



MINUTES OF THE RATE HEARING FOR INDUSTRIES
Held On November 7, 2023

The November 7, 2023, Business Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., by President Schilperoort. The meeting was held at the Port of Sunnyside's Business Administration Office located at 2405 Reith Way, Suite 2 Sunnyside, WA.

Commissioners and Staff present at the Business Meeting:

Tyler Schilperoort, Commission President	Travis Jansen, Operations Manager
Arnold Martin, Commission Vice President	Jasmine Chavez, Administrative Assistant
Jim Grubenhoff, Commission Secretary	Nicole Jech, Communications Director
Jay Hester, Executive Director	Rob Faber, Legal Counsel
Delilah Saenz, Finance Director	

GUESTS:

Art Ortega - Yakima Chief	Ken Black – Darigold (via Zoom)
Craig Bolt – Johnson Foods	C. Meyers – Darigold (via Zoom)

Rate Hearing was opened at 10:01 a.m. by President Schilperoort.

LEGAL COMMENTS:

Rob provided an overview of the hearing. He explained that the purpose of the hearing will be to review and consider financial data and wastewater treatment cost projections for 2024, and to receive comments and information from current users of the Port's Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility ("IWWTF") as well as any member of the public. As of meeting time there were no written or oral comments that had been received by Port staff. The Port's obligations with regards to this rate hearing are established by the User Contracts with the industries discharging their industrial wastewater to the Port. However, the old Industry Contract and the new User Contract have similar obligations as to this rate hearing, so it does not matter which contract form an industry has signed. Pursuant to the User Contracts, before establishing the IWWTF rates, the Port must send written notice to each industry.

1. The notice must be given at least 10 days before the public hearing. Here, the notice was mailed to the industries on October 18, 2023, and the public hearing is on November 7, 2023.
2. The notice must include the date and time of the rate hearing, together with any proposed rate changes. The notice given to the industries included the date (November 7, 2023) and time (10:00 am) of the rate hearing, as well as the proposed rate changes for each respective industry.
3. The Port must provide the industries with historic accounting data and other pertinent information to explain or support the proposed rate changes. The Port provided the 5-year historic data with 5 years of data by mailing sent to each Industry on October 10, 2023. This information was also available for any Industry that came to the User Meeting on October 10, 2023.

The rate study was provided by FCS. Delilah mentioned that if the industries continue with their current usage, billing for 2024 should remain just about the same as 2023.

The public rate hearing was closed at 10:15 a.m. by President Schilperoort.

COMMENTS:

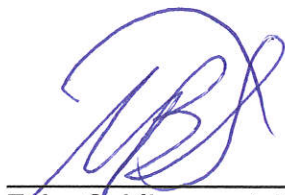
Jay commented that the plant is currently running well. The Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) project that is planned was originally estimated to cost \$8 million, however it new estimates show a cost of \$4.5 million.

ACTION ITEMS:

The consent agenda includes:

- Approve Resolution 2023-08, "A Resolution of the Port of Sunnyside, Yakima County Washington Levying the Annual Tax Revenue to carry on the Operations of the Port of Sunnyside for the Calendar Year ending December 31, 2024". Commissioner Grubenhoff moved to approve; Commissioner Martin seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- Approve Resolution 2023-09, "A Resolution of the Port of Sunnyside, Yakima County Washington Levying the 2022 Ad Valorem Property Taxes for the Port of Sunnyside for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2024". Commissioner Martin moved to approve; Commissioner Grubenhoff seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- Approve Resolution 2023-10, "A Resolution of the Port Commission of the Port of Sunnyside Setting 2024 Wastewater Rates for the Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility". Commissioner Grubenhoff moved to approve; Commissioner Martin seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- Approve Resolution 2023-11, "A Resolution Adopting a Budget for the Calendar Year 2024". Commissioner Martin moved to approve; Commissioner Grubenhoff seconded. Motion approved 3-0
- Amend Resolution 2023-09, "A Resolution of the Port of Sunnyside, Yakima County Washington Levying the 2022 Ad Valorem Property Taxes for the Port of Sunnyside for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2024" to "A Resolution of the Port of Sunnyside, Yakima County Washington Levying the 2024 Ad Valorem Property Taxes for the Port of Sunnyside for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2024". Commissioner Grubenhoff moved to approve; Commissioner Martin seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT: The Rate Hearing adjourned at 10:25 a.m., peace and harmony prevailing.



Tyler Schilperoort, President

ATTEST:



Jim Grubenhoff, Secretary