

Port of Nehalem

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Board Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2021, 6:30 p.m., NCRD Doyle Room

Call to order: 6:30

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioners: Steve Huber, president; Dave DeVault, sec.-treasurer; Darrell Winegar; Cory Hua.

Staff: Gene Dieken

Constituents: Clif Kemp, Damian Laviolette, Jack Thayer, Ray Steele

1. ADMINISTRATION

- A.** Accepted Board Meeting Minutes for May. Moved: Winegar, Seconded: DeVault. Vote: 4-0.
- B.** Accepted Financial Statement for May. Moved: Winegar, Seconded: DeVault. Vote: 4-0.
- C.** Accepted Bills for May. Moved: Winegar, Seconded: DeVault. Vote: 4-0.
- D.** Channel Crew: Diver was contracted to retrieve attachment line for Crab Rock warning buoy and it will be in place June 25. A constituent-requested no-wake buoy will also be placed north of the McDonald Road bridge.
- E.** Office Report: Staff talked to Nan Devlin about possible Transient Lodging Tax grant to fund a share of the proposed tide gauge on the 101 bridge south of Nehalem. Preliminarily, it does sound like this is something that could qualify. Currently, the state has not made Federal Recovery funds available to Special Districts such as the Port.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** New Tug status. A small leak is present in the hydraulic pump and the simplest way to repair is to pull the entire hydraulics pump unit at have the dealer replace the pump. DeVault will transport the unit to dealer. It's performing well otherwise.
- B.** Approve acquisition of final required items for New Tug. Board voted to acquire at chartplotter and map set from DeVault. Moved: Winegar, Seconded: Hua. Vote: 3 aye, 1 abstention
- C.** Disposal of old Tug: Dieken will work with the State of Oregon Surplus program to create a rules-compliant auction.
- D.** Nehalem Bay Wastewater bank stabilization project. Still waiting to hear if a professional engineering firm will take over the permit process as the regulatory requirements have become more convoluted and time-consuming.
- E.** Dredging plans update. No new progress.
- F.** NOAA/USGS bayside stream/tide monitor update. USGS is waiting for approval of installation of gauge on Hwy 101 bridge south of Nehalem.
- G.** Strategic Plan progress. Dieken has been in contact with Business Oregon on several issues. Based on these conversations, it seems appropriate to find a consultant to help us make timely progress.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Approve a search process for contractor to build extension to north bay of Port's metal building. Consensus to search for a contractor & proceed.
- B.** Consider participation in local public entities emergency preparedness working group. No commitment from Commissioners.
- C.** Appreciation and Farewell to departing Commissioner Cory Hua.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kemp had a question of shoreline issue between the two marinas in the Brighton area. Port has no authority and it's likely the property is owned by Brighton Marina. Kemp also had questions about buoy locations and

the large stationary snag near Fisher Point.

Thayer noted that the Sunset Drainage District has is having issues with ODEQ, Army Corp and other regulatory authorities.

Laviolette noted his concern about potential land takings issues associated with Endangered Species Act, FEMA/NOAA plans for substantial expansion of the riparian zone surrounding Nehalem River/Bay and other estuaries. He will keep Board informed as he moves into the position of Port Commissioner and may also join a Tillamook County committee that will be following these Federal efforts.

5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: Winegar requested an annotated list of how staff time is applied.

6. ADJOURN 7:48 pm.