered as <u>minimum standards</u> to be enforced by municipalities.

## Managing Potential Conflicts of Interests

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• Guidelines are offered to provide the Commission as public authorities with information and practical tools about integrity in decision making, which can be used to strengthen and sustain their decision-making



## How can Commissioners identify if a conflict of interest exists?

There is no one 'right' way to identify every situation, however a good starting point is for Commissioners to consider the 6 Ps:



## The 6 Ps



• Public duty versus private interests

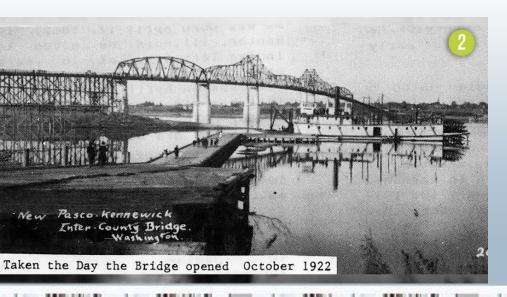
- Do I have personal or private interests that may conflict, or be perceived to conflict with my public duty?
- Could there be benefits for me now, or in the future, that could cast doubt on my objectivity?

## • Potentialities

## The 6 Ps

## • Perception

## • Proportionality



- Remember, perception is important. How will my involvement in the decision/action be viewed by others?
  - Does my involvement in the
    decision appear fair and
    reasonable in all the
    circumstances?

## 

## The 6 Ps

# • Presence of mind

• What are the consequences if I ignore a conflict of interest? What if my involvement was questioned publicly?

## • Promises



 Have I made any promises or commitments in relation to the matter? Do I stand to gain or lose from the proposed action/decision?



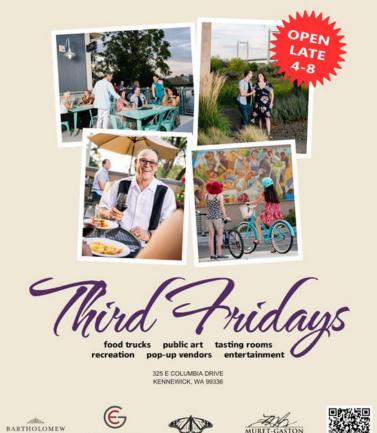
# How can conflicts of interest be managed appropriately?

- There are many ways to effectively manage conflicts of interest. The choice of strategies will be dependent on the operating environment, legislative requirements and practical solutions.
- Often a combination of strategies will be required.



• The major options, or 6 Rs, for Commission members and management to manage conflicts of interest are:

### **Columbia Gardens Wine & Artisan Village**



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## The 6 Rs

## • Record/Register



Recording the disclosure of a conflict of interest in a register is an important first step, however this does not necessarily resolve the conflict. It may be necessary to assess the situation and determine whether one or more of the following strategies is also required.

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## The 6 Rs





It may be appropriate to restrict your involvement in the matter, for example, refrain from taking part in debate about a specific issue, abstain from voting on decisions, and/ or restrict access to information relating to the conflict of interest. If this situation occurs frequently, and an ongoing conflict of interest is likely, other options may need to be considered.

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# • **R**ecruit





## The 6 Rs

If it is not practical to restrict
your involvement, an independent
third party may need to be
engaged to participate in, oversee,
or review the integrity of the
decision-making process.

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• Removal from involvement in the matter altogether is the best option when ad hoc or recruitment strategies are not feasible, or appropriate.

# • Relinquish



# • Resign

## The 6 Rs

Relinquishing the personal or private
interests may be a valid strategy for
ensuring there is no conflict with your
public duty. This may be the
relinquishment of shares, or
membership of a club or association.

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Resignation may be an option if the
conflict of interest cannot be resolved
in any other way, particularly where
conflicting private interests cannot be
relinquished.

