



New Port of Camas-Washougal Commissioner Selected

Washougal, Wash. – March 29, 2017 – The Port of Camas-Washougal appoints Larry Keister as the new District 3 Commissioner. Greg Kimsey, Clark County Auditor, will attend the April 4 regular meeting to administer the oath of office to Larry Keister as the new District 3 commissioner for the Port. Keister will fulfill the term held by Bill Macrae-Smith, who resigned February 8, 2017. The balance of that term runs through November 28, 2017.

Commissioners John Spencer and Bill Ward made the decision to appoint Larry Keister during a special meeting on March 28, 2017 following a six-week period during which the position was advertised, tours of the Port with interested candidates were given by Executive Director David Ripp, and interviews were conducted during an open public meeting. A total of six applications for the District 3 position were received.

Larry Keister is an active member of the community and involved heavily in the development and planning of past and current Port projects. He has a great working relationship with city officials and community leaders. Keister's involvement in Port processes and projects will give him a head start as he begins his service. Following the swearing-in ceremony on April 4, Keister will begin serving as the third member of the Port of Camas-Washougal commission and participate in his first meeting as District 3 representative.

ABOUT THE PORT

The port brings jobs and recreational opportunities through a 400-acre industrial park, a 77-hangar general aviation airport and 350-slip pleasure boat marina. Grove Field is a small, general aviation airport with a state-of-the-art fueling station, 14 tie-downs in addition to the hangars, FBO and training facilities. The marina is the largest publicly owned marina on the

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Washington side of the Columbia River and has a floating restaurant, launch ramp, nearby hotel, fueling station, electricity on the breakwater/guest dock, and is home port to the Dolphin Yacht Club. Acquired in 2012 and in the planning stages, are 13.25 acres of Waterfront Property which connects to a 14-acre parcel of port-owned land to the east. Construction of the waterfront park and trail is complete. The industrial park boasts a 100 percent occupancy rate of more than 40 businesses with an annual payroll of \$8.9 million and is adjacent to Steigerwald Commerce Center, 100+ acres of property currently under development. The port also manages Captain William Clark Park at Cottonwood Beach, the adjacent protective levee and Parkersville National Historic site. More information is found at www.portcw.com.

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