

Port of Nehalem

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioners: Steve Huber, president; Janice Laviolette, vice-president;
Darrell Winegar; Cory Hua. Not present: Dave DeVault; sec.-treasurer.

Staff: Gene Dieken, Joe Hayes

Constituents: Jack Thayer, Ray Steele, Ken Ulbricht

1. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Accepted Board Meeting Minutes for February. Moved by Winnegar to accept Minutes, Financials & Bills, seconded by Laviolette. Vote: 4-0
- B. Accepted Financial Statement for February
- C. Accepted Bills for February
- D. Channel Crew Report: Cormorant hazing will start in the next 10 days or so but ODF&W is leaving it to the Port to determine when there are enough birds to warrant hazing. Oil was changed in skiff preparatory to hazing.
- E. Office Report. Employee evaluations were completed. New buoys were ordered and have now been shipped out. DeVault isn't optimistic that the new boat can be stored in the Port's metal building due to size constraints. Oregon and Washington Ports are protesting new requirements regarding Salmon protection that will likely be added to the US Army Corps of Engineers project permitting process. Port will continue to follow and comment if required.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Tug replacement status: Nearing completion. As all of the final items are installed, it appears we will be within the allotted budget and there is still a general items account in the reserve budget if anything unforeseen comes up.
- B. Nehalem Bay Wastewater bank stabilization project & McDonald Road erosion repair. Dieken expressed concern about the pace of the application process. We have only a limited time window to start the project for this year. Thayer explained what has happened to-date as he understands. There's seems to be some confusion among the participants.
- C. Dredging plans. Laviolette has an upcoming meeting with Tilla. Co. Development Director Absher about possible dredge spoils sites.
- D. Strategic Plan development: We will schedule meetings with Commissioners and interested constituents for preliminary ideas and then identify a consultant who can lead us and potentially run public info gathering meetings. The State of Oregon has funds to assist in this process.
- E. NOAA/USGS bayside stream monitor. USGS technical team came for a site visit to assess locations and feasibility on March 9. They identified the Hwy. 101 Bridge south of Nehalem as a likely spot. They will contact us when they have a proposal.

- F. Army Corps allotment to Port in 2021. Dieken has scheduled a meeting with our Washington D.C. based lobbyist for a tutorial about this process and how to use it more effectively.
- G. FY 21-22 budget process. We have identified one new person to be on the Budget Committee and we continue to seek another. Will contact the returning members and schedule meetings.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. May election is on the 18th. Huber will be running unopposed. Damian Laviolette and Joe Velkinburg will compete for the Number Four Position.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS. Thayer noted that the large boulders that were placed in or near the water along the POTB Railway line upstream from the Mohler bridge seem to have moved and thus haven't really been helpful in decreasing streamside erosion. Hayes suggested that the Port consider raising the wage for the assistant in our cormorant hazing process.

5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: None.

6. ADJOURNED: 7:29 p.m.