

Biography



David Ripp

Executive Director,
Port of Camas-Washougal

David Ripp was recently appointed the Executive Director of the Port of Camas-Washougal in late December, 2007, and officially took office January 7, 2008. Under the Port Commission's direction, Dave and his 12-member staff will be managing the operations of the Port's 400-acre industrial park, a 79-hangar general aviation airport, and a 350-slip pleasure boat marina.

Dave previously served as the executive director of the Port of Woodland for the last 13 years, handling a wide range of property development, construction management, capital funding, and government affairs. Prior to the Port of Woodland, Dave successfully managed a Norwest Financial branch in Stockton, California, for four years before returning to his roots in the Pacific Northwest. Dave also spent some time working part-time as a welder in Woodland and Bellingham between 1980 to 1990.

Dave participates actively in the Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA), and he is the current chair of the WPPA Public Relations Committee. Dave also currently serves on the boards of Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA); Columbia River Channel Coalition (CRCC); and Columbia River Channel Improvement Project (ICRIP). Previously, Dave also served on the Cowlitz Economic Development Council and the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments. He is a member of the local Rotary Club and was a past president of the Woodland Rotary Club.

Born and raised in Woodland, Dave graduated from Western Washington University with a B.A. degree in Business Administration, specializing in Finance and Economics. Dave, and his wife, Sue, have two grown sons, Cory, 22, and Scott, 19. Cory is a recent graduate of Washington State University, and Scott is sophomore at Gonzaga University in Spokane. Dave and Sue enjoy outdoor sports, and are active on the local Specialized River City Bicycle Racing Team since 2001 and the Tireless Velo Team since 2007. The Rippes currently reside in Camas, Washington.

The Port of Camas-Washougal has a three-member Board of Commissioners that sets policy, gives direction, and approves all major expenditures. Commissioners are elected to four-year terms of office by the voters in the port districts. Port commission meetings are open to the public and are normally held at 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month, at the port administrative offices. Notices of meetings can be found on the port's website at www.PortCW.com.