

# Port of Nehalem

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## Board Meeting Minutes

Aug 25, 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; Damian Laviolette.

**Staff:** Gene Dieken

**Constituents:** Ray Steele, Jack Thayer, Clif Kemp

### 1. ADMINISTRATION

**A.** Accepted Board Meeting Minutes for July. Moved J. Laviolette, seconded Winegar. Vote: 5-0

**B.** Accepted Financial Statement for July. Moved J. Laviolette, seconded DeVault. Vote: 5-0

**C.** Accepted Bills for July. Moved J. Laviolette, seconded Winegar. Vote: 5-0

**D.** Channel Crew. Jim N. at Wheeler Marina reported that buoys along the Wheeler waterfront had drifted out of their original positions and needed to be moved back. Hayes will check this.

**E.** Office Report Dieken reported that the auditor picked up the Port's financial info for the last fiscal year.

### 2. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Disposal of old Tug** has been slowed by lack of title documents. Staff has applied for salvage title. Commissioners advise to advertise in the county and sell to highest bidder.

**B. Nehalem Bay Wastewater bank stabilization project.** Commissioners reached clarity about the billing for the river engineering study by West Consulting done in April. The Port will pay its share (\$7,567) of the total cost (\$23,649.41) when we receive an invoice. NB Wastewater and Tillamook Co. Public Works will cover the rest. NBWA has hired a consultant to expedite a final permit. This should relieve Port and NBWA from much of the confusion and frustration experienced to date.

**C. Dredging update.** D. Laviolette will ask TC Commissioner Yamamoto to get in touch with Commissioner J. Laviolette to restart a process of determining need and resources for dredging. Major issues include project scope, community need and financing available. Huber noted that he had talked with a local dredging engineer and noted that he might be a person to help the Port in launching a project.

**D. NOAA/USGS bayside stream/tide monitor.** Progress & USGS breakdown of costs/responsibilities:. Commissioners wanted to know what would happen if in future the Port or partner NBWA no longer wanted to support the gauge. Staff reported that USGS said they would remove the equipment. The yearly cost breakdown: Port \$8,000, NBWA \$8,000, USGS \$8,000. Moved J. Laviolette, seconded DeVault. Vote: 3-2 in favor with Huber and Winegar voting no.

**E. Strategic Plan progress.** Staff called our regional economic development agency, Columbia Pacific, about finding a consultant to help us through the process. They provided a useful list of consultants who had recently worked with Oregon ports. Staff will follow up with a process to select 2-3 to be interviewed.

**F. Update of Port's metal building.** DeVault stated that he talked with a contractor who then looked at the building and would email a proposal.

**G. Additional on-water worker insurance** coverage. No update at this point.

**H.** Discussion of **riparian expansion informational meeting.** The in-person meeting was cancelled. D. Laviolette will set an online replacement in September. He also met with Molly Lawrence who has been working with several county entities to counter the implementation. Lawrence encouraged developing as much organization as early as possible.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Unauthorized use of Port property.** DeVault noted that an RV was parked on the paved area of the Port's property near the Nehalem-Hwy 101 bridge. Consensus: DeVault will move large concrete block at the edges of the entrance and run a cable across the pavement.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS.** None.

**5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS.** None.

**6. ADJOURNED:** 7:48 p.m.