

**THE PORT DISTRICT OF SOUTH WHIDBEY ISLAND  
REGULAR MEETING**

Held at Freeland Library Meeting Room, 5495 Harbor Avenue, Freeland WA 98249  
With virtual access via Zoom Meeting Service  
Tuesday, May 9, 2023

**AGENDA**

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WORKSHOP (3:45 PM – 4:00 PM): Commission review of vouchers and recent correspondence

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONER ACTIONS

**Consent Agenda:** Approval of May Vouchers in the amount of **\$294,538.13** and Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 14 and from the Special Meeting of March 24, 2023.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – *This is time set aside for members of the public to speak to the Board regarding any subjects of concern/interest, including items on the agenda. The Board will take all information under advisement, but generally will not take any action unless it is emergent in nature. To ensure your comments are recorded, please state your name and city of residence. Please limit comments to 5 minutes.*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

**Financial Update and March 2023 Financial Statement**

**Clinton Dock – Update**

**South Whidbey Harbor – Future Expansion update/approval of easement to Wharfstreet Condos**

**Fairgrounds Capital Projects – 4-H Restroom update**

**Housing Concept on Fairgrounds – Update**

**Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements – Update**

**Physical Security at Port Facilities – Update**

STATUS REPORTS

**Fairgrounds**

- Fairgrounds Director Report

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- Maintenance & Operations Supervisor Report

**South Whidbey Harbor**

- Harbormaster Report

**ACTIVITIES/INVOLVEMENT REPORTS**

**Gordon:** Council of Governments (COG), Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization (IRTPO) and Clinton Community Council (CCC)

**Ng:** Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) and Port-wide Marketing & Promotion Committee (M&P)

**Easton:** Marine Resources Committee (MRC) and City of Langley Council Meetings

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

**PORT DISTRICT OF SOUTH WHIDBEY ISLAND**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

May 9, 2023

Held in Freeland, Washington  
and online via Zoom Meeting Service

**Commissioners Present:** Jack Ng (Freeland), Curt Gordon (Clinton) and Greg Easton (Langley)

**Port Staff Present:** Stan Reeves (Executive Director), Molly MacLeod-Roberts (Port Clerk/Accountant), Amanda Ellis (Fairgrounds Director) and Pat Kisch, Maintenance & Operations Supervisor, and Angi Mozer, incoming Interim Executive Director

**Absent:** Kathy Myers (Harbormaster – ill)

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Following a Workshop from 3:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for informal Commission review and discussion of vouchers and recent correspondence, the Regular Meeting of the Port District of South Whidbey Island's Board of Commissioners was convened on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, in person at the meeting room of the Freeland Library at 5495 Harbor Avenue in Freeland, Washington and online via Zoom Meeting Service. Commissioner Jack Ng (President) called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Current Vouchers:** Vouchers audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Board, and have been presented to the Board for review.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2023 and the Special Meeting of March 24, 2023.

**ACTION:** A Motion was made by Commissioner Curt Gordon and seconded by Commissioner Greg Easton to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, including the authorization and acceptance of Vouchers dated May 2023 as signed today in the amount of \$294,538.13. The Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ng noted that there were a lot of people attending the meeting and approximately 20 had signed up for public comment about the Whidbey Island Fair, which was not on the Agenda. In order to allow the public more time to speak, he suggested the Commission could quickly complete the business meeting and move Public Comment to the last item on the Agenda.

**ACTION:** A Motion was made by Gordon and seconded by Easton to amend the Agenda to move Public Comment to the end of the Agenda. The Motion passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

**Financial Update and March 2023 Financial Statement:** The Commission acknowledged receipt of the March 2023 Financial Statement, the Preliminary Profit & Loss for April, and the performance graphs and the cash flow through March. Executive Director Stan Reeves noted that the May Purchases & Payables Journal was higher than usual due to the two invoices for the 4-H Restroom project totaling \$190K. Gordon asked what the total cost for the project, and Reeves reported the construction contract was \$337K, plus 3 change orders and the construction management piece which brought the total to \$400K.

