

Port of Nehalem

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Feb. 24, 2021, 6:30 p.m., NCRD Doyle Room

Call to order: 6:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioners: Steve Huber, president; Janice Laviolette, vice-president;

Dave DeVault; sec.-treasurer; Darrell Winegar; Cory Hua

Staff: Gene Dieken, Joe Hayes

Constituents: Doug Honeycutt, Mike Glowa, Jack Thayer, Ray Steele, Cliff Kemp, Gordon Taylor

1. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Accepted Board Meeting Minutes for January. Moved: Winegar, seconded: Hua. Vote 5-0.
- B. Accepted Financial Statement for January. Moved: Laviolette, seconded: Devault. Vote 5-0.
- C. Accepted Bills for January. Moved: Laviolette, seconded: DeVault. Vote 5-0.
- D. Channel Crew Report: Hayes reported that he was ready to order the seasonal buoy replacements. Hayes suggested ¼ inch cable instead rope on some buoys. Commissioners opted to keep using rope.
- E. Office Report. Dieken reminded the Huber and Hua that candidate filing deadline for the May election was March 18. Dieken noted he would be talking with the SDAO D.C. lobbyist about the \$20,000 allotted to Port in the Army Corps 2021 budget.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Tug replacement status: Largely done except for finishes, glass and various hardware choices. Commissioners authorized spending an addition \$20,000 to have finalize the project. Moved: Laviolette, seconded: Hua. Vote 5-0.
- B. Update on Nehalem Bay Wastewater bank stabilization project & McDonald Road erosion repair: In March West Consultants will be doing the survey and depth profiling required for the no-net-rise study. Thayer cautioned that NB Wastewater shouldn't wait for the study to be done to start the application process for construction work.
- C. Update on dredging plans: Laviolette talked briefly with Co. Commissioner Yamamoto. She will continue following through with him and Sarah Absher (TC Dev. Director).
- D. Employee evaluations: Winegar and Hua are ready to go just need venue and date/time.
- E. Strategic Plan update: Laviolette and Dieken met with the Business Oregon/Or. Public Ports Assoc. team to kick off process for a new strategic plan. They were helpful and provided several resources. Huber suggested getting a copy of the Port of Waldport plan.
- F. NOAA/USGS bayside stream monitor: Dieken and Halvorson from Wastewater will have a zoom meeting with the USGS team to talk about siting a stream gauge in

the tidal area of the bay that will also be able to provide combined-branch river flow volume.

- G. FY Budget vs Actual Q1 & Q2: Dieken provided a to-date P&L for commissioners.
- H. Cormorant hazing 2021: Commissioners decided to continue the contract with Oregon Fish & Wildlife for 2021 and then re-examine in the summer if there's a consensus to continue.
- I. Seasonal buoy replacement: Commissioners opted to buy six no-wake, one red, one green and an additional larger hazard buoy to replace crab rock buoy. Moved: Lavolette, seconded: Devault. Vote 5-0.
- J. Status Metal Building utilization: Commissioners tabled this pending further information.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Create a new budget reserve fund in FY 21-22 budget: Dieken suggested separately tracking the revenue from rentals in a continuing reserve fund. He will speak with our accounting firm to proceed further.
- B. FY 21-22 budget planning status: Dieken presented the meeting dates for the process.
- C. Modifications to Metal Building if used for boat storage: Not applicable without a decision in Item J above.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Glowa introduced the team from Wheeler (Mike, Doug, Gordon, Cliff). He noted that they were looking forward to working with the Port and that they have some exciting projects and transformations upcoming in Wheeler.

Honeycutt clarified the issues they are having with parking/storage related to the boat ramp on their waterfront which may be complicated further with the rise of County boat launch fees.

5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Lavolette mentioned that the Port had a request for permanent kayak/SUP lockers near the north Nehalem dock. No consensus developed. Discussion needed with the City.

6. ADJOURNED: 7:48 pm