

Port of Nehalem

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Conference Call

Called to order: 6:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Staff: Gene Dieken

Constituents: Ray Steele; Jack Thayer; John Lawrence; Doug Honeycutt, Wheeler Mayor;
Juliet Hyams, Wheeler City Manager

1. ADMINISTRATION

- A. *Accepted Board Meeting Minutes for December* with Winegar noting an addition to Huber's Commissioner Comment. Moved Winegar, seconded DeVault. Vote: 4-0
- B. *Accepted Financial Statement for December.* Moved Winegar, seconded DeVault. Vote: 4-0
- C. *Accepted Bills for December.* Moved Winegar, seconded DeVault. Vote: 4-0
- D. *Channel Crew Report.* Dieken noted that Hayes had kept and active which on the port property, dock and tug during the two weeks of flooding and king tides. No action to date on rain gutter/downspout repairs; staff will follow through. A large trunk and root ball was removed from the river near the McDonald Road Bridge.
- E. *Office Report.* Dieken noted that commissioners had been invited to an Oregon Public Ports Association introductory program on wind power on generation the Oregon Coast and that he would forward the information and invitation to interested commissioners.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. *Tug replacement status.* Outboard motor is mounted on new tug and the house on the deck is nearing completion. Remaining are hydraulics, hull and deck finished and electronics, all of which are budgeted for but specific spending will need to be approved by Commissioners.
- B. *Update on Nehalem Bay Wastewater bank stabilization project & McDonald Road erosion repair.* Thayer reported that (despite some initial confusion) a Jan. 29 meeting of all the players critical to both projects has been scheduled. Thayer, DeVault, Laviolette will attend from our area. Laviolette was concerned that any no net rise study (NNRS) be valid for a long enough period so that projects could still be completed if there are any delays.
- C. *Update on dredging plans.* After attending the Oregon Public Ports Dredging Assoc. orientation meeting, Laviolette reported that she would also like to get some clarity at the Jan. 29 meeting (B. above) about NNRS as it applies to dredge spoils and any dredging project the Port may propose in the near future. She's also interested in re-establishing identified dredge spoils sites.
- D. *Employee evaluations.* No news yet.

- E. *Strategic Plan update.* Dieken reported that he and Laviolette have a Feb. 2 meeting to kick off the plan update process with Stephanie Prybyl of Business Oregon. BO has resources and potential funding to provide.
- F. *Update Tug recycling.* Dieken noted that the Port will attempt to sell the tug via State of Oregon surplus process before employing other public means.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *Cormorant hazing 2021.* Winegar doesn't feel it's feasible for the Port to do the hazing since we don't break even financially. Hua and DeVault felt that supporting the salmon run was important even if it costs the Port a small amount of money. Staff will talk to Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife about their plans and staffing needs.
- B. *Seasonal buoy replacement.* Board voted to purchase eight new no-wake buoys. Board also asked staff to identify/price a replacement for the larger buoy marking the hazard at Crab Rock in the jetty. Moved DeVault, seconded Hua. Vote: 4-0.
- C. *Resolve long-term use/potential upgrade of Port's metal building.* Staff will determine what the taxes would be if the north half of the metal building is rented.
- D. *Itemize employee hours.* Winegar indicated that he wants to see an itemization of how employees spend their time. Staff noted that such a process would increase the number of hours worked, nonetheless employees will comply.
- E. Determine status of City of Wheeler liaison to Port. John Lawrence indicated that Wheeler has not filled this liaison position. Honeycutt said he intends to act as liaison at least for the interim.
- F. FY Budget vs Actual Q1 & Q2. No presentation for now.
- G. *Update NOAA/USGS bayside stream monitor.* Commissioners asked staff to follow through with USGS and NB Wastewater Agency to determine needs and costs.
- H. *Rent increase on renewing leases.* Commissioners concluded to increase rental fees by 3% as leases renew. Moved DeVault, seconded Winegar. Vote: 4-0
- I. *Commissioner meeting compensation.* Commissioners concluded to pay meeting compensation only for meetings attended. Moved Winegar, seconded DeVault. Vote: 4-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: Winegar noted he felt that Tillamook County was waiting for the McDonald Road erosion to fail as a way to skirt regulatory costs for repair.

6. ADJOURNED: 8:41 p.m.