

Port of Nehalem

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Board Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2021, 6:30 p.m., NCRD Doyle Room

Called to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioners: Steve Huber, president; Janice Laviolette, vice-president; Dave DeVault, sec.-treasurer; Darrell Winegar; Damian Laviolette.

Staff: Gene Dieken, Joe Hayes

Constituents: Jack Thayer, Linda Koslowski, Clif Kemp

1. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Accepted Board Meeting Minutes for June. Moved: DeVault, seconded: J. Laviolette. Vote: 5-0.
- B. Accepted Financial Statement for June. Moved: DeVault, seconded: J. Laviolette. Vote: 5-0.
- C. Accepted Bills for June. Moved: DeVault, seconded: J. Laviolette. Vote: 5-0.
- D. Channel Crew: Hayes reports that the Tug is ready for sale. Two displaced buoys were retrieved and re-positioned. Hydraulic pump on new boat was repaired and returned to service on the boat. Hayes noted that the bay near the jetty is quite shallow. This may be partially because the river flow is well below normal. Hayes also reported that the ramp to the Port's dock has become misaligned. He will work on a solution.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Disposal of old Tug: Dieken contacted State of Oregon Surplus and they could run an auction of the tug. We will need to resolve the issue of a missing title or create a salvage title.
- B. Nehalem Bay Wastewater bank stabilization project is still stalled while Wastewater starts a biological survey. This will likely preclude any work in 2021. Damian Laviolette suggested he could expedite communication about payment of the County's share of the engineering survey done the spring.
- C. Dredging plans update: Clif Kemp (Wheeler liaison to the Port) reported on conversations he had with waterfront property owners and others in Wheeler about dredging of the waterfront there. He said that generally there wasn't a lot of interest with the exception of Wheeler Marina.
- D. NOAA/USGS bayside stream/tide monitor update. Progress & USGS breakdown of costs: Commissioners reviewed financing proposal from USGS and wanted additional clarity about partnership, ongoing costs and responsibilities. They were also concerned about the usage of the tide data generally. Tabled. Dieken will follow up.
- E. Strategic Plan progress. Dieken said he would contact our Oregon Business representative to begin a search for a consultant to work with the Port. Damian Laviolette noted that \$300,000 was currently appropriated for Ports by the State for this purpose.
- F. USGS Sedimentation Survey update: Still waiting for the final published survey.
- G. Update of Port's metal building update. Current renter has been notified of Port's plans. Search for a contractor is ongoing.
- H. Approve correction of FY 21-22 Resolution #1 to correct for typographical error. Moved: D. Laviolette, seconded: Winegar. Vote: 5-0.
- I. Accept FY 21-22 Budget Hearing Minutes. Moved: DeVault, seconded: Winegar. Vote: 5-0.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Tiderunners Dragonboat Club inquired about the possibility of boarding the entire crew into the boat at the Port dock instead of general boarding of most of the crew at the north Nehalem city dock. Consensus was to continue the current two-dock loading protocol with the majority loading at the city dock.
- B. Linda Kozlowski, EVCNB Emergency Response Division Lead presented information about the Forum, a

group of local officials who meet quarterly to advance broadly coordinated community emergency preparedness and response. Damian Laviolette asked about the group's relationship with the county. At this time none of the Commissioners were interested in participating.

C. Possible changes to Port's insurance coverage. Action tabled awaiting further information.

D. Determine Port's willingness to participate in planning and strategy sessions RE: potential Federal expansion of riparian zones surrounding Nehalem river/estuary and similar sites in Tillamook County. Determine first steps if there is a consensus to participate. Consensus: Damian Laviolette/Port will host a local informational meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS. Thayer noted that the POTB RR bridge over the Nehalem River near Mohler has been closed pending required repairs.

5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS None

6. ADJOURNED: 7:37 p.m.