



# PORT OF NEHALEM

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## PORT OF NEHALEM BOARD MEETING December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### CALL TO ORDER:

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

Roll Call – Commissioners present: Jim Peters, Terry Fullan, and Loren Remy.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Present: Jack Weichal, Jacob Hanke, Dave Devault, Des Kahrs, Brad Thayer, Jack Thayer, Neil Worf, Gordon Louie, Sharon Hayes, and Clay Sellars.

Secretary: Karrie Purdom.

### 1. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Minutes of November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Board Meeting – Approved 3-0: Jim, Terry, & Loren.
- B. Financial Statement for November 2015 – Approved 3-0: Jim, Terry, & Loren.
- C. Bills for November 2015 – Approved 3-0: Jim, Terry, & Loren.
- D. Channel Crew:
  - 1. Gregory: Update on pulling the Tug and pulling the damaged dock. Clint has met with Leo Kuntz, they are in agreement and ready to go forward when weather allows.
  - 2. River: None

### 2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Jim addressed the ongoing issue of compliance for ADA access on the new office. Jim continued that he sent all of the commissioners an email on the compliance rules and read from the email, stating that ADA rules are federal mandates. Noting that in his opinion, we are required to install a wheelchair ramp. Jim continued that in his opinion we are open for citation of non-compliance, and as the compliance officer, he cannot be a part of the lack of proper action. Jim stated that as the compliance officer and Port Chairman, it is his duty to protest the issue. Therefore, in protest, he is resigning as compliance officer of the Port, and in protest, he is resigning as the Chairman of the Port, and in protest he is resigning his position with the Port of Nehalem effective immediately. Jim then

collected his belongings and left the board meeting. Terry Fullan addressed the public with his findings on the matter. He stated that since the last board meeting, he personally met with Mark Brien, an official building inspector from the Department of Community Development. Terry stated Mark told him exactly what was conveyed to Rick Dart. At some point if we were to do a major remodel of the office, we would be expected to include the ADA upgrades. Mark was very explicit that we do not need the handicap ramp, nor do we need to do a handicap bathroom. Only if we were to do a major remodel.

**3. NEW BUSINESS:** Due to Jim Peters departure, no new business was discussed due to there no longer being a quorum. The meeting was adjourned, however Loren and Terry left the option to the public present an opportunity for any discussion.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was discussion of the recent storm damage and the need to reach the Port and Clint in an emergency. Loren asked for an emergency phone list of Commissioners and Port employees to be provided to all Commissioners. Loren asked the public of their opinions on economic development. He continued that the Port is going to be approached from various entities for funding such as the Salmonberry Trail. Jake Hanke commented that they are already going to be funded. There's no question it's going to happen. He continued that it is unrelated to the Port and doesn't believe the Port should contribute funds to it, noting that it also does not fall under the Ports mission statement. Jake continued, noting that if the Port wants to contribute to economic development, start making plans to put an actual harbor in, at Deer Island. If there was an actual dock, that would bring a big draw to the community. Jack Weichal commented he feels the Port should consider putting money into getting the river flowing again. Noting that, it floods every year, and is only getting worse. Jack shared that it used to be a great fishing spot in years past. Money should be spent to make this a place where people want to come fish again, and not spend on kayak docks or tourist trails. Public discussion continued at length on the topic of dredging in the future as well as the cost of the last dredge.

**5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** None

**6. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING:** 8:35pm

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

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner