



PORT OF NEHALEM

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PORT OF NEHALEM BOARD MEETING April 27th, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Lindy Scovell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call – Commissioners present: Rick Dart, Terry Fullan, Steve Huber, and Loren Remy.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Present: Janice Lavolette, Jack Thayer, Jack & Sheila Weichal, Mark Tellhed, Bill Baertlein, Geoff Wullschlager, Dave Devault, Greg Jenks, Dave Yamamoto, Stevie Burden, Brad Thayer and Des Kahrs. Secretary: Karrie Purdom.

Guests Present:

Bill Baertlein presented an update on the Salmonberry Trail Project. He addressed several questions the public and board previously asked of representative Jim Johnson at the February 24th board meeting. Bill stressed that this is a multiple generational timeline. He noted that the numbers they are looking at are definitely preliminary figures. Bill assured he will make every effort to keep the public informed of any progress as it advances. The next step will be to create an advisory committee, one for each region of the project. They would like to have a member of the Port as well as a member to represent the farming community hold a seat on the advisory committee.

Greg Jenks reintroduced himself to the board and public present as part of the team which created the Ports Strategic Business Plan back in 2010. He added that he has been working alongside Ports for the past 30 years. Tonight he is here to answer any questions as well as get an approval on his proposal to update the Ports plan focusing on the action items. Greg stated a plan is typically updated every 4-5 years. Greg provided the board with an estimate of what will be done. Rick noted that he had set a line item in the budget for the revision of \$8500.00. A vote was taken to accept Gregs proposal, it passed 4 (Rick, Lindy Terry & Loren) - YES and 1 (Steve) – NO.

Geoff Wullschlager – Wheeler City Manager was present tonight to request financial assistance from the Port to cover repairs sustained in the December 2015 storm. He

requested it be funded from the line item approved in last year's budget for the City of Wheeler. Geoff also requested the board consider the funding to provide the replacement of two public restrooms. Geoff submitted two estimates he received back in April 2015, but felt that a current estimate should not be much different than those provided. The board approved paying the Jiffy Construction bill of \$1650.00 and will discuss and vote on the proposal for the two restrooms at the May 25th board meeting.

1. ADMINISTRATION

A. Minutes of March 23rd, 2016 Board Meeting – Approved

B. Financial Statement for March 2016 – Approved

C. Bills for March 2016 – Approved

D. Channel Crew:

1. **Gregory:** Lindy reported the Tug repairs have been completed, the tug will be returned as the tide and Leo's schedule allows. We have not yet received a bill for the repairs.

2. **River:** None

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2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Loren provided a copy of the preliminary approach of the USGS to each Commissioner. He stated that this was a really good opportunity for the Port to be involved in the study of the sediment and gravel flow. Loren noted that it may take two years before we have the results, however, the results will be factual and something solid to move forward with in addressing the situation. Rick shared that he spoke with Krista Jones and extended an invitation to come to a Port meeting to present the goals of the USGS study to the whole board. He also suggested to her they go out on the tug and see firsthand some of the issues that might need to be addressed. Loren proposed the Port have photos taken. Rick stated he'd prefer to not spend any money just yet, until Krista has met with the board. Loren agreed it's a good idea to have Krista come meet with the Port and provide us with a plan and the expected costs involved, so that the board can determine to what extent they want to be involved.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Karrie asked the board members if they had anything they'd like to suggest be added to the upcoming budget. She advised that she and Rick will be meeting in two days with Steve Simpson to create the proposed budget. Loren asked if they get a copy of the budget tonight. Karrie replied we do not have one to share until after we meet with Steve on Friday. Loren questioned how do they know if what they might ask for isn't already on the budget. Rick responded that this is merely an opportunity to contribute anything they feel should be considered. He continued that after we meet with the accountant, everyone on the Commission as well as the Budget Committee members will receive a copy of the proposed budget prior to the May 25th Budget meeting. At that meeting, will be the time and opportunity to make any changes prior to the budget being adopted.

4. MAIL OF INTEREST: None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None

7. ADJOURN MEETING: 9:30pm

Attest _____

Approved _____