## EXHIBIT B Error on Side of Caution -Ethics Act

- For "appearance" issues consider:
  - Disclosure of even a perception of a conflict
  - Seeking attorney advice on the record; and
  - Recusal on the record for "appearance" issues







### Governance

- Commission as a Whole
- Port CEO
- Role of individual Port
   Commissioner



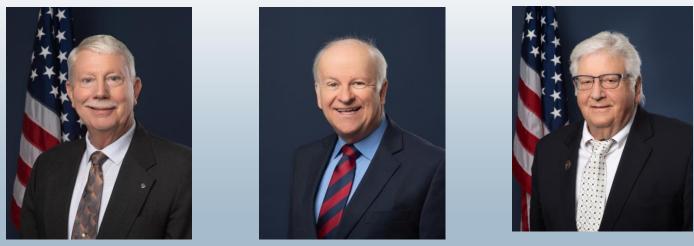
### **The Commission**

- The Commission (not individual Commissioners) has the legal authority and the legal responsibility to operate the Port (RCW 53.12.010)
- Elect a president and secretary (RCW 53.12.245)
- Appoint the Port Auditor and Port Attorney
- Approve every action or delegate some authority by resolution to the CEO (RCW 53.12.270)
- Adopt rules governing the transaction of business
- Appoint a CEO
- Set the budgets
- All powers not delegated



# The Individual Commissioners

- Must act together as a unit to govern the affairs of the District
- No authority to act alone *unless the authority is delegated by the Board*
- Defended and indemnified by the Port so long as a court determines that the Commissioner was acting in "good faith" (RCW 53.08.208)



# Role of The CEO EXHIBIT B

- The Commission's principal employee
- Accountable to the Commission for everything "the staff does or fails to do"
- Performance reviewed annually by the Commission
- Part of the Commission strategic team
- The Commission's interface to the Port senior staff and employees
- Fair and honest provider of information
- Executes on Commission Policy direction
- Hires, fires and manages the staff



# Delegation of Powers Resolution to the CEO



- RCW 53.12.270
- Allows the Commission to avoid the minutia and focus on the "big issues"
- Adopt by resolution
- Recommend an annual staff review
- Recommend annual approval by the Commission
- When in doubt "Send it to the Commission"

# **The Role of an Individual** EXHIBIT B **Commissioner in Governance**

- Set philosophy, policy and culture
- Culture is the most important thing
- Let your CEO manage the staff and hold the CEO accountable
- Do not engage staff in management/political discussions
- Do engage the staff in technical discussions



# The Role of an Individual EXHIBIT B Commissioner in Governance

- Be a leader not a spectator or a critic
- Realize your responsibility you are key to the success of the organization
- Watch what you say the public and staff are listening
- Create a team approach it's your team
- Educate your other Commissioners
- Ask questions before the podium
- No Surprises



Protect and enhance the Port's political bank account –
 "how will this read in the morning paper?"

# The Role of an Individual EXHIBIT B Commissioner in Governance

- Figure out why you are a Commissioner why are you here?
- Do no harm
- Be informed read the materials provided by the staff
- Leave things in better shape than when you arrived
- Govern a problem before you manage a problem



### Helpful things to remember

- You cannot do a single thing by yourself.
- You need allies on the Commission.
- You are joining a port with plans and projects already in motion.
   Understand and respect this reality.



- Understand the role of the staff. Work through the CEO.
- You are a public official in a fishbowl. Learn and re-learn the basics of the Open Public Meetings Act and the Public Records Act.
- Rely on Legal Counsel

# Social Media Use



Personal social media
accounts should be not be
used for discussing issues
pertaining to the Port.

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- Why: Social media content that relates to Port business may be a public record subject to retention and disclosure under state law.
- How: Refrain from using the Port email address when using social media in personal capacities. For example, personal Facebook or Twitter accounts should not be created using Port email address.

### Social Media Use

- If you identify yourself as a Port Commissioner when conducting personal social media activities, recommend stating in your profile that your comments are not representative of the Port. Examples include:
- Twitter bio: Tweets are my own.
- Blog or website bio: While I serve the Port as Commissioner, anything I publish is my personal opinion and should not be considered the opinions or position of the Port.



### EXHIBIT B Social Media Use

- Whether or not you specify on your personal social media accounts that you are a Port Commissioner, that fact is public information.
- Be mindful that whenever you discuss issues in an online platform, whether in a personal or professional capacity, your comments can be tied back to your role as a Port Commissioner.



### Campaign Do's & Don'ts

There is a strict prohibition against use of a port's public facilities to support or oppose a ballot measure or a candidate for office. "Facilities" is broadly defined to include office space, warehouses, stationary, postage, equipment, vehicles, publications, port mailing lists, and most notably, port employees during work hours.



