



PORT OF NEHALEM

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PORT OF NEHALEM BOARD MEETING August 24th, 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: Jack Weichal, Des Kahrs, Dave DeVault, Darrell Winegar, Jack Thayer and Mark Tellhed. Secretary: Karrie Purdom.

1. **ADMINISTRATION**
 - A. Minutes of July 27th, 2016 Board Meeting – Approved 5-0
 - B. Financial Statement for July 2016 – Approved 5-0
 - C. Bills for July 2016 – Approved 5-0
 - D. Channel Crew:
 1. **Gregory:** None
 2. **River:** See report attached from Clint.
 - E. Loren made a request to amend tonight's agenda. Under Old Business, to discuss a partnership with USGS. Under New Business, Revisit the appointment of a technical fact finding group for the USGS. Each motion to amend the agenda passed unanimously 5-0.
2. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Loren shared key points of the presentation by Krista Jones from the USGS. He went on to share there was a strong turnout of 52 people. There were people from the forest service, from the Conservancy, Lower Nehalem Watershed, along with quite a few community citizens. He noted his disappointment there were not any representatives from Nehalem or Manzanita, however there were three representatives from Wheeler. Loren read a document to the board that he introduced to the public attending the presentation: "This proposal was initiated by a group of citizens, Jim Peters, Ralph Thomas, Ian Fergusson, and Garth Ferdum and was organized by Krista Jones our USGS presenter. Over the past 10 years, the Nehalem Bay from

Tidewater down has been the recipient of somewhat over a million cubic yards of sediment. This has resulted in some dramatic changes in our bay. It has reduced critical habitat for salmon smelts head to the ocean, it has killed our clam beds, it is smothering the eel grass as well as having a sizeable economic impact on the Wheeler waterfront and Paradise Cove Resort. If the Port votes to partner with USGS on this project, the study will determine the rate and extent of the siltation as well as its source. The Ports Mission Statement charges the Port to build and support an economically and environmentally sustainable Nehalem River. It would seem that this project is moving in the right direction."

Overall, Loren was very pleased with Krista and how prepared she was, as well as handling any confrontational portions of the meeting. At one point the meeting was opened up to questions and answers, he felt there were some great questions presented. Loren was pleased by the feedback from several people, noting they were glad the Port was involved. Lindy mentioned he'd like to know what the costs are going to be. Lindy also wanted to know some sort of time frame on this. He felt these questions were not able to be answered and feels it's always concerning when we get into something this large, that it could potentially go on and on. Loren suggests we go with a matching fund basis. Rick mentioned the need to find out who would partner with us, noting that there's strength in numbers, but also sometimes it's better to work alone and not deal with multiple contributors. Rick also expressed he felt we should wait for a report from Krista before seeking partnerships and matching funds. Loren noted that the USGS has already begun their sampling and come the first week of September she'll have a better idea. Rick noted what bothers him is they have already begun the study and now right in the middle of it, they're approaching us for funding. He questions what happens to the study if we don't participate, because they're already half way into it. Loren felt that Krista would need to solicit other resources, but if the Port doesn't participate then we don't have a voice in the decisions.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Karrie reported that she and Rick had a discussion to open our website as a link for local business' due to the lack of a Chamber of Commerce. It was suggested to check if the City of Nehalem website offers this already or not. Making this offer to the local business' will not cost the Port any additional fees.

B. Terry mentioned he'd like to move forward on getting the rental unit sheet rock replaced above the shower. Loren asked if there's any other building maintenance that needs to be done. Terry said the siding on the office needs painting, as well as a couple of pieces of siding added to the front above the doors. Rick mentioned the gutters need cleaning and unclogged at the ground. Steve mentioned he'll be helping Clint pour the concrete pads for the trash bin and the second parking spot.

C. Loren requested discussion on appointing a fact finding group for the USGS project. Loren handed out a proposed resolution to the commissioners to take applications and appoint a team.

4. **MAIL OF INTEREST:** Karrie shared a letter with the commissioners from Bruce Halverson requesting his views regarding the future of the tide gates to be taken into consideration as the Port revises its Strategic Business Plan. Karrie let the board know she spoke with Greg Jenks and he is continuing to work on a personnel policy. Greg also professionally counselled, that when the minutes from an executive meeting are reviewed and approved at a board meeting, the commissioners' copies must be returned to Karrie and not leave the meeting with them. A copy must always be made available in the Port office for review at any time, but may not leave the office.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Jack Thayer asked Terry about any updates on th Salmonberry Trail. Terry reported they are having a meeting on September 1st that he'll be attending. Des Kahrs commented they were going to be doing an investigation and assessment of the coastal corridor. Mark Tellhed commented he was at their last meeting and took notes stating the city of Tillamook is planning to start a section of the trail this year, so the statements that have been made about this being a multi-generational project an not going to happen in our lifetime, are false. Mark continued that we were told it was going to be paved, that is not necessarily true either. Cycle Oregon has pulled out and no longer a part of the project. Mark reported they have already spent 1.2 million on this planning stage. Mark shared that there is no one doing any traffic study, ODOT is not involved.
6. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Rick shared that he attempted to contact the Tillamook County Sheriff to address the no wake rules. He mentioned he's personally been made aware of several complaints. He'd like a representative to come discuss with the commissioners a possible remedy and clarification of 5 miles per hour vs. no wake. Rick felt it might be in our best interest to change all to "no wake" next year.
9. **MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:50 pm

Attest _____

Approved _____