

Port of Nehalem

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Doyle Room of NCRD

Called to order: 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioners: Steve Huber, president; Dave DeVault, secretary-treasurer; Darrell Winegar; Cory Hua

Staff: Gene Dieken, Joe Hayes

Constituents: Jack Thayer, Ray Steele, Stevie Burden

1. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Accepted Board Meeting Minutes of Jan. 2020. Moved: DeVault, seconded Winegar. Vote: 4-0.
- B. Accepted Financial Statement of Jan. 2020: Moved Winegar, seconded Hua. Vote: 4-0.
- C. Accepted Bills for Jan. 2020 Moved Winegar, seconded Hua. Vote: 4-0.
- D. Channel Crew Report: Hayes reported the siding for warehouse repair was ordered, arrived in Nehalem and would soon be on site at the Port. He had some concerns about the over-winter storage of dragon boat as well as the new storage rack for long kayaks. Tug now needs starter fluid to start and may need maintenance before it's ultimately replaced. New fuel conditioning and oil filters will be needed. Replacement marker buoys have been ordered. New decals will need to be ordered to refurbish existing buoys.
- E. Office Report: Tillamook County projects timber revenue for FY 20-10 will be approximately \$49,500. The County also alerted taxing districts of a possible new property tax exemption program to promote multi-family housing construction.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Tug replacement: Norvell will start on our boat in May with completion mid-summer. Hayes had concerns about the design and power of the boat to be a functional equivalent. Steele was specifically concerned with the new boat's ability to remove snags and debris
- B. Update on bank stabilization project: Burden noted that County Commissioner Yamamoto held a meeting with Burden, Bruce Halvorson, Melanie Olson from Business Oregon, Port Commissioner Laviolette & others about the possibility of dredging in Nehalem Bay and the availability of dredge spoils sites. She was mildly optimistic about renewed cooperation by the partners who would need to support.
- C. Update on McDonald Road right-of-way erosion: Port Determined from County that the erosion moving toward the road bed on McDonald road is considered to be within the river dike and thus the County assumes no responsibility.
- D. Re-siding update on the west exterior of warehouse building. See above.
- F. Mohler Railroad Bridge follow-up: No action taken in February, awaiting launch of skiff to gather further information at site.

- G. Update: USGS Sedimentation Survey. USGS is proposing a daytime public workshop final presentation in mid-April. Dieken will follow through
- H. Retirement account update: We're exploring programs suitable for the Port's two part time employees.
- I. Buoy order, re-deployment of surplus buoys: See above.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Policy for on-water assistance to private parties, e.g. debris removal: No previous written policy found. Dieken will research fees charged by other ports.
- B. Cormorant hazing 2020, changes to per-hour fee: The fee was increased substantially and it comes much closer to covering the Port's actual personnel costs.
- C. Pool-a-thon participation: Commissioners opted to not participate this year.
- D. Budget Committee for FY 20-21. Commissioner Laviolette will serve as budget: committee chair. Citizen participants have been contacted.
- E. Consider update of Port Strategic Plan from 2010: Dieken will research further. Mayor Burden noted that an interval between plans is typically 7-10 years.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Concern that the County Commissioners are not meeting in North County frequently enough. Thayer encouraged the Port to increase the rent on the rentals to reflect the current market.

5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: Noted that the Port might not want to be in the rental business.

6. ADJOURNED: 8:39