**Clinton Dock/Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) - Update:** Island County has determined the project requires a substantial development permit rather than shoreline exemption permit. It doesn't necessarily impact the project timeline since the Port has to have an Endangered Species Act consultation anyway. The Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) has been submitted to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), so everything is on track with the permitting agencies. The Port is waiting to hear back from Washington State Ferries on a clean copy of the Lease Agreement. It will essentially be an additional 20 years on top of the current 20-year agreement that expires in November 2025.

**South Whidbey Harbor Future Expansion - Update:** Reeves reached out to the USACE and the Tulalip Tribes. The Tribes have received the revised concept drawing but have not yet responded with a meeting time to discuss it. The USACE has stated the Port is not on any specific timeline for the permit renewal. As long as the Port is in active conversations with the Tribes, we're good.

**South Whidbey Harbor – Approval of Easement to Wharfstreet Condos:** Gordon said there is nothing but advantage to the public for the easement of the tidelands parcel.

**ACTION:** A Motion was made by Easton and seconded by Gordon to approve the Easement Agreement for Public Use, Mitigation and Conservation with Wharfstreet Condominium Unit Owners Association as presented. The Motion passed unanimously.

**Fairgrounds Capital Projects – 4-H Restroom Update:** Port Staff will meet with the contractor on Thursday morning to walk the site. The project is currently behind schedule due to the delayed delivery of the ADA shower stalls. They are now expected to arrive May 29<sup>th</sup>, which pushes the project completion date out to June 12<sup>th</sup>. Reeves has coordinated a 30-day extension for the Department of Agriculture's grant. If the shower stalls arrive as scheduled, the project should be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Housing Concept on Fairgrounds - Update:** The Port's architect has met with the City of Langley's planner to discuss setback requirements for Dalton Lane, and Davido Consulting Group (DCG) is in the final stages of coordinating the survey with Harmsen LLC.

**Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements - Update:** A Special Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Economic Analysis briefing with BST Associates and an Issues and Opportunities briefing with Makers Architecture & Urban Design.

**Physical Security at Port Facilities – Update:** Issues are ongoing. Someone recently siphoned gas from a vehicle at Humphrey Lot. Island County Sheriff's Office has increased patrols.

#### STATUS REPORTS:

##### **Fairgrounds**

Fairgrounds Director Amanda Ellis was on hand to present her monthly report. The 4-H groups are having several small shows rather than just one large Spring Show. Little BIG Fest's Cinco de Mayo concert was last week; their next concert will be in June. Bekah Bee Music will have a showcase at the end of the May. There are several new kitchen tenants: Unplugged Coffee, One Willow Farm, Chef in the Black Bandana and Savory. Both kitchens are currently at full capacity. Fairgrounds staff completed upgrading all the lighting in Coffman Building to LED, making it more energy efficient and solving some ongoing problems with the previous lights. There has been a serious power failure in Burrier Building that will not be an easy fix. She is waiting on estimates for that major repair. Ellis is still waiting for Windsor's electrical assessment of the campgrounds. Whidbey Island Grown is officially moving into Malone Building this month.

##### **Port Operations**

Maintenance & Operations Supervisor Pat Kisch presented his monthly report on maintenance & repairs completed/ongoing/planned at Clinton Beach, Humphrey Road Parking Lot, Bush Point, Possession Beach

Waterfront Park and the Fairgrounds. He made some repairs to one of the mowers and did more prep work of the Harbor's parking areas for Whidbey Island Kayaking Company to move their operations. The ADA mats for Clinton Beach will be installed May 17<sup>th</sup> (upper portion only).

### **South Whidbey Harbor**

Harbormaster Kathy Myers was absent so Reeves presented her report. There were 53 days stops and 85 overnight guests in April, including the second yacht club of the season. The end of April was great, but Reeves explained that the financials don't reflect that because the deposits from that weekend were not made until May. Harbor staff used the golf cart to participate in the Welcome the Whales parade in Langley. Some power stations in the inner harbor have been re-braced. The tender was pulled from the water; it needs attention. Pressure washing continues and Myers is getting ready to hire seasonal employees.

