

# Port of Nehalem

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## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2020, 6:30 p.m., NCRD Doyle Room

**Called to order: 6:30 p.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Commissioners:** Steve Huber, president; Janice Laviolette, vice-president; Dave DeVault, secretary-treasurer; Darrell Winegar

**Staff:** Gene Dieken, Joe Hayes

**Constituents:** Jack Thayer, Dave Bell

### 1. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Accepted Board Meeting Minutes for August: Moved: Winegar, seconded: DeVault. Vote 4-0
- B. Accepted Financial Statement for August: Moved: DeVault, seconded: Winegar. Vote 4-0
- C. Accepted Bills for August: Moved: Laviolette, seconded: DeVault. Vote 4-0
- D. Channel Crew Report: Hayes reports he put the boom sticks out to protect docked boats from wintertime river debris. West wall re-siding was completed and it awaits painting contractor. Rotted fascia boards on the warehouse have been removed and will be replaced by Joe and helpers who have worked with the Port previously. Project to be completed by end of the month. Hayes noted that gutters on the warehouse and house have rust issues and will need service soon. Hayes is prepping tug to retrieve buoys at season's end.
- E. Office Report: Dieken reported that the Dept. of State Lands had inquired about renewing a dredging permit for the Deer Island channel from the Port dock south. Though the work has been completed, the consensus of the commissioners was to renew for a year to ensure that future work would have a streamlined permitting process.

### 2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Tug replacement status: DeVault reports that much of the equipment needed to outfit the new tug has been acquired, including hydraulics, winches, motor, steering, trailer. Bilge pump, radio, chart plotter await decisions. Work on the hull and deck is proceeding well and work on the house will start soon.
- B. Update on Nehalem Bay Wastewater bank stabilization project: Bruce Halvorson of Nehalem Bay Wastewater has decided to pay for the no-net-rise study required by Tillamook County. TC Public Works may also contribute to this effort in order to save money on an NNR study they require for levy repair on McDonald Road. The Port is still committed to providing some of the financing in partnership with NBWA & TCPW and wants to see the project advance quickly. Thus Laviolette moved that the Port's partnership contribution be increased from \$20,000 to (not to exceed) \$25,000. Seconded by: Winegar. Vote 4-0.

- C. Status of Tillamook County efforts to designate dredging spoils sites: Dieken reported that the Oregon Public Ports dredging consortium will be meeting in Garibaldi on October 28. DeVault said he would attend the meeting.
- D. Retirement plan for Port employees. Dieken handed out the written policy document as an FYI.
- E. Emergency repair of McDonald Road levy erosion: covered above.
- F. USGS Survey final presentation update: Dieken noted that USGS is not yet permitted by US Interior Dept. to give in-person presentations. Dieken proposed acquiring an inexpensive mini-computer and webcam to enable a hybrid Zoom and in-person meeting for the final presentation of the sedimentation survey. Commissioners advised to do further research.
- G. Port property security and liability mitigation: Dieken reported on recent court cases that potentially expose the Port to greater liability in providing public access for recreation. He will work up a plan of action before the end of the year.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Adding Zoom meeting capability to Port meetings: covered above
- B. Off-season storage of Tug/Trailer: Tug will remain outdoors and on the trailer when out of the water.
- C. Support of Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association relief fund in response to recent wildland fires: Consensus not to participate.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** General discussion of the excessive traffic and over-use of tourist facilities this season.

**5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:** None

**6. ADJOURNED:** 7:20