

# Port of Nehalem

## Board Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Conference Call

**Called to order: 6:28 p.m.**

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

**Staff:** Gene Dieken, Joe Hayes

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

### 1. ADMINISTRATION

- A.** Accepted Board Meeting Minutes for August. Moved: Laviolette, seconded: DeVault. Vote 4-0.
- B.** Accepted Financial Statement for August. Moved: Laviolette, seconded: DeVault. Vote 4-0.
- C.** Accepted Bills for August. Moved: Laviolette, seconded: DeVault. Vote 4-0.
- D.** Channel Crew: Hayes reported that he has resolved a charging issue with one of the old tug's batteries and the battery bank had been fully charged and stayed that way. Hayes reported that he coated the Port's docks and gangway with wood sealant and preservative. Hayes noted that he worked with N.B. Fire and Rescue in saving a sunken boat using the new tug. Owner was aware of Port's boat operation charges. Hayes wanted guidance about the gap in the Port area fencing with the tear down of the building at the northeast corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Hwy. 101. Consensus was to wait and see since there's little threat involved.
- E.** Office Report: Dieken noted that Ken Ulbricht had talked to him and stated that he was interested in participating in any dredging project that involved Wheeler.

### 2. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Disposal of old Tug: on hold pending resolution of battery issue.
- B.** Nehalem Bay Wastewater bank stabilization project. NB Wastewater noted that Consultant Dana from Kennedy-Jenks had largely taken up the permitting process. Thayer noted that there will be a forthcoming report about the need for an endangered species study. Overall, this multi-year project may be heading toward a permit for construction in 2022.
- C.** Dredging update: J. Laviolette noted that she hadn't received any follow through from T.C. Commissioner Yamamoto.
- D.** NOAA/USGS bayside stream/tide monitor update. Dieken noted that the Port has signed the joint financing agreement for the project but he had yet to receive an invoice. A conversation with the operations representative indicated that they hoped to have the gage installed this year.
- E.** Strategic Plan progress: Dieken noted that he had talked with three firms who indicated they would be interested in providing consulting and that he would talk to interested Commissioners about a process going forward.
- F.** Update of Port's metal building modification. DeVault noted he found one contractor who would submit a bid. Winegar suggested another possible contractor currently working in the area. Hayes noted that the addition of a slab would be close to \$1,000.
- G.** Pre-discussion of BiOp informational meeting Sept. 23: Commissioners requested that Comm. D. Laviolette host the meeting on behalf of the Port.
- H.** Resolution of unauthorized use of Port's property: DeVault noted that he placed large concrete blocks and cable across the entrance to the Port's Old Hwy. 101 property.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Buoy removal schedule: Commissioners requested pick up by the third week in October.
- B.** Oregon Derelict Vessel Removal program update: The State is increasing pressure on Ports to be more active in enforcement but as of now this is unresolved. It was noted that the Port has no authority over vessels because it owns no property used by the public. Consensus was not to pursue any further action.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Thayer expressed his appreciation for the quick resolution of the problems on the Old Hwy. 101 property. He also noted there was a derelict boat upstream near his property.

**5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:** None

**6. ADJOURNED:** 7:31 p.m.