

Port of Nehalem

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Conference Call

Called to order: 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners: Janice Laviolette, vice-president; Dave DeVault, secretary-treasurer;
Darrell Winegar; Cory Hua

Staff: Gene Dieken, Joe Hayes

Constituents: Jack Thayer, Ray Steele, Commissioner David Yamamoto

1. ADMINISTRATION

- A.** Accepted Board Meeting Minutes of Feb. 2020. Moved: Winegar , seconded: DeVault. Vote 3-0, Laviolette abstaining.
- B.** Accepted Financial Statements for Feb. & March 2020. Moved: Winegar , seconded: DeVault. Vote 3-0, Laviolette abstaining.
- C.** Accepted Bills for February & March 2020. Moved: DeVault, seconded: Winegar. Vote 3-0, Laviolette abstaining.
- D.** Channel Crew Report: Hayes reported he had finished replacing rotted sheathing and tar paper on the west face of the warehouse building. Rot was more extensive than expected.
 - ODFW Cormorant hazing has started out slow with few birds present in mid-April but picked up within 10 days to 60-100 birds. The new outboard is much more fuel
 - Buoy preparation for May deployment is proceeding, Crab Rock buoy will be installed with the extra-low tides.
 - Hayes wanted guidance about the level of deployment given pandemic restrictions.
 - Board consensus:
 - Hayes asked for board approval of same crew as Fall, 2019
 - Long canoe storage was installed satisfactorily by Tiderunners dragon boat team
- E.** Office Report: Watching for information as to how the market downturn may affect the Port's Oregon Short Term Fund account
 - Port has received several notices of possible pandemic related financial opportunities; from state and federal sources will continue to monitor

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Tug replacement status: fabrication of the basic boat has not started. There was discussion of the configuration of the cabin; generally concluded that a small enclosed cabin would be appropriate.
- B.** Update on bank stabilization project. County Commissioner Yamamoto reported on his trip to Washington D.C. where he met with Federal Legislators. Yamamoto made a point of talking to them about two issues that are problematic for the port: 1) dredging the bay and 2) maintaining riverbanks. He got some traction with Rep. Curt Schrader specifically with no-net-rise restrictions when maintain shoreline and implementing dredging in the upper part of the bay by the state and around Wheeler by the Army Corp.

--Yamamoto envisions using Wheeler dredging as a pilot project that also has economic development possibilities.

--Lavolette mentioned that County Development Director Sarah Absher had indicated she believes that there are still viable dredge spoils site available in North County.

Thayer noted that he would be surprised if there were any still available. DeVault noted that previously identified sites would run into no-net-rise regulations.

--Yamamoto will continue to work on these clarifying issues.

--In another topic discussed with Yamamoto, it was also noted that there is a significant eroded area on the McDonald Road levee that now is three feet from the paved surface of the road. Yamamoto said he would follow through with County Roads Dept.

--Also there was a discussion about the nature of the Gov. Brown's travel ban and its impact on tourism vs. economy as it relates to the river, bay and communities.

C. Re-siding update: see Crew report above

D. USGS Sedimentation Survey: board voted authorize Dieken to send a letter to USGS indicating that the Port will make the final payment when USGS staff have made a final, personal presentation of their findings in Nehalem. Moved DeVault, seconded Winegar. Vote 3-1, Hua was a nay.

E. Retirement account update: Commissioners wanted Dieken to explore more option that a SEP-IRA

F. Buoy/marker deployment: Deploy as normal

G. Policy for on-water assistance to private parties, e.g. debris removal: Commissioners voted for a policy of \$150 per hour minimum and \$150 per hour for each additional hour. Moved DeVault, Seconded Winegar. Vote: 4-0.

H. Consider update of Port Strategic Plan from 2010. Dieken was asked to supply copies of the current plan for each commissioner.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget Committee for FY 20-21: membership & meetings timeline

B. Protection of principle of Port's invested assets during economic downturn.

Look at history of LGIP's earnings. Board will determine if changes will be needed.

C. Consider possible economic development partnerships in light of economic downturn.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Thayer noted that he thought the Port should look at increasing local project investments.

5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: none

6. ADJOURNED: 8:40 pm.