# Campaign Do's & Don'ts

- Campaign signs cannot be placed on port property; however, campaign signs may be placed on port-owned property that is leased by a tenant (leasehold property).
- The regulation of any sign on leasehold property should be addressed in lease documents.
- Port commissioners running for office should be cautious about using images, photos, or videos taken from the port's website or social media files.



# Campaign Do's & Don'ts



Use of Port Facilities- Evolving Concept

- In the past, the Port has considered whether the Port may allow use of its facilities where the Port collects a standard fee charged to all and where the facilities are available on a nondiscriminatory basis.
- Port legal counsel previously has advised that this activity is allowed. This interpretation was also supported by the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) staff, the entity that oversees Washington's Fair Campaign Act.

# Campaign Do's & Don'ts



However, in the intervening years, the state AG's office has undertaken to aggressively pursue campaign law enforcement of various public agencies for actions that traditionally had not been considered "campaign use" and has vastly broaden the definition of what is considered "campaign activity" and "public Facilities".

Further, the PDC Interpretation 04-02 "Guidelines for Local Governments in Election Campaigns" highlights that "activity that is targeted at and/or occurs close in time to a ballot measure election is likely to draw close scrutiny and careful consideration by the PDC as to whether a violation has occurred".



### Ethics

- When in doubt, remember the fundamental principles of ethics;
- Check with your Port's policy, statutes and regulations;
- And don't forget to ask your Port Attorney!



### **Fundamental Principles**



- Be sure you're right, then go ahead.
  - Davey Crockett
- Fame is like a shaved pig with a greased tail, and it is only after it has slipped through the hands of some thousands, that some fellow, by mere chance, holds on to it!

Davy Crockett

• Avoid even the **appearance of impropriety.** 

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**EXHIBIT B** 

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EXHIBIT B

# Questions?





EXHIBIT C

# VISTA FIELD SOUTHERN GATEWAY

Construction Update July 23, 2024

















EXHIBIT C

### THANK YOU

Larry Peterson

Director of Planning & Development

Port of Kennewick

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Memorandum		August 13, 2024
For:	The Port of Kennewick Board of Commissioners	
From:	Ann Allen, Attorney at Law	
Re:	Succession Planning	

Since early February of this year, the Port has been working to develop a succession plan in addition to the plan being set by the Commissioners regarding the Chief Executive Officer's role. The purpose of this undertaking is to ensure that the work of the Port on behalf of the Commissioners and the public continues without interruption or complications when employees leave the organization. A key component of the plan is the goal to maintain the workplace culture in which the employees are committed to the Port's mission and work, professional, conscientious, and collaborative. There are many steps to be taken in carrying out succession planning. In summary, those steps can be broken into three main areas as follows.

- **Identification of the most pressing succession matters:** The staff at the Port have identified roles that require immediate action to address retirement plans of employees by the end of 2024 and the end of 2025, respectively. They have also identified positions that will likely require succession planning over the next two, five, and seven years.
- Review and Revision of Job Descriptions: Each of the current employees' roles have evolved significantly over time. Each role has been reviewed and the organization is currently in the process of finalizing job descriptions for each position that include a detailed list of duties as well as the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) required of each position. Where it has been determined that reorganization of positions is required, new job descriptions will be created.
- Establish a Plan and Recognize it may be Subject to Modification Over Time: • The organization is currently setting a plan for succession based on the information employees have voluntarily communicated regarding their plans for retirement. The plan will address changes required in the near term and in a succession of years thereafter. These plans may include the merger or restructuring of current positions, addition of new positions, and use of contracts to secure transitional assistance from exiting/retiring individuals. For example, due to an employee's retirement at the end of the year, a new position in the finance department has been created merging the bookkeeping administrative assistant role with the contracted bookkeeping role. The current plan is to hire an individual for the new role prior to the departure of the bookkeeping administrative assistant, thereby ensuring a seamless transition. A plan is currently being developed for succession to occur over the next two years as well. Less detailed plans for subsequent years are also being sketched out. It has to be expected that employees may alter their plans and business necessities may trigger unforeseen changes to the workplace over the next two, five, and seven years. Having a written plan in place will allow the organization to respond effectively to such changes to the greatest extent possible.