### **ACTIVITIES/INVOLVEMENT REPORTS**

**Gordon:** Island County Council of Governments (COG), Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization (IRTPO) and Clinton Community Council (CCC)

**COG:** Island County Sheriff Rick Felici & Joel Walker (private security) provided presentations.

**IRTPO:** Did not attend.

**CCC:** The group is working with Island County Planning to try to re-work some of the zoning issues that keep it from becoming a residential community.

**Easton:** Marine Resources Committee (MRC), and City of Langley Council Meetings

**MRC:** Easton said the group has a variety of activities, including derelict vessels, exhibits at different festivals and biological assessments like bull kelp inventory.

**Langley:** The biggest issue is the renewed commitment in support of the Fairgrounds Workforce Housing project, and addressing the request for rezoning.

**Ng:** Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) and Port-wide Marketing & Promotion Committee (M&P)

**WPPA:** Gordon and Ng will attend the Spring Meeting in Spokane next week. WPPA Executive Director Eric ffitch attended the Port's Open House two weeks ago.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Anita Smith (Clinton):** As the former Quilt Superintendent and Sewing Superintendent for the Fair, Smith said the Port should allow those departments and others to use the Malone Building for the Fair.

**Ray Gabelein (Langley):** He is currently serving on the Island County Farm Bureau's Board of Directors. He provided a brief history of the ownership of the Fairgrounds property (from the Fair Association to Island County to the Port of South Whidbey). He voted for the 2016 ballot issue to transfer ownership to the Port and increase the levy by 5 cents per thousand. His perception was the Fair would continue on as it had and all the buildings would be available for use by the Fair Association. The Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the County indicates the Port's responsibilities are to secure future use of the property for Island County 4-H Programs and an agricultural fair...without placing an unreasonable financial burden on the Island County 4-H Programs or the Island County Fair Association's annual fair for as long as both organizations exist in

their current forms. The ILA also required the creation of the Fairgrounds Advisory Committee (FAC). Gabelein asked if that existed and if so, what that Committee recommended on this issue. He wants the Port and Fair Association to negotiate the spaces with Whidbey Island Grown.

Ng noted that the Port had established the FAC, and Reeves explained that attendance at the meetings had dwindled over the years, with some entities who had voting members backing out. When COVID hit, the meetings became virtual and that negatively impacted attendance. As part of his emergency powers, he suspended the FAC voting bylaws because it never would have had a quorum and wouldn't be able to have meeting.

**Marian Myszkowski (Langley):** She said there must be compromise between the Port and Fair Association. The Port does not want the Fair to go away, but how can the Port take care of all of that property without doing something else with it? Giving an opportunity for small business to operate and incubate is necessary. The kitchen users and the small farms of Whidbey Island Grown are really important. She is curious as to what the Fair Association is charged, if 4-H negatively affected by the new lease, and do the Fair Association board members and staff have any personal monetary gains from the Fair. The Port and Fair Association have to work things out.

**Mary Ann Mansfield (Langley):** Introduced herself as past president of Langley Chamber of Commerce and past Fair Association board member. She ran Arts & Crafts at the Fair for many years. She read aloud a letter from Langley Chamber's Executive Director Inge Morascini. The letter stated that the Chamber is in favor of better utilization of the Whidbey Island Fairgrounds & Events Center. The large plot of land is underutilized and in disrepair, a situation created in part due to the Port's inability to offer year-round business leases. There is a shortage of commercial property in Langley, and what is available is too expensive for most start-up businesses. The Fairgrounds is a great location for entrepreneurial businesses and offers the possibility of a second community business hub in Langley. The Chamber is also in favor of creating workforce housing on the property. While the annual Fair is a much loved and supported event, the entire property cannot survive on the rent for its one-month lease. The Fair Association is not promised the entirety of the property in the ILA, and it should not hamper the further utilization of the property. Spaces can be rearranged to accommodate all the activities during the Fair. The Chamber applauds the Port's foresight in attempting to make the property viable year-round and to provide the next generation of business people with a place to live and introduce new businesses. Mansfield reiterated that compromise must be found.

**Kim Olmstead (Greenbank):** She is the 4-H Leader of the Knight Riders. The 4-H exhibits are really important to the kids. There has to be some way to compromise.

