

Port of Nehalem

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Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

NCRD Doyle Room in Nehalem

Called to order: 6:28 pm

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: Clif Kemp, Des Kahrs, Ray Steel, Jack Thayer

1. ADMINISTRATION

A. Accepted Board Meeting Minutes for October. Moved J. Laviolette, seconded Winegar, vote 5-0.

B. Accepted Financial Statement for October Moved J. Laviolette, seconded Winegar, vote 5-0.

C. Accepted Bills for October Moved J. Laviolette, seconded Winegar, vote 5-0.

D. Channel Crew: Hayes said that Port's buoys are all in and cleaned up, dock area is secured for the season. New boom pole added to protect dock/boats from debris and, stored buoys have been secured in case of flooding. Port removed debris from a constituent's dock west of Wheeler. Next task will be to get the work boat out of the water for season. Old Crab Rock buoy has been removed from Port's storage lot.

E. Office Report: Dieken noted the ODFW sea otter reintroduction team was interested in any stakeholder comments about this proposed project.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Strategic Plan presentation by Ayreann Colombo, Director of ColPac Ec. Dev. District. Colombo presented the proposed scope of work and estimated that the process would take about six months. Initial conversation determined that Commissioners and stakeholders should be engaged to define the Port's role for the future and to plan for anything that not currently anticipated. J. Laviolette suggested that Commissioners come up with preliminary framework for the plan to start the process. Colombo suggested a committee to spearhead the early work and then have presentations along the way. D. Laviolette suggested that the Port vote on accepting and proceeding on the scope of work. He also noted that a large portion of the cost would be covered by the State of Oregon. Acceptance moved by Winegar, seconded by D. Laviolette. Vote 5-0. Dieken wanted to get a sketch of how the Port would interact with constituents. There was a discussion on best practices to engage constituents once the preliminary work is underway. J. Laviolette noted that the Port is unusual in that it has few major stakeholders and, that it's important to communicate what the Port can do given its size and resources. D. Laviolette noted that the current Plan overstated what the Port can actually do. Thayer asked what the Port of Tillamook Bay paid for their recent plan; Colombo noted it was less than \$25,000.

B. Nehalem Bay Wastewater bank stabilization project. Thayer wondered if American Rescue Plan Act funds could be used for projects like this. D. Laviolette noted that any funding would have to have some connection to the pandemic.

C. Dredging update. No new developments.

D. NOAA/USGS bayside stream/tide monitor update. Representative from USGS said they would be here on Nov. 18 to install.

E. Sale of tug. One potential buyer will come to look at the tug on Nov. 22.

F. Update of Port's metal building modification. No resolution about City of Nehalem zoning/FEMA requirements. DeVault also wants to get exact measurements of the new boat on trailer when it's out of the water before proceeding.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Modifications to work boat. As configured, the motor is prone to prop cavitation under certain conditions. DeVault has asked builder Norvelle to modify the boats engine mount platform to lower the prop a few inches.

B. Holiday considerations. Board votes to allot \$100 per employee for a gift certificate to a local merchant.

Moved J. Laviolette, seconded Winegar. Vote 5-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS. Steele noted that he didn't expect to see the USGS Sedimentation Survey publication before summer '22.

5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS. D. Laviolette noted that 27 owners of properties adjacent to the POTB Railroad right of way are involved in a takings dispute centered on recent rails -to- trails lawsuits. He will keep Commissioners informed.

6. ADJOURNED: 7:27 p.m.