

Port of Nehalem

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Board Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

NCRD Doyle Room in Nehalem

Call to order: 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Staff: Gene Dieken, Joe Hayes

Constituents: Clif Kemp, Ray Steele, Jack Thayer

1. ADMINISTRATION

- A.** Accepted Board Meeting Minutes for January. Moved by DeVault, Seconded by Winegar. Vote: 4-0.
- B.** Accepted Financial Statement for January. Moved by DeVault, Seconded by Winegar. Vote: 4-0.
- C.** Accepted Bills for January. Moved by DeVault, Seconded by Winegar. Vote: 4-0.
- D.** Channel Crew: Hayes moved/replaced orange hazard buoys in the Bay near Wheeler/Deans Point.
- E.** Office Report: Items cover in agenda.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Strategic Plan update. Port is waiting for confirmation of Business Oregon grant approval. Assured approval will happen, staff contacted our consultants at ColPac Economic Development to set a date for a kickoff meeting.
- B.** Nehalem Bay Wastewater bank stabilization project. DeVault stated that the permit is on track for approval in April with construction possible in the summer season. D. Laviolette noted that Kennedy-Jenks, consultant hired by NB Wastewater, should be in contact with all approving parties as the approval date approach just to eliminate surprises and delays. Informational letters to adjacent property owners have been sent by Tillamook County which also needs to confirm no further barriers exist to a permit. Thayer noted that the USACE permit had been approved. D. Laviolette wanted to confirm that Tillamook Co. Public Works had reimbursed NB Wastewater for their share of the 2020 engineering survey. It had. Janice Laviolette determined that it's not possible to seek 2021 Infrastructure Bill funds to pay for this stabilization project.
- C.** Dredging update: J. Laviolette's letter to Congressman Schrader about infrastructure spending and regulatory barriers was specifically called out by Schrader at a recent meeting.
- D.** NOAA/USGS bayside stream/tide monitor update. Rescheduled to the end of March, weather permitting.
- E.** Boats update. Staff worked with PSI Graphics in Tillamook on identity lettering for the new work boat. Commissioners advised to acquire and have PSI install. Buyer of tug Gregory decided to motor it from Port's dock to Port of Astoria boat yard. He has been active in preparing Gregory to the trip. Commissioners were concerned with this plan. [Note: on March 11, the boat was successfully moved to Astoria.]
- F.** Update of Port's metal building modification update. Staff noted that at the last meeting the Board didn't vote approval of the contract. It was also noted that the initial approval not to exceed \$8,200 might well need to change due to inflation and supply issues. It was moved by Winegar & seconded by DeVault that the not-to-exceed funding limit be raised to \$10,000. Approved: 4-0.
- G.** Cormorant hazing participation. ODF&W asked the Port to participate in April and part of May. They will be sending a contract. Commissioners requested that we should at least request a higher reimbursement for fuel if not an increase in the hourly fee. Staff will contact ODF&W. Staff and an additional part-time person will be in the field.
- H.** Estuary Cleanup participation (March 5). Staff will operate the work boat in support of Cleanup goals.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. House Bill 2560: requires governing bodies to make most public meetings remotely accessible. At this time the Commissioners opted to explore the requirements and wait to implement as the law is rolled out.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS. Thayer expressed concern about the amount of time dedicated to North County by the Sheriff's Office

5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS. Winegar noted a request from a constituent about a snag on the north end of Lazarus Island. Staff noted that it had moved too far into the shallows to safely remove.

6. ADJOURNED: 7:28 p.m.