

# Port of Nehalem

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## Board Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

NCRD Doyle Room in Nehalem

**Called to order: 6:30 p.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Staff:** Gene Dieken

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

### 1. ADMINISTRATION

- A.** Accepted Board Meeting Minutes for December as corrected. Moved: D. Laviolette; seconded: Winegar. Vote: 4-0.
- B.** Accepted Financial Statement for December Moved: D. Laviolette; seconded: Winegar. Vote: 4-0.
- C.** Accepted Bills for December Moved: D. Laviolette; seconded: Winegar. Vote: 4-0.
- D.** Channel Crew: Crew was active during January tides/flood securing Port property/equipment.
- E.** Office Report: Asked Commissioners to review draft of previous FY financial statement. Noted that the Nehalem Waterfront Commission held their first meeting and that while no Port Commissioners are directly involved, they would be welcome at subsequent Zoom meetings.

### 2. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Strategic Plan update. The final application for a Strategic Plan Update grant from Business Oregon has been submitted. D. Laviolette stressed the need to drive the process more quickly to avoid loss of momentum.
- B.** Nehalem Bay Wastewater bank stabilization project. Still some confusion about the finality of the work permit even after final approval from USACE. DeVault will follow through with NB Wastewater and their consultant; he stressed that they are best equipped to clarify.
- C.** Dredging update. In response to Thayer's question about applying for funding from the current tranche of federal infrastructure money for current bank stabilization project, D. Laviolette stressed that he was willing to explore this but that there seemed to be confusion about who would actually administer the application or grant. Dieken suggested that it be labeled as a co-production of the Port, NBWA and the Sunset Drainage District and administered by NBWA. D. Laviolette will communicate with TC Commissioner Yamamoto about applying after confirming with Halverson at NBWA.
- D.** NOAA/USGS bayside stream/tide monitor update. USGS will try for installation in the first half of February
- E.** Boats update. Tug buyer is working with marine title company which eliminates waiting for Marine Board paperwork to clear. He is finalizing his plan to remove the boat from the Port dock in February.
- F.** Update of Port's metal building modification update. DeVault signed contract with builder for \$8200. Due to supply problems with garage doors, we won't start until the door is delivered.
- G.** Vote to approve 5.5% rent increases for 2022. Moved: Winegar; seconded: D. Laviolette. Vote: 4-0.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Cormorant hazing participation. J. Laviolette asked staff to contact ODF&W to request an increase in the grant to cover the rise in fuel cost.
- B.** Estuary Cleanup participation (March 5). Commissioners decided not to contribute financially but to offer the use of the Port's work boat/staff time for the cleanup. Moved Winegar, seconded DeVault. Vote 4-0.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS. none

**5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS** D. Laviolette noted his participation in a town hall with Rep. Kurt Schrader about National Flood Insurance Program; County and others sought to clarify the interaction of the many programs/agencies that deal with our lowlands. Laviolette briefly explained the concern about a drop in timber revenue due to the closure of

a major logging operator: may not be as bad as feared. Laviolette noted there is now some movement on the Linn County v. State of Oregon class action suit concerning historical underpayment of timber revenue; a new hearing set for Feb. 22.

**6. ADJOURNED:** 7:36 pm.