



# PORT OF NEHALEM

P. O. Box 476  
Nehalem, OR 97131-0476

## PORT OF NEHALEM BOARD MEETING February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

### CALL TO ORDER:

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Present: Jack & Sheila Weichal, Jack Thayer, Neil Worf, Darrell Winegar, Joe Hayes, Mark Tellhed, Dan Tooze & Dave Duvalt. Secretary: Karrie Purdom.

Guest Speaker: Alix Lee – Lower Nehalem Watershed Council

Alix addressed the board by sharing that the LNWC are hosting the March 11<sup>th</sup> Nehalem Bay & Estuary cleanup. Volunteers clean up all debris and take it to the dock in Wheeler, where it is then separated out for recyclable materials vs trash. Alix was here tonight to request a donation from the Port, noting they have a tremendous amount of community support. The Port Commissioners unanimously voted 5-0 to donate the amount of \$200.00 as well as personnel assistance with the small boat to gather and move collected debris to the disposal site.

### 1. ADMINISTRATION

A. Minutes of January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Board Meeting – Approved 5-0

B. Financial Statement for January 2017 – Approved 5-0

C. Bills for January 2017 – Approved 5-0

D. Channel Crew:

1. **Gregory:** Commissioner Lindy Scovell reported that Commissioner Steve Huber was able to get the tug running after the exhaust had been flooded with rain water. He also noted that one of the first tasks for our new employees will be to work on the exhaust.
2. **River:** Commissioner Lindy Scovell shared that he, and Commissioners Rick Dart and Steve Huber retrieved the little boat from sinking. The boat is now at Ricks shop having the engine repaired then it will be ready for

Joe Hayes to replace the decking and get the boat ready for Cormorant Hazing.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

A. The next scheduled workshop meeting with Greg Jenks on the Business Plan is March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30pm. Commissioner Loren Remy questioned if it would be possible for Greg to get a draft emailed to them prior to the meeting. Secretary Karrie Purdom agreed shed be in touch with Greg to request it be emailed.

B. A vote was passed unanimously 5-0 by the Commissioners to hire Tim Troutman, Joe Hayes, and Ed Bowlin for the Port positions of Tug Captain and two deckhands / property maintenance.

C. A vote was passed unanimously 5-0 by the Commissioners to approve the SEP Retirement Plan for all eligible employees.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

A. A vote was passed unanimously 5-0 to donate \$200 to NCRD Pool – A – Thon.

B. A vote was passed unanimously 5-0 to donate \$200 to Lower Nehalem Comm. Trust cleanup as well as the little boat to assist with moving debris to the Wheeler dock.

C. Community member Dan Tooze introduced himself, noting he was the owner of the Nehalem Boatel. He's here to share his concern regarding the increasing danger of speeding boats creating large wakes, enough to cause harm to his guests while staying in the boat house. He also noted the danger to any kayakers and paddle boarders. He shared there have been incidents of violence and confrontations. He'd like to see more no wake buoys as opposed to speed zones because the definition of the laws are unclear and the Marine Board patrol has a difficult time enforcing them. The sheriff's department has mentioned to Dan that it would be easier to enforce if it was all no wake from the bridge to the south end of the island. Dan also offered his assistance to place buoys, hang signs from the bridge, noting he was willing to help in any way he can. Neil Worf commented that it was his understanding that the Port was responsible for determining what buoys go where on the river. Neil continued to explain, that the no wake laws are not determined by speed but rather by the amount of wake made by your boat. Commissioners Rick Dart and Loren Remy felt that if we made it no wake from the bridge to the island, it would be a positive thing to do. Commissioner Loren Remy questioned if we had it in the budget to make the changes. Commissioner Rick Dart confirmed we do.

**4. MAIL OF INTEREST:** Secretary Karrie Purdom informed the Commissioners that the tenant at the Port property will not be moving out in the spring after all, and that we just purchased a new clothes dryer for the apartment as the old one stopped working.

She went on to share; SDOA does not differentiate insurance cost between on water/on land coverage. Secretary Karrie Purdom informed the board James from ODFW will be her at the first of April to train our new hires on the Cormorant Hazing. Lastly, Karrie shared with the board she received a phone call from Don Camarons daughter Terrie asking where she could find information on what the flood levels have been recorded in the last few years on the Nehalem River. The board suggested she get in touch with Mark Tellhed or the USGS website.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** None

**7. ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION:** 8:35 pm

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

KP 3/14/17 (tablet)