



PORT OF NEHALEM

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 22, 2018

6:30 P.M.

NCRD BUILDING – Room 7

CALL TO ORDER: Steve Huber at 6:32 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Commissioners present: Steve Huber, Loren Remy, Terry Fullan, Dave Devault, Janice Laviolette

Guests: Jack & Sheila Weichal, Jon & Terrie Hull, Ray Steele, Jack Thayer, Angela Oslund, Donna Marrant, Darrell Winegar, Connie A. Lund.
Office manager: Gene Dieken

1. ADMINISTRATION

A. Accepted Board Meeting Minutes of July 2018 with a change of one vote in the tally (Turn down request for Pool fund donation by NCRD. Changed to 4 to 1 with Fullan a no vote)

B. Accept Financial Statement July 2018: deferred to September meeting

C. Accept Bills Aug. 2018: deferred to September meeting

D. Channel Crew – Joe Hayes

1. Boats: Skiff has two bad coils which were replaced and it's now running fine and on the river.

2. River: Fielded a request for No Wake buoys adjacent to Kelly's Marina. It was the sense of board that current available buoys wouldn't stand up to the current near the marina and that we should consider budgeting for the proper type of buoy for next season.

--Next project will be pulling out the channel markers in six weeks.

--Buoys out for this season: 30 channel markers, 31 No-Wake/Hazard. More than ever

3. Property: Dealt with fascia rot in rental house. Rot in areas of siding near office was replaced, re-caulked and repainted.

--Next project: Dig new drain fields to work properly with the gutters and downspouts recently installed by Haltiner.

E. Office: Gene Dieken,

1. Introduce Angela Ostrund, Wheeler city manager

2. Discussion of email use for routine board communication. Noted that some commissioners had @portofnehallem email accounts but appeared not to be using them. Commissioners generally expressed lack of interest in communicating via email given the opportunity for

incomplete communication among Commissioners and public records issue. Tasked staff to research requirements and present a plan at the September Meeting

3. Commissioners voted 4-0 to cancel Port's current debit card account with Columbia Bank and instead apply for a business credit card with a \$5,000 credit limit. Moved: Laviolette, Amended to \$1000 CL: Devault, Seconded: Remy

4. It was the sense of the board that the Port's existing Amazon Prime not be renewed.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Reports on cost-sharing on the USGS Nehalem Bay Sedimentation Assessment project.

--Wheeler city manager Angela Oslund was present introduced. She confirmed that Wheeler did agree to contribute \$5000 to the project and that the city council wants to have further discussion about working with the Port. She will work with Commissioner Fullan to get more information.

--Commissioner Remy answered an audience question about the overall cost which Port staff understands to be \$7300 per quarter for six quarters (four in the current fiscal year). Deducted from this would be a cost-sharing payment from the City of Wheeler for \$5,000 and any other contributions.

--Commissioner Remy noted that Commissioner Fullan has taken over leadership of this project and suggested that he clarify costs with USGS.

B. Review status of Port's compliance with statute ORS 198.220, requiring district to provide surety coverage for employees & officers.

--Staff determined that our existing policy through SDAO/SDIS is legally accepted as substantially compliant.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Accept the legal opinion about ORS 198.220 and accept SDID coverage as compliant or choose to acquire additional surety bonding.

B. If A. is accepted, review coverage levels of Port's SDIS existing insurance coverage and choose to stay at current level or increase.

--No action taken at this meeting, deferred to next meeting

4. MAIL OF INTEREST

None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ray Steele wanted for a complete copy of the Port's Strategic Business Plan. Jon Hull commented that Jetty Fishery had had issues with guide boats and other craft had swamping them.

Jon Hull wanted to know what economic development project is working on. He said he feels that it's the Port's responsibility to reach out in the community. Commissioner Fullan agreed and said he hopes that somehow the Port work on infrastructure projects that contribute to the area. Hull noted that \$100,000 was allotted in the FY19 budget but subsequently reassigned. Hull asked if there were people on the budget committee overpowering the Board in making economic

development decisions. Commissioner Remy suggested that a worthwhile project might be to work with Wheeler on changes to the boat ramp/creek changes. Commissioner Laviolette thought that what would greatly benefit the community would be dredging because some point it will be possible to walk across the bay to the State Park. Commissioner Remy noted that many Oregon Ports have successfully redeveloped parcels they own. General consensus that community outreach would be valuable.

Wheeler city manager Oslund said that the exiting problem is that the creek funnels into a culvert which limits capacity, noting as well that the Wheeler mayor is very interested in collaborating with the Port on projects.

6. COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Commissioner Remy noted that this would be his last meeting saying that their home in Wheeler had sold more quickly than anticipated and that he is no longer a resident of the Port District. All present thanked him for his service wished him well in his new endeavors!

7. ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION

7:40 pm

Attest: _____ Signed: _____

Gene Dieken, Office Mgr.

Steve Huber, Board President

Date: _____