



**Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue  
Clark County Fire District 6  
Port of Ridgefield  
Joint Board Workshop Minutes  
CCFD6 Station 63  
1303 NE 136<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver**

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**March 14, 2024**

Workshop called to order by Commissioner Pfeifer at 2:00 p.m.

Present:

**CCFR:** Commissioners Stanley Chunn, David Town, Ken Ayers, Larry Bartel, Jade Bourke. Remote: CCFR Chief John Nohr

**CCFD6:** Commissioners Chris Pfeifer and Brad Lothspeich. Chief Kristan Maurer.

**Port of Ridgefield:** Commissioners Bruce Wiseman, Scott Hughes, and Joe Melroy. Port CEO Randy Mueller.

Introductions.

General discussion of the Port's tax increment finance (TIF) proposal, which will move forward April 10th.

Those present discussed the recent passage of a bill in the Washington legislature which will require mitigation/arbitration.

Port representatives stated legal counsel has advised them it is retroactive.

Extensive discussion on mitigation. CEO Mueller stated the Port had planned to mitigate from the beginning; even prior to the legislation change.

Commissioner Wiseman provided history and updates on various waterfront projects.

Discussed impact fees and the willingness of the Port to support the fire agencies in obtaining them in the unincorporated areas of the districts.

Discussed the Port's current millage rate of \$0.12 per thousand. They are limited to \$0.45 per thousand and could ask for a lid lift, but their current debt payment structure is preventing them from asking the public for additional funds. Lid lift revenues would end up being used to pay the existing debt and the Port would lose the revenue source now helping to pay that debt.

The importance of working together was discussed and stressed.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Attest, John Nohr  
District Secretary/Fire Chief