**Jason Kalk (Island County Fair Association President):** The ICFA has been working under a one-year lease with the Port since 2015. Sometimes it was signed late, sometimes early and in 2022 it was signed in January. Kalk said every year the Association made adjustments and let tenants back in a little sooner to lessen the impact on their businesses. He said ICFA has repeatedly asked for a multi-year lease, but the Port declined. In mid-February he emailed the Port and asked for a rough draft of the lease, but was told it was at the attorney's office. ICFA received the 2023 leases on March 31<sup>st</sup>. There used to be one lease that included the Fair event AND the use of office space the rest of the year, now those are separated into two leases. That lease showed the entirety of Burrier & Malone Buildings fully rented out. Those two spaces represent 87% of Open Class exhibits (non 4-H, non-animal exhibits, including large quilts, etc.). With just 78 days before Fair, they don't know where they can put all those exhibits or even if they can have a Fair. He hopes the Port will try to make resolution to rectify the situation.

**Ashley Hall (Washington State University) and Sarah Bergquist (Interim Director of WSU Extension, Island County):** Hall and Bergquist are neutral parties and offered to serve as mediator for the Fair Association and the Port. They will ensure there is a place for 4-H youth to showcase their work and qualify for state fair, ideally during the annual fair.

**Ashley Rados (Freeland):** Rados said she has witnessed so much violation and denial of constitutional rights and so much has been compromised. She feels like a larger group is trying to take away our culture, our community and our home. No where in the constitution does it say money is more important than the rights of the people. She claimed her research shows that the Fairgrounds belongs to Island County Fair Association and the community, that Island County never owned it and therefore couldn't have transferred ownership to the Port.

**Carol Coble (Fair Manager):** She said there has been zero negotiation and zero conversation about what else the Fair Association could do. The lease was dropped on them like a bomb after they begged for it. The ICFA does not have a signed contract, unlike the other tenants who signed before the Association even got the draft lease, which seems like a very underhanded thing to do. They should have had notice and planning. The way the Port is handling it is worse than what the Port is actually doing – treating the Fair Association like second-class citizens that don't matter. She said "That is the truth. I tried to come to you, to warn you that we were going to end up here." Coble claimed the meeting with Fairgrounds staff should have been in a different building and they were disrespected. She said no compromise was ever put in front of them. She wanted to talk to the previous/soon to be Interim Executive Director instead of any of the Port's current staff.

**Tim Hazelo (Oak Harbor):** He said people come from all over the area, the state and even Canada to the Whidbey Island Fair. He is a farmer and runs three booths at the Fair, including one in one of the buildings that has been "unduly commandeered." He asked, "Who passed the levies and the bonds to keep the fairgrounds going? We did. I'm so sick and tired of paying taxes and fees to my government and then they come back for more and take more of my life and my family's life and my kids' lives away from us, bit by bit, bite by bite. Who can be on the FAC? Can someone from the north end be on it? It's an Island Fair. If it was a Langley Fair there'd already be condos & hippies. It's a fairground, not a low-income trailer park. You talk about crime, a friend of mine had his gas tank drilled in the lot across the street from the fairgrounds. You think crime is going to go away when you bring in low income, homeless people or do you think it's going to go up. If you build it, they will come and they will take over that fairground. Preserve the Fair, preserve our community, long live the community."

**Ted Mansikka (Oak Harbor):** He said he was down here to ask the Commissioners to give more information before making these decisions. He said, "The County, not necessarily the people of Langley, the County pays taxes, we pay taxes, you're going to take tax money to build this housing you want to build. Clearly things that need to be done is going to cost the citizens of Island County, not just the City of Langley. He wanted to address how much it will cost for all the environmental impact studies and who's paying for that, what about fire hazard or police & safety, is it coming out of Langley or County budgets – my tax dollars. Mansikka said, "This is just a sham to take away a little piece of Island County and give it to some kind of housing authority, and you're doing that by taking the Fair away a little piece at a time. I ask you to give us taxpayers information about the costs before you start signing contracts."