#### AGENDA REPORT

TO:	Port of Kennewick Commission		
FROM:	Tim Arntzen, CEO		
MEETING DATE:	August 13, 2024		
AGENDA ITEM:	Resolution 2024-15 and its Exhibits, Approving the Property Exchange with the Kittson Family, LLC (KF)		
I. <b>REFERENCE(S):</b> Resolution 2024-15			

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   Exhibit A "Port Columbia Drive Property" legal description

   Exhibit B "KF LLC Property" legal description

   Exhibit C Graphic Depiction of the Property Exchange

   Exhibit D Proposed Land Exchange Agreement

   CEO Certification for the Surplus Property Action
- **II. FISCAL IMPACT:** Port will cover most of the costs associated with the land exchange.

#### **III. DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Arntzen and Port General Legal Counsel Carolyn Lake have been working on a draft agreement with the Kittsons for a land exchange in The Willow's for additional parking and connectivity to Columbia Gardens.

Ms. Lake outlined the parameters of the land exchange with KF. The value of the property is near equal, so this would be a straight exchange, which would require the Commission to approve a Resolution declaring the property surplus and approving a purchase and sale agreement with the Kittsons.

Mr. Arntzen stated Rogers Surveying is currently surveying the property and Ferdouse Oneza is working on the planning portion. Mr. Arntzen delivered the draft agreement to the Kittsons for review and stated the Port will cover most of the costs associated with the land exchange.

#### **IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Resolution 2024-15 authorizing the property exchange between Port of Kennewick and the Kittson Family.

#### V. ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

I move approval of Resolution 2024-15 authorizing the exchange of property with the Kittson Family; further authorizing the Port's Chief Executive Officer to execute all subsequent documents necessary.

#### **PORT OF KENNEWICK**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15**

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF KENNEWICK TO DECLARE A PORTION OF PORT PROPERTY SURPLUS, APPROVE A LAND EXCHANGE WITH KITTSON FAMILY LLC

WHEREAS, the Port of Kennewick ("Port") owns a parcel of land along Columbia Drive commonly known as 101 Clover Island Drive, Kennewick WA 99336 and legally described on Exhibit A hereto which is incorporated herein by reference ("Port Columbia Drive Property") and

WHEREAS, Kittson Family LLC ("KF LLC") owns a parcel of land adjacent to the Port's Columbia Drive Property ("KF LLC Property") which is commonly known as 113 East Columbia Drive Kennewick WA 99336-3714 and legally described in the attached Exhibit B, and

WHEREAS, KF LLC is interested in transferring to the Port a 10,500 sf portion of the KF LLC Property ("KF LLC Exchange Property"), in exchange for the Port transferring an approximately 10,000 sf portion of the Port Columbia Drive Property ("Port Exchange Property") to KF LLC, as graphically depicted on Exhibit C and

**WHEREAS,** the KF LLC Exchange Property is adjacent to Duffy's Pond Trail. The Port Staff has determined the proposed exchange would benefit the Port by allowing greater connection between the Willows to the Port's Wine Village,

WHEREAS, the Port Staff has determined the Port Exchange Property is no longer needed and is surplus to port purposes,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 53.08.090, the Port's Chief Executive Officer has certified to the Port Commission that the Port Exchange Property is no longer needed for port district purposes, and

WHEREAS, the estimated value of the Port Exchange Property Portion proposed to be declared surplus and exchanged exceeds \$22,000 in value and therefore requires Commission approval prior to transfer of the property pursuant to RCW 53.08.090, and

WHEREAS, the terms of the proposed property exchange are summarized in Exhibit D attached hereto, and

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15 Page 2

WHEREAS, prior to the property exchange, KF LLC and Port must cooperate on various acts to obtain surveys, legal descriptions and a boundary line adjustment which is subject to approval by the City of Kennewick, and

WHEREAS, the Port Commission having considered the terms of the proposed property exchange and public comments,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Port Commission declares that the Port Exchange Drive Property as defined herein is surplus to the Port's needs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that** the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Kennewick hereby authorize the Port's Chief Executive Officer to sell the Port Exchange Property expressly as defined herein in exchange for the Port acquiring the KF LLC Exchange Property and hereby authorizes the Port's Chief Executive Officer to execute all documents and agreements on behalf of the Port to complete the proposed property exchange transaction as specified above.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Port of Kennewick Board of Commissioners hereby ratify and approve all action by port officers and employees in furtherance hereof; and authorize the Port Chief Executive Officer to take all action necessary in furtherance hereof.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Port of Kennewick on the 13th day of August 2024.

