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**COMMISSION SETS NEW BOARD LEADERSHIP FOR 2018**  
Board president to focus on bringing business, success to community

**Longview, WA**– At the first meeting of the year, the Port of Longview Board of Commissioners elected Commissioner Jeff Wilson as the new Board President. He takes over for Commissioner Doug Averett, who served as President in 2017.

In 2018, Commissioner Averett will serve as Board Secretary and Commissioner Bob Bagaason as Board Vice President.

“It is an honor to be voted into the position,” said Wilson. “Commissioner Averett did a great job as President, and I look forward to working with my fellow Commissioners as we face the challenges and successes that are part of our business.”

This year, Commissioner Wilson will lead the Commission in key decisions regarding Barlow Point, Willow Grove Park and the Port’s Industrial Rail Corridor. Commissioner Wilson was elected to the Board in 2016. He is active in the local community, focusing on improving the quality of life for its residents.



From left to right: Commissioner Jeff Wilson, Commissioner Doug Averett, Commissioner Bob Bagaason.

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### ABOUT THE PORT OF LONGVIEW

The Port of Longview is the first full-service operating port with strategic transportation connections on the deep-draft Columbia River shipping channel in southwest Washington State. The Port is located just 66 river miles from the Pacific Ocean, 120 driving miles from Seattle, Washington, and 40 driving miles from Portland, Oregon. Port facilities include eight marine terminals and waterfront industrial property with direct connections to main-line rail and interstate highway. Cargo handling specialties include bulk cargos and breakbulk commodities.

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