



PORT OF NEHALEM

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PORT OF NEHALEM BOARD MEETING March 25th 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Commissioners present: Lindy Scovell, Jim Peters and Rick Dart. Public present Loren Remy, Terry Fullan, & Vern Scovell. Secretary: Karrie Purdom

1. ADMINISTRATION

A. Minutes of February 25th, 2015 Board Meeting – Approved 4-0

B. 1. Bills for February 2015 – Approved 4-0

2. Financial Statement for February 2015 – Approved 4-0

C. Channel Crew:

1. Gregory: None

2. River: Rick informed commissioners he purchased a depth finder and gave it to Clint.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Jim passed out copies of the post dredge survey to each commissioner and Vern Scovell. There was lengthy discussion regarding the survey and an area in question. It was suggested to have Clint check the sound, if he can't do this they may have Onion Peak re-do the survey to verify this area.

In regards to the discussion of Vern Scovell's request for an additional \$30,000, Rick and Dale each declared a conflict of interest due to Vern being a customer of both Rick and Dale where money is exchanged. Lindy also declared a conflict of interest due to Vern being his father.

Rick had a couple of items he wanted to clear up. Rick asked Vern about their meeting at the Bayway when Vern had expressed concern to Rick about being paid as quickly as possible in order to meet his payroll. Rick asked Vern, "if at any time during the course of the dredge project, has he interfered with Jims progress." Vern replied, "not a bit". Rick then asked Karrie, "if in any way or form has he interfered with Jims authority on the dredge project." Karrie replied, "no."

Jim addressed Vern, explaining the reason Vern was given the additional \$20,000 to fulfill the \$50,000 contract balance prior to the post dredge survey, was because he needed it to cover payroll.

Dale asked the board if they want to pay the additional \$30,000 requested from Vern. Vern gave each of the commissioners a packet containing copies of his billing and reasons for the additional request. Vern explained that he had a great deal of problems with the Garibaldi job confronting a lot of sticks. He went on to explain that he was flabbergasted by the amount of sticks he encountered on the Nehalem job. Vern said in order to meet the deadline, he had to work his crew 24 hours and over a weekend, which drove his payroll costs over what he expected and that's the reason he's making the additional request. Vern also noted he was disappointed with the results of the survey.

Jim noted that he never authorized Vern to work his crew 24 hours. However, it is Jim's opinion that if Vern had not worked 24 hours, he would not have made the deadline, and certainly encouraged Vern to meet the deadline. Dale asked Jim if he ever told Vern the Port would pay him any more money to meet the deadline. Jim replied, "No, absolutely not. I was only authorized for \$60,000 to Vern and \$2000 for the post dredge survey and no more than that."

Lindy presented to Dale, photos of what the dredge material was, as well as sharing the measurements and his opinions that he shared at the special meeting two nights ago.

Rick expressed he has mixed emotions regarding the contract with Roy Garren being obsolete, since Garren backed out. Jim stated that he and Vern had made the agreement, and the intention Vern made to do the job and meet the deadline.

The board voted (4 – yes) – (0 – no): to table the decision on paying Vern's request for an additional \$30,000 until the members were able to examine the packets from Vern, and make a more informed decision. The board will hold a special meeting to make a final decision.

B. Karrie gave an update on the status of the Cormorant Hazing. All is set in place to begin April 1st – May 31st. Clint is ready and has met with ODFW.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Rick shared he spoke with Jeff - Wheeler City Manager and noted they are not going to pursue the grant. Therefore we can re-budget the \$25,000 that was held aside in the new fiscal budget. Rick told Jeff if the city had any ideas or needed support for the launching ramp, to please get any information to Karrie at the office.

Dale spoke with the county parks manager and he shared with Dale they have some things coming up that we may be able to get involved with.

Jim commented on some thoughts of a strategic plan which will be copied and presented to each member at the next meeting.

B. Karrie informed the board on the status of the Ports new website, We have employed Gene Dieken of Neahkahnie Net. It is in progress and should be up and running in 3 - 4 weeks.

C. Karrie let the board know that the CD at TLC is coming to maturity on April 1st, 2015 and a decision needs to be made of how it should be reinvested.

D. Karrie reminded the Commissioners to complete their Oregon Government Ethics Commission Statements and get them to the office for mailing.

E. Rick asked the board for any thoughts or suggestions for the upcoming fiscal budget. He and Karrie will be meeting with Steve Simpson prior to the budget meeting in May.

4. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Loren Remy presented a preliminary plan to conduct a Salmon Derby. Rick noted that he was against Salmon Derby's, but if the Port wants to support it, he will oblige. Jim mentioned he's in support of it, as it draws public presence to our area and the financial impact it can make.

6. ADJOURN: 9:15 P.M.

Attest _____
Secretary

Approved _____
President