[The following individuals did not sign up to speak]

**Tara Hammons (Coupeville):** She is a Deer Lagoon Grange member and does the agricultural display for the Fair which has been in the Burrier Building for decades. The Grange has received accreditation from the Whidbey Island Fair for the last two years, from the State last year and from the nation last year for granges. And the agricultural critters are so popular with the kids. Hammons doesn't understand why all of a sudden that building is an issue; she's been planning this year's display. "The Grange and the Fair are important for the community. It's not just a fair, it's one of the biggest moneymakers on the entire island and if you haven't figured that out but you're taking it away...shame on you."

**Ben Criswell (Freeland):** He said it's been made super clear today that both sides have reasonable opinions and very reasonable stands. Small business owners solve problems all day long, and this is not a complicated

fix. He commends the Port for utilizing the Fairgrounds and opening up to small businesses. He believes it can be mitigated so the business is not negatively impacted. He wants to support both the Fair and the small businesses, maybe by leasing other places somewhere else for those businesses so the Fair can use those two buildings. The Port's duty is economic development, so let's do it but not at the expense of the Fair. We can work together as a community and make this happen.

**Kiri Gabelein:** She wanted to bring up the tradition, values and heritage of the Fair. Her husband's family has been a huge part of the fair for years. For her son to be able to participate with entries in the Fair is very special and the memories are priceless and can't be replaced. In the past, businesses have been able to move out of the buildings and it has worked, so she doesn't understand why they found out 3 months before the Fair that the buildings wouldn't be vacated. There could be compromise and the traditions of the Fair and its importance to the community shouldn't be forgotten.

**Virginia Keck (Fair Board Member and Superintendent):** She said when the Fairgrounds was transferred to the Port, it was voted in by the community with the feeling that it was the way to protect the Fair. In her time on the Fair Board, they were originally promised they would have the entire Fairgrounds for 30 days for the Fair. There were some businesses that came in with an inexpensive rent knowing they would have to leave for those 30 days. As time passed, the Board compromised and allowed those businesses to stay longer and get back in sooner. Now they are only out for 1.5-2 weeks. The Fair is run by volunteers and can't quickly prep, set up and take down quickly. She feels they have been "nibbled at, nibbled at and nibbled at and this was an extra big bite because next it will be the housing and we want to go over the midway a little bit." She has been on the FAC and they have a different agenda from the Fair. They see it as property to be developed for their uses. The Langley Chamber doesn't care about the Fair, just about having events for Langley. Keck thought the Port was there to protect the Fair, and she doesn't feel like it is doing that any longer.

**Pat O'Neill (Clinton):** She introduced herself as the mother of three 4-H members and a retired family practice physician in Freeland. There are so many benefits for children who participate in 4-H. O'Neill said the Fair is a gem that may need resetting, but it certainly doesn't need to be thrown out. She is impressed with the 4-H children making presentations, but the adults here are coming up with no creativity – it's like an either/or. What kind of example are we setting? We need affordable housing and lots of things, but to throw something at this with this timeline – really? She thinks the Port needs to step back and maybe not buy an airport and look at keeping our Fair.

**Nancy Thelen (Clinton):** She said we need to protect our history; it's disappearing everywhere. We need to do what we can to do that so our kids, grandkids and great-grandkids can see these things. She agrees with Criswell and is willing to join in on discussions. There's a way to rent spaces for those businesses to relocate to for 2-3 weeks. If you take away one little part of the programs, that opens the door for the next little buildings to go away. And then we're not protecting our history anymore. The minute you open the door, taking pieces of something, that door opens all the way at some point. Nobody wants the businesses to not have a place to be, but she understood that it was part of their contract and they knew that the Fair used all the buildings and they needed to make different accommodations for that period. If the Port negotiated it with those businesses that they get the whole year, but didn't negotiate with the Fair Association – that's not okay. We need to compromise, but the compromise is to figure out what to do so the Fair runs as it has. Thelen said 4-H is an invaluable program that makes better citizens in our county, state and country.

