



# PORT OF NEHALEM

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## PORT OF NEHALEM BOARD MEETING August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### CALL TO ORDER:

President Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call – Commissioners present: Lindy Scovell, Terry Fullan and Loren Remy.

Public Present – Lucy Brook, Cory Hoa, Tom Bender, Mark Tellhed, Jack Thayer, Julie Chick, Larry Schafer, and Steven Congelosi. Secretary: Karrie Purdom. Commissioner Rick Dart arrived at 7:50p.m.

### 1. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Minutes of July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 Board Meeting – Approved 4-0: Lindy, Jim, Terry & Loren.
- B. Guest speakers Julie Chick and Tom Bender from NW Coast Trails Coalition presented to the Board. They have put together a county wide trails coalition. Tom discussed their goals and benefits of their project as well as presenting trail maps showing current and future trail goals. As for a time line, there is none at this point, noting this is a very preliminary phase that they are in, just to make the community aware. The next phase will be the planning, costs, easements agreements, etc. The coalition requested the Port provide a letter of support. The Port agreed they are in support and would appreciate a draft letter that Tom will provide for the Ports signature.
- C. Guest Jim Mudd from the Mudd Nick Foundation presented the Port and community members present with information on what the foundation has been able to provide over the past 23 years for hundreds of local children. Jim Mudd introduced Larry Schafer as a board member of the foundation who put together a video of the efforts and ongoing accomplishments the Mudd Nick Foundation provides for our local district 56 youth. Jim thanked the Port for their generous donation last year, noting the funds were specifically used to send 18 students to attend a program called PX2 for 3 days led by professional teachers from Pacific Institute in Seattle. Jim is requesting a donation from the Port in the amount of \$10,000.00 once again this year, noting that this amount is what's needed to fund the PX2 and last year's donation did just that. Jim Peters asked the Board for a proposal on the donation. Rick stated that the

Port budgeted \$6000.00 for this year's donation primarily because we had other requirements that outweighed the donation. We have additional money in our contingency fund however; we're now probably going to have to pull from it for the ADA requirements. Lindy commented on the fact that in previous meetings the board agreed to limit its donations to causes that strictly pertain to Port related activities. Specifically noting the Ports Mission Statement. Lindy questioned how the Port can justify spending/donating over a two year period \$16,000.00 to the foundation, which is no question a great cause, but how does it apply in any way to the Port and its mission. Loren thought perhaps the foundation could in some way teach about the river, waterways and estuary as a way to educate future generations, so that their request might fall more in line with the Ports donation guidelines. Rick felt that while the program is a great one, there's currently no direct link to the Ports mission. Rick continued that the Port needs to address our own requirements we're currently facing before addressing donations at this time. Rick asked the public present for any comments or feedback. Jack Thayer commented the fire department does not do any donation contributions. Mark Tellhed noted as a budget committee member he needed to remind the Ports Board that it was decided to only contribute donations that apply to the Ports mission. Terry Fullan commented that he has no doubt that the foundation will receive other sources of donations, and that he personally struggles with our involvement not being Port related. Jim Peters commented that last year's donation was largely based on the Ports desire for public relations. Community member Tom Bender noted that he was very impressed with Jim Mudds presentation, but he feels that money coming from public agencies does not feel quite right to him and he would be against the Port making donations to this particular request. Jim Peters stated the Port Commissioners will table this request to the next board meeting.

**D.** Financial Statement for July 2015 – Approved 5-0: Terry, Loren, Jim, Lindy, and Rick.

**E.** Bills for July 2015 – Approved 5-0: Terry, Loren, Jim, Lindy, and Rick.

**H.** Channel Crew:

1. Gregory: Rick received a call from Clint suggesting the Tug needs to be pulled out this Fall to be cleaned and repainted. Noting it has been at least four since its been done.
2. River: None

## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

**A.** Karrie informed the board that the EDC does not have a position available at this time for the Port. Also sharing that Dale Stockton's involvement with the EDC is not as a representative of the Port as originally thought.

