



PORT OF NEHALEM

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PORT OF NEHALEM BOARD MEETING March 22nd, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Present: Jack & Sheila Weichal, Jack Thayer, Joe Hayes, Mark Tellhed, Dave Duvalt, Russ & Donna Morrow, Glen Swift, Mary Gallagher, Margie Neilson, Char VonAhlefeld, & Marc Meigs. Secretary: Karrie Purdom.

1. ADMINISTRATION

A. Minutes of February 22nd, 2017 Board Meeting – Approved 4-0

B. Financial Statement for February 2017 – Approved 4-0

C. Bills for February 2017 – Approved 4-0

D. Channel Crew:

1. **Gregory:** Joe Hayes reported the water was removed from the tugboat hull. He's been working on the skiff getting it ready for Cormorant Hazing starting in April, as well as replacing the floorboards.

2. **River:** None

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Commissioner Lindy Scovell asked if there was any discussion on the no wake buoy zone. Commissioner Rick Dart noted that he'd be in touch with Terry Huntsman from the Tillamook County Marine Deputy to attend our next meeting in April. Comm. Dart continued that as far as his understanding on using all "no wake" buoys vs. 5 mph buoys is determined by the State Marine Board.

Community member Russ Morrow questioned whether the rules were set by the state, games authorities or the county. Comm. Dart replied, the rules are set by the State Marine Board and are specific to each individual river. The State and County are both responsible for enforcing the rules.

Comm. Rick Dart commented that this is an issue we really need to take a look at for a number of reasons including but not limited to safety and bank erosion.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. The Commissioners unanimously voted 4-0 to appoint Jack Thayer, Mark Tellhed, Steve Neahring, Jim Neilson, and Sheila Weichal as the 2017-2018 Port of Nehalem Budget Committee Members.

B. The Commissioners unanimously voted 4-0 to renew the annual lease with the Tiderunners in the amount of \$243.00 as well as increasing the number of people on the dock at a time from 4 to 6 as needed.

4. MAIL OF INTEREST: Commissioner Steve Huber commented on the recent Tillamook County Affordable Housing meeting. Noting there seemed to be no shortage of building and housing, but rather, the problem was its affordability. He went on to share there were concerns raised about how tenants can be evicted, or rents raised, and how difficult it is to find affordable housing in an area of low income ratios.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Russ Morrow questioned if it was the States responsibility to remove all of the snags and floating debris? Commissioner Rick Dart replied that the burden is on us. He also shared that if anyone notices snags, its best to report it to the Port so we can address the issue through the proper channels.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None

7. ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION: 8:23 pm

Attest _____

Approved _____