



PORT OF NEHALEM

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PORT OF NEHALEM BOARD MEETING January 28th 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

President Dale Stockton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioners present: Rick Dart, Lindy Scovell, Jim Peters and Des Kahrs. Public present Laura Swanson – North Coast Citizen, Julie Chick, Karen Matthews, Loren Remy, Jack Thayer, and Margie Neilson. Secretary: Karrie Purdom

GUEST: Laura Swanson on behalf of The Smiley Bros. Salmon Project. Laura is requesting a donation towards the project this year, as well as a continued annual participation. She explained the salmon is used for the local food bank recipients. The total cost to the program is approximately \$20,000.00 of which they have received \$10,000.00 in donations thus far. The expense covers the processing and canning of the salmon. The Commissioners requested Laura provides the board with further financial information, at which point the board will hold a vote at the February board meeting.

1. ADMINISTRATION

A. Minutes of December 17th, 2014 Board Meeting – Approved 5-0

B. 1. Bills for December 2014 – Approved 5-0

2. Financial Statement for December 2014 – Approved 5-0

D. Channel Crew

1. Gregory: Board approved 5-0 the purchase of a combination GPS/Depth Finder to be used
on both the small boat and the Gregory.

2. River:

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Jim Peters presented a recap of events regarding the dredge. Noting this is an area of non-compliance he's been researching. On 6/21/2011 the Port wrote a letter to the City of Wheeler of which Jim read a paragraph regarding the estimated cost of the dredge. Jim continued explaining inconsistencies in the board's decision between the City of Nehalem and the Ports financial responsibility. Noting that the City of Wheeler wrote a letter to the Port requesting that Wheeler be included in the dredge for free as was indicated to the City of Nehalem. Jim continued to inform the board additional

discrepancies from documented letters including an account of events from Shirley Kalkhoven. Jim stated that his contention is that if this full body of commissioners would have been fully involved and engaged in this process then this activity would not have occurred. Jim stated that his point is that the way the Port handled the City of Nehalem in regards to the dredging, there were untruths, cover-ups, and preferential treatment. Jim further noted that 70% of the Ports non-compliance issues are due to the dredging and will go away once the re-dredge is completed. Jim went on to explain there are four other areas of non-compliance. Those being financial mis-management of \$548k to the dredging, acting without authorization from the board to spend \$25,000 on engaging attorneys, and \$13,500 for a gear reducer. There is an Ethics violation for being less than forthright with the City of Nehalem, the State of Oregon and the USACE.

- B. Karrie gave an update on the standing of a letter sent to Jack Smith regarding a possible early loan payoff. A copy of the letter was emailed to LoanCare and they forward it on to the current contact address they have for Mr. Smith.
- C. Karrie provided an update on the requirements for the contract with the Tiderunners. The Port is waiting to hear from the Pre-Loss Dept. at SDAO. They are reading over the contract we created and will provide the Port with any changes in wording that may be necessary. The Tiderunners have provided proper insurance coverage that is in place. The Commissioners agreed that once the contract received the approval from our pre-loss department they felt confident in proceeding with the Tiderunners use of the Ports dock. However, the board stated it would be in the best interest for the Tiderunners to seek a backup location for the long run. The board additionally feels there are necessary rules that should be included such as a schedule of use, evacuate by the end of daylight, and life jackets worn while on the dock.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Mail of Interest: NCRD donation request from Jane Knapp – Declined 5-0
- B. Commissioners re-election applications – None returned at this time.
- C. Discussion of Jack Weichals wage increase – Declined 5-0
- D. Tidegate – Rick brought to the boards attention a breakdown of the expenses. Loren Remy asked if financial contribution is something the Port is required to do? Rick replied that the Tidegate could be in the realm of \$500k as well. The board felt that the Tidegate was within the parameters of the Ports contribution of the \$25,000.
- E. Strategic Plan 2015 – Jim asked if we have developed a plan for the first of the year. Noting perhaps we could discuss an action plan for the year. If this is the last year we receive funding for the cormorant hazing, maybe we can approach how it's been effective and somehow continue it beyond this year. Maybe we can get on board with other Ports to fight the logging that's producing the flow of silt in the river that we have to pay to clean up. There are opportunities out there to get involved with.

4. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

6. ADJOURN: 8:50 P.M.

Attest _____
Secretary

Approved _____
President