By:

#### PORT of KENNEWICK BOARD of COMMISSIONERS

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SKIP NOVAKOVICH, President

By: \_\_\_\_\_

KENNETH HOHENBERG, Vice President

By: \_\_\_\_\_

THOMAS MOAK, Secretary

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#### Exhibit C

#### **GRAPHIC DEPICTION OF THE PROPERTY EXCHANGE**



K.I.E. = Kittson Family Property

#### Exhibit D

#### AGREEMENT FOR THE EXCHANGE OF LANDS

This agreement for exchange of property ("**Agreement**") is made and entered into this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024, by and between the Port of Kennewick, a Washington state public port district, ("**Port**"), for itself, administrators, successors, and assigns, and the Kittson Family LLC, a Washington state limited liability company ("**KF LLC**") for itself, administrators, successors, and assigns, (individually "**Party**" and cumulatively "**Parties**").

- 1. The Port owns a parcel of land along Columbia Drive commonly known as 101 Clover Island Drive, Kennewick WA 99336 and legally described on **Exhibit A** hereto which is incorporated herein by reference ("**Port Columbia Drive Property")** and
- The KF LLC owns a parcel of land adjacent to the Port's Columbia Drive Property ("KF LLC Property") which is commonly known as 113 East Columbia Drive Kennewick WA 99336-3714 and legally described in the attached Exhibit B, and
- 3. KF LLC is interested in transferring to the Port a 10,500 portion of the KF LLC Property (**"KF** LLC Exchange Property"), in exchange for the Port transferring an approximately 10,000 sf portion of the Port Columbia Drive Property (**"Port Exchange Property**") to KF LLC, and the Port is interested in transferring the Port Exchange Property Portion to KF LLC in exchange for KF LLC transferring to the Port the KF LLC Exchange Property, all as graphically depicted on Exhibit C.

Now therefore, the Parties agree as follows:

- 1. Agreement to Exchange. In consideration of the mutual exchange of the Port's Port Exchange Property and the KF LLC's KF LLC Exchange Property (cumulatively **"Exchanged Properties"**), the Port agrees to convey to the KG LLC upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, the Port Exchange Property including all tenements, and hereditaments, together with all water and other rights, easements, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, owned by it, situate and lying in Benton County, state of Washimgton, in exchange for the KF LLC agreeing to convey to the Port the KF LLC Exchange Property including all tenements and hereditaments, together with all water and other rights, easements, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, owned by it, situate and lying in the County of Benton, State of Washington, all subject to a future boundary line adjustment, which is subject to City of Kennewick approval.
- 2. <u>No Monetary Consideration Due</u>. The Parties agree that the Exchanged Properties are of approximate equal value and therefore no monetary payment except the allocation of costs and

expenses as set forth herein is due to or from either Party as a result of this Agreement.

3. <u>Conveyance Conditions.</u> Each Party agrees that it has full right, power, and authority to convey, subject to two conditions: (1) the Port's conveyance is expressly subject to approval by the Port's Board of Commission at a meeting open to the public, and (2) the exchange is expressly conditioned upon a future boundary line adjustment ("**BLA**"), which requires approval by the City of Kennewick. Each Party agrees that it will convey to the other the fee simple title thereto clear, free and unencumbered, except subject to the following easements or reservations:

