

Port of Nehalem

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Board Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2021, 6:30 p.m.,

NCRD Doyle Room in Nehalem

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Staff: Gene Dieken

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

1. ADMINISTRATION

- A.** Accepted Board Meeting Minutes for September. Moved Winegar, seconded Laviolette. Vote: 5-0.
- B.** Accepted Financial Statement for September. Moved Winegar, seconded Laviolette. Vote: 5-0.
- C.** Accepted Bills for September. Moved Winegar, seconded Laviolette. Vote: 5-0.
- D.** Channel Crew: Buoy retrieval was interrupted by equipment problem. Hayes will complete buoy retrieval early November.
- E.** Office Report. Dieken reported that he contacted a contractor to repair an overflow problem with the rental house gutters which causes water to run into the garage.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Disposal of old Tug.** Both locals who had expressed interest in spring/summer are no longer interested. Staff will start advertising.
- B. Nehalem Bay Wastewater bank stabilization project.** Permit application process proceeds slowly as consultant hired by NB Wastewater tries to align requirements from County, State and Federal government agencies. Work is likely to start in summer 2022.
- C. Dredging update.** Nothing new. Janice Laviolette will stay in contact with Co. Commissioner Yamamoto.
- D. NOAA/USGS bayside stream/tide monitor update.** NOAA operative will be on site in November to install.
- E. Strategic Plan update.** Damian Laviolette, Janice Laviolette and staff will meet with Ayreann Colombo of ColPac Economic Development District to start the process. A presentation at the November board meeting is likely.
- F. Update of Port's metal building modification.** City of Nehalem has raised floodplain concerns about the proposed 96 sq. ft. addition.
- G. Update on Biological Opinion regulations/Flood Insurance changes.** J. Laviolette noted that she had read through much of the published documentation. She is concerned about the severity of the requirements if the implementation goes as proposed. No changes in implementation likely till 2027. D. Laviolette noted that there will likely be modifications to implementation, especially if there is concerted local action. He also clarified the relationship between NOAA and the FEMA flood insurance program in the implementation process. Much of the enforcement will be done through NFIP processes.
- A.** Suggestion from public to increase emergency coordination with N.B. Fire & Rescue. John Steele proposed that the Port and NB Fire & Rescue increase coordination to enhance on-water emergency response. Commissioners were receptive but also worried about the increase risk and insurance profile for taking on this new responsibility. Commissioners also talked about local ambulance service and staffing Steele will talk to Fire Chief and ask him to talk with a Port representative.
- B.** Port software upgrades: Consensus was to update the major applications and increase secure back up

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS John Steele thanked the Port Commissioners for the Port's help in saving his boat in September. Ray Steele noted his frustration that the Port hasn't received the final work product from the USGS Sedimentation

Survey of 2019 even though it's fully paid for. Chagrined staff will follow through.

5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS None.

6. ADJOURNED 7:17 pm