Gordon said it's important that people realize the Port took over the Fairgrounds because at the time the Fair Association believed that if the Port could keep the Fairgrounds in good shape and they were no longer tied up spending money to maintain and manage the Fairgrounds, they could manage their own Fair. The Port's goal and the ballot issue specified that the Port's efforts and money are directed to the Fairgrounds; not to be confused with funding the Island County Fair. The Port has hired a Fairgrounds Director and they are tasked with the difficult job of not just the Fair's lease, but all the other leases. The pressure is on them to bring in



enough revenue so after the tax levy funding is spent, the Port doesn't have to spend the General Funds of the Port district. To do that, the Port needs year-round revenue which includes long-term and short-term tenants. Gordon would like the Commission to meet with and hear from Port staff, and then have the Fair Association and Port staff go back and hash out the details that are workable for everyone. He emphasized that it is really important that the Fair Association deals with the Fairgrounds Director and staff. They created the leases and have to deal with them this year, and next year, etc. He will not micromanage staff, and he hopes that the Fair Association and Port staff can sit down and work out the details, and get the lease signed. Nobody doesn't want the Fair to occur.

Ng said we all want the Fair to continue – the Port supports the Fair and barely charges rent for the Fair Association's year-round office space. Operating and maintaining the Fairgrounds is not cheap, and the Port is trying to figure out how to get more income that will create a nice Fairgrounds for the Fair Association to use. A lot of the buildings need major work, and fixing things like the electricity in Burrier Building are very expensive. Ng believes has done a great job since taking over the Fairgrounds 7 years ago, including tripling the number of RVs, increased events, upgraded power and repaired several buildings. Now the Port has to completely upgrade all the power stations in the campground. If they want to see the Fairgrounds preserved for the next generations, they will have to help out, too. The County transferred the property to the Port because they couldn't afford to keep it up. The County let the Fair Association manage it for years, but the Association never leased it out. It sat empty all year, including the campground, except for the Fair. Most people didn't even know there was a campground there. The Port is planning to improve the RV Park and is working on grants to get the funding, and once it is improved, the campers will bring economic benefit to South Whidbey. The commercial kitchens are providing space to many small businesses. Of course, the Port supports the Fair, but there's a lot more to the Fairgrounds than just the Fair.

As a business owner, Ng lets his managers deal with issues and the Port does the same with its staff. The Fair Association needs to come to terms with Port staff without the Commission micromanaging. Although Fair Administrator Carol Coble had indicated she wanted the previous/soon-to-be Interim Executive Director to be present at discussions, that can't happen. Reeves is the current Executive Director, and Ellis is the Fairgrounds Director and they need to be respected.

Easton appreciated the contributions by the public and the very civil discussion. Everyone agrees that the operation of the Fairgrounds must be sustainable over time, which means continuing to invest in and maintain facilities for the Fair and for the community.

Gordon said it's about ideas and brainstorming. Over time, the uses of the buildings can change. The grandstands have basically been condemned, and the Port will have to figure out what to do with that. It all takes money. The 4-H restroom was completely renovated and it cost \$400,000 because the Port is a government entity. Maybe the grandstands could be torn down and the Port could get grant money for a new building in its place and that would be Whidbey Island Grown's space. The Port is doing what it has to do. The Fairgrounds is not making more revenue than expenses yet, and is using the General Fund. The Port hasn't increased the rent for the Fair, which is fine. The goal is truly to keep the Fair around by keeping the Fairgrounds healthy, and not "tearing down all the buildings and building something new" as the Landerman-Moore study recommended. He reiterated that the Commission will meet with staff, and the staff need to meet with the Fair Association (creator of lease and signers of lease). If they can't reach agreement then the two Boards will need to meet, but it needs to be done soon.

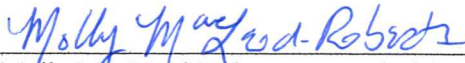
Ellis thanked everyone for coming. She knows not everyone is in agreement right now, but she's so happy that the Fairgrounds is getting the attention from the community that it deserves. She may be an eternal optimist, but she really thinks everyone will come to a place where everyone is happy with what's going on both now and in the future. She thanked everyone for their input and hopes involvement continues.

ADJOURNMENT: Without any further action, the Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

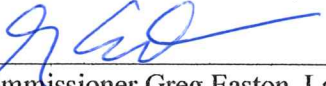
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