#### All easements and reservations of record.

- 4. <u>Feasibility</u>. Each Party agrees that subject to the condition stated in Paragraph 3 herein above, the Exchanged Properties are feasible for each Parties' intended use.
- 5. <u>Preservation of Properties' Condition & Tree Removal.</u> Each Party further agrees not to do or allow any act which may diminished the value or encumber the title of the Exchange Properties; provided however, the Port agrees to undertake and pay the cost of removal of select trees on the Port Property near the KF LLC Exchange Property, as mutually agreed between the Parties.
- 6. <u>Access</u>. Each Party further agrees that during the period covered by this Agreement, representatives of each Party may access the other Party's Exchange Property as needed to process the BLA and for due diligence and tree removal purposes.
- 7. <u>Deeds</u>. Each Party will execute and deliver into escrow a general warranty deed conveying to the other Party safe title to the respective Exchanged Properties, improvements, and other interests, including rights-of-way, easements, and reservations retained therein.
- 8. <u>BLA Cooperation & Effect of Non-Approval.</u> Each Party will fully cooperate with the preparation and submittal of the BLA application and take all reasonable steps to secure its approval, including execution of any required documents. In the event the Parties do not obtain the BLA approval after timely and diligent pursuit thereof, then this Agreement is terminated and shall have no further force and effect, and neither Party shall have any rights against or duties toward the other Party.
- 9. <u>Survey & Legal Description</u>. The Parties agree that in support of this Agreement and BLA, the Parties will cause the Exchanged Properties to be surveyed and legal descriptions shall be prepared for the Exchanged Properties and the post- BLA Port and KF LLC Exchanged Properties. The Port shall pay the costs of the survey and legal description preparation.

- 10. <u>Condition of Title; Permitted Exceptions</u>. It is mutually agreed that each Party may obtain at its option an abstract, certificate of title, or other evidence of title to the property herein contracted to be received at that Party's expense. Any Party shall notify the other Party of any objectionable matters in the title report within ten (10) days after the Effective Date of this Agreement. This Agreement shall terminate unless within ten (10) days of the date of the notice of objection, the transferring Party cures any such objection, or the receiving Party withdraws the objection.
- 11. <u>Waiver</u>. Each Party waives the right to receive a Seller Disclosure Statement (Form 17-Commercial) if required by RCW 64.06.
- 12. <u>Closing.</u> Subject only to the satisfaction of the conditions precedent stated in Paragraph 3 herein above, this Property Exchange shall close within fifteen (15) days after approval of the BLA ("**Closing**") by the Title Company mutually selected by the Parties. ("**Closing Agent**"). "Closing" occurs when the deeds are recorded. Time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement. This Agreement constitutes escrow instructions to Closing Agent. The Parties will provide any supplemental instructions requested by Closing Agent provided the same are consistent with this Agreement.
- 13. <u>Customary Closing Costs.</u> The Parties agree that expenses of this transaction for escrow services, document preparation, recording fees, revenue stamps, transfer taxes, the pro rata share of the prepaid real property taxes allocable to the KF LLC Panhandle Property period prior to the vesting of title in the Port, and similar expenses incidental to the exchange of the Exchanged Properties shall be borne by the Port.
- 14. <u>Possession & Use</u>. Full possession and use of the Exchanged Properties shall pass to the respective Parties as of the date of Closing.
- 15. <u>No Assignment</u>. It is mutually understood and agreed that this Agreement shall not be assigned in whole or in part.
- 16. <u>Notices</u>. It is mutually understood and agreed that notices required or delivered pursuant to this Agreement shall be sent the respective Partys' at the following address:

Port of Kennewick 350 Clover Island Dr Kennewick, WA 99336 Attention Real Estate Kittson Family LLC 113 East Columbia Drive Kennewick WA 99336-3714

and shall be effective upon the date of mailing.

17. Parties' Representations. The Port represents to the KF LLC that, to the best of its actual knowledge, the following is true as of the date hereof: (a) The Port is not aware of any concealed material defects in the Port Exchange Property (b) There are no Hazardous Substances (as defined below) currently located in, on, or under the Port Exchanged Property in a manner or quantity that presently violates any Environmental Law (as defined below); (c) there are no underground storage tanks located on the Port Exchange Property and (d) there is no pending or threatened investigation or remedial action by any governmental agency regarding the release of Hazardous Substances or the violation of Environmental Law at the Port Exchange Property. As used herein, the term "Hazardous Substances" shall mean any substance or material now or hereafter defined or regulated as a hazardous substance, hazardous waste, toxic substance, pollutant, or contaminant under any federal, state, or local law, regulation, or ordinance governing any substance that could cause actual or suspected harm to human health or the environment ("Environmental Law"). The term "Hazardous Substances" specifically includes, but is not limited to, petroleum, petroleum by-products, and asbestos.