**B.** Terry shared he has 2 contractors bidding on a concrete ramp. He shared there's a good possibility we won't need a permit. Terry noted that when the bids come in, the Port will have to make a decision on them. Rick mentioned the renovation costs this far are within the \$10,000.00 allotted for the project, however any ADA requirements are going to push it over and the board will have

to determine where to pull those funds from. Jim questioned if the office needs painting and carpets replaced. Karrie replied, it has already been painted and she plans to have the carpets professionally cleaned when the time comes. Jim asked if the door knob has been changed, Terry confirmed that it has. Jim asked if a second parking spot will be poured when the ramp is done. Rick thought it was up to the Commissioners to decide based upon what they're willing to spend. Rick felt he'd prefer to pour it, but because this projects growing, we have to think about priorities and how we want to spend. Steve Congelosi of NCRD asked if the ADA requirements are preventing us from moving into the new office? Terry replied that if we don't need a permit, then we should be able to get a certificate of occupancy. Steve asked if he'll know that tomorrow? Terry replied that yes he would. Steve stated that NCRD really has a strong desire to get the office space back as soon as possible, noting they have staff that don't have an office space, so they really need the space as soon as possible. Steve also noted that they had offered the extension to the Port on good faith, with the understanding the Port was requesting the extension based on the plan of building a new building.

C. Jim spoke about the article in the paper about Dale Stockton that Des Kahrs wrote. Jim also passed around a plaque that was made to honor Dale. Jim asked Rick if he's been in touch with Dale regarding a dinner. Rick first responded with a comment of his surprise that Des was not mentioned as the contributor of the article and felt that the paper should be contacted with a correction. Jim told Rick he could call Laura Swanson and was not sure why she listed him as the contributor. Rick continued by sharing that he had not been in touch with Dale, but had heard Dale is currently in a fragile condition, and felt this is probably not a good time to approach him.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Jim asked the board if there are any changes needed to the Commissioners Roster so that it can be available to the public. Rick asked that his business address and phone number be used. Lindy asked if Karrie's name, position, and office contact number can be included. Karrie agreed.

B. The board voted unanimously 5-0 to seek an advisory committee that will fact find "only" without any binding recommendations. Leaving the advisory committee to do the research and provide the Commissioners with the information to then make any decisions. Lindy made a request that whatever the subject is that the board asks of the advisory committee, that it be a cause that is attainable by the Port and not something to far out of the Ports reach. Jim stated that next month they'll begin seeking applications for the committee. Rick asked if we will be advertising for the positions? Jim suggested it be advertised everywhere. Rick suggested that if it's possible to find local expertise, he'd prefer that to outside the area.

C. The board voted to approve additional expenditures towards the ADA improvements. The vote passed 4-1. Jim, Lindy, Terry and Loren – Yes Rick – No The board voted to approve ADA improvements for the office. The vote passed 4-1. Jim, Lindy, Terry and Loren – Yes, Rick – No.

D. Mail of Interest: Karrie let the board know about the OPPA meeting in Bandon on October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both Terry and Loren are registered to attend. Karrie

informed the board that the website has been updated with Terry and Loren as new Commissioners. Karrie shared with the board that it's important they each check their email frequently, as it is her best means of communicating with each of them. Also, noting the importance of returning a response when requested. Karrie informed the board she had met with a financial advisor in regards to the previous CD funds at TLC. She shared that his advice was to reinvest into a series of three CD's with varying maturity dates. He offered to attend the September meeting for any questions the board may have. Loren noted that there really aren't many options, therefore there's not any need to have him attend. Karrie will gather the details on the CD's and present to the board for their approval. Rick made a motion to approve Karrie Purdom as an authorized signer on the CD account at TLC. Motion passed unanimously 5-0: Jim, Lindy, Rick, Terry and Loren.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Tom Bender shared information on the Board of Forestry and the sedimentation effects. Mark Tellhed requested the Agenda be posted on the website. Karrie agreed it will be done beginning with the September Agenda. Jack Thayer shared information on the levy on Hwy 53. (Inaudible)
5. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** None
6. **ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE MEETING:** 9:03 P.M.
7. **ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING:** 9:25 P.M.

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
President