



PORT OF NEHALEM

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PORT OF NEHALEM BOARD MEETING February 28th, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice President Rick Dart called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Present: Jack & Sheila Weichal, Mark Tellhed, Jack Thayer, Ray Steele, Darrell Winegar, Dave Devault, & Richard Masteuik

Secretary: Karrie Purdom.

1. ADMINISTRATION:

- A.** Minutes for January 2018 – Approved 4-0
- B.** Financial Statement for January 2018 – Approved 4-0
- C.** Bills for January 2018 – Approved 4-0
- D.** Channel Crew: Joe Hayes
 - 1. **Gregory:**
 - 2. **River/Property:** Joe informed the Commission the tug has the new stack installed and has been filled with new anti-freeze.

2. OLD BUSINESS:

A. The Commissioners agreed to hold the vote for seated positions at the March board meeting when the new Commissioner will be available to participate in the vote. Rick shared that he spoke directly with the Oregon Department of Revenue regarding the position of the Budget Officer. He shared that he was informed the Port has been following the proper guidelines. Noting a Budget Officer can in fact be a member of the governing body or Port Commission. The Budget Committee is comprised of five community members and five Commissioners. Terry raised the question of the Budget Officer not having a vote in the overall acceptance of the proposed budget. Rick replied he was told he could in fact be a voting member of the budget committee.

B. A discussion of the need to purchase power tools, a pressure washer, and battery charger was addressed. Rick and Joe had done some price checking and shared the expected costs with the board. The board agreed to move forward with the necessary purchases.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Rick announced the regrettable acceptance of the resignation of Chairman Lindy Scovell due to medical reasons. He encouraged all who were present to take the opportunity to reach out to Lindy sending him your thoughts.

B. The Board of Commissioners voted 4-0 to create an Interview Panel made of the five Commissioners and two Port employees to conduct the interviews for Budget Committee & Commissioner Positions.

C. Commissioner Steve Huber raised the issue of the Port property and possibly taking a look at splitting the property and selling off a portion. He noted he doesn't like the Port to be in the business of rental property. He questioned if we might consider selling the lot with the warehouse. Rick replied the warehouse is directly connected to both the office and the rental house and we wouldn't be able to split it. Karrie noted the total rental income to the Port is \$2000.00 a month, while the monthly property payment is \$2504.00. Terry mentioned he'd like to look at the possibility of paying off the remainder of the loan which is approximately \$70,000.00 at an interest rate of 6.5%. Rick informed the board that it's not possible to pay it off, when the property was purchased from Jack, he specified in the contract the Port was not able to make a lump sum payoff on the note.

D. Loren mentioned he and Terry had a discussion about a meeting Terry attended with the LNWC. They talked about the possibility of forming a partnership with them. Noting they have a number of projects going on and have a great team of grant writers. He commented they are doing a lot of good things that would tie into the Ports mission. Loren felt it would be a good thing to explore what we might have in common. Terry explained some of the details he learned about LNWC. Terry concluded he felt in his opinion it would be beneficial to partner with other special districts to some degree, noting, it's a part of our responsibility to support the community as well as our responsibility to the river and waterways. He felt that since we didn't receive our Strategic Business Plan, we're moving forward empty handed into the future.

4. MAIL OF INTEREST: Karrie reported to the board she received a proposal for the upcoming Cormorant Hazing Project. The amount of reimbursement this season will be \$4347.00 with an increase to fuel cost of \$850.00. Karrie requested the board allow the donation of \$200.00 to the NCRD Pool-A-Thon, noting this is our usual donation amount to the program. The board agreed to continue our support.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jack Thayer shared information he's found interesting in regards to the Salmonberry Trail. Mark Tellhed commented that the Port has gotten a reputation of financially donating to pretty much anything. Commissioner Rick Dart replied the Commission has stayed firm in their donation guidelines keeping in line with relatability to the river and responsibilities of the Port.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Loren Remy reported he spoke with Krista from the USGS recently and the report is in Seattle currently and is expected to be sent to us shortly.

7. ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION: 7:44 pm

Attest _____

Approved _____

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