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18. <u>AS-IS.</u> Except for those representations and warranties specifically included in this Agreement:

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#### 19. <u>Miscellaneous Provisions</u>.

a. <u>Complete Agreement</u>. This Agreement and any addenda and exhibits thereto state the entire understanding of the Parties regarding the exchange of Properties subject of this Agreement. There are no verbal or other written agreements which modify or affect the Agreement.
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#### SIGNATURES APPEAR ON NEXT PAGE

#### PORT OF KENNEWICK

Tim Arntzen, Chief Executive Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**KITTSON FAMILY LLC\*** *\*Two signatures required* 

By: Augustan D. Kittson Its: Co-Manager Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: Cynthia J. Kittson Its: Co-Manager Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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FROM: Tim Arntzen, Chief Executive Officer

DATE: August 13, 2024

#### RE: Certification of Certain Port Property as Surplus

The Port owns a parcel of land along Columbia Drive commonly known as 101 Clover Island Drive, Kennewick WA 99336 and legally described on **Exhibit A** hereto which is incorporated herein by reference ("**Port Columbia Drive Property"**).

This Memorandum serves as written notice from the Chief Executive Officer to the Port Commission, pursuant to RCW 53.08.090, certifying that a portion (10,000sf) of the Port Columbia Drive Property is no longer needed for Port district purposes ("Port Exchange Property"), and the Port Commission may declare the Port Exchange Property is no longer needed for Port district purposes and may find the Port Exchange Property surplus to the Port's needs.

#### Description of the Port Colombia Drive Property:

The Port Columbia Drive Property to be considered for surplus action is legally described in the attached **Exhibit A** and graphically depicted in the attached **Exhibit B** which are incorporated herein by reference.

I so certify:

Tim Arntzen, Port Chief Executive Officer

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

#### **EXHIBIT A**

Legal Description

#### Port Columbia Drive Property

101 Clover Island Drive, Kennewick WA 99336

Section 31 Township 9 Range 30 Quarter SW; ALL THAT PORTION OF TRACT 4, REPLAT OF COLUMBIA GARDEN LYING BETWEEN THE NORTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EAST AND WEST LINE OF LOT 5 OF SAID PLAT; EXCEPT THE SOUTH 100 FEET THEREOF AND EXCEPT PORTION CONVEYED TO U.S.A. FOR MCNARY DAM PURPOSES, AND THOSE PORTIONS OF LOTS 1, 2 AND 3, AND TRACTS 3 AND 4, ALL IN REPLAT OF COLUMBIA GARDENS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 92, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

**PARCEL 1** - LOT 1, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE SOUTHERLY 95 FEET THEREOF. PARCEL 2 - LOT 2, EXCEPTING THEREFROM: THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTHERLY 95 FEET OF SAID LOT 2, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 2; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF LOT 2, A DISTANCE OF 95 FEET; THENCE EASTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF LOT 2, A DISTANCE OF 30 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 74 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY 37 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT ON SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE WHICH IS DISTANT THEREOF 60 FEET FROM SAID SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 2; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE A DISTANCE OF 60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTHERLY 110 FEET OF SAID LOT 2, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF LOT 2, A DISTANCE OF 110 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF LOT 2, A DISTANCE OF 70 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 89 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY 37 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT ON SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE WHICH IS DISTANT THEREON 40 FEET FROM SAID SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. PARCEL 3 - LOT 3, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE SOUTHERLY 110 FEET THEREOF. **PARCEL 4** - TRACT 3 AND THAT PORTION OF TRACT 4 LYING WESTERLY OF THE NORTHERLY PRODUCTION OF THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF LOT 4 OF SAID REPLAT OF COLUMBIA GARDENS. EXCEPTING THEREFROM THOSE PORTIONS OF TRACT 3 AND 4 CONVEYED BY STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY DEED DATED MAY 8, 1952 AND RECORDED JULY 7, 1952 IN BOOK 110 OF DEEDS, AT PAGE 669, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. QCD, AF #2004-006182 (2/25/04). Re-record to correct legal of AF #2002-042622.

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#### GRAPHIC OF PORT PROPERTY

