

Port of Nehalem

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Board Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2021, 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, sec.-treasurer; Darrell Winegar; Cory Hua.

Staff: Gene Dieken, Joe Hayes

Constituents: Jack Thayer, Ray Steele, Ken Ulbricht, Clif Kemp

1. ADMINISTRATION

- A.** Accepted Board Meeting Minutes for March. Moved Winegar, seconded Laviolette. Vote 5-0.
- B.** Accepted Financial Statement for March. Moved Winegar, seconded Laviolette. Vote 5-0.
- C.** Accepted Bills for March. Moved Winegar, seconded Laviolette. Vote 5-0.
- D.** Channel Crew Report: Hayes reports cormorant hazing in progress. Bird count is diminishing. Will consult ODF&W about their preferred end date. Buoys arrived will he will apply anti-fouling to them before deploying. Clarity needed as to the distance from shore for placement (100' vs 200'). Lawn work is now frequent.
- E.** Office Report: USGS sedimentation survey is not yet ready and they project May delivery. City of Wheeler inquired as to when they will be billed for their share of the survey cost. U.S. Coast Guard is creating a emergency preparedness group with Port managers to talk about recovery in the event of of a tsunami. Gave commissioners the meeting schedule.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Tug replacement status. DeVault reported that the boat will be launched April 30 and inquired about insurance coverage. The height on trailer is 12' 2". In general this may be too large to store in the Port's metal building. Will clarify. Huber inquired about selling the old tug. Dieken will clarify State requirement and report back.
- B.** Nehalem Bay Wastewater bank stabilization project & McDonald Road erosion repair status. Wastewater has submitted the construction permit application for the smaller 500 foot project. Tilla. Co. Dev. Director Absher noted that the permit would need a biological assessment and identified possible consultants.
- C.** Dredging plans update. Laviolette met with Director Absher to talk about the re-activation of dredge spoils sites in North County. These are referred to as a priority in the County's comprehensive plan. Absher said she's not comfortable with the previously identified sites and will do some exploring about alternatives. She will create a stakeholders' meeting in Tillamook in the near future. DeVault wondered about spoils in the floodway. There doesn't seem to be clarity about this. Laviolette emphasized need to document the process and solutions developed. Dieken noted that with enough planning and help from county, state and D.C., the Port could be eligible for U.S. Army Corp of Engineers assistance. Huber suggested some level of spoils removal capacity could be banked by working with Mohler Sand and Gravel. Ken Ulbricht, owner of the waterfront involved in the proposed commercial/residential project in Wheeler, spoke to introduce himself and said he would be interested in participating in Port projects such as dredging.
- D.** Strategic Plan development update: Progress has been slow. Dieken will have more time after budgeting season.
- E.** NOAA/USGS bayside stream monitor update. USGS has contacted ODOT about placement on the Hwy. 101 bridge south of Nehalem. No definitive answer. The cost will be \$24,000 annually and the Wastewater Authority would contribute \$8000. The rest of the cost could be shared by the Port, cities and other organization who would benefit from tide and flow data. Hayes noted that the closest gauge at Foss is useful for predicting floods but not for measuring tidal conditions when the rivers enter the bay.
- G.** FY 21-22 budget process update. We have a full complement of committee members and the Budget Meeting will

be at 5:30 pm on May 26.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Decision about storage space utilization or proceed with a new temporary structure. Tabled to May.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS Cliff Kemp, the new City of Wheeler liaison, introduced himself.

5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: Laviolette encouraged commissioners and constituents to think about their vision of the Port to include in the new Strategic Plan.

6. ADJOURNED: 7:40 p.m.