



Port of Nehalem

Board Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2024

NCRD – Old School House Room
Nehalem, OR

Commissioners:

Steve Huber – President - Absent
Janice Laviolette – Vice President
Dave DeVault - Secretary/Treasurer
Damian Laviolette
Darrell Winegar - Absent

Staff: Cammy Hickman

Guest: Sarah Absher, CBO, CFM, Director Tillamook County Community Development

Constituents: Ray Steele, Jack Thayer, John Handler, Steve Klum, Vie Mageske, Brad Thayer, Gary Zimmerman, Sarah Absher, Lisa Hooley

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

GUEST SPEAKER: Ms. Absher presented an update on the implementation status of the Biological Opinion (BioP) for the State of Oregon. Following background information she discussed the three implementation options provided in the BiOp cities and counties could choose from as their new permitting and regulating process. Initially, an option was to be selected by late 2025 or early 2026 with final implementation by 2027. As a result of a second law suit filed by the NW Environmental Defense Center, notification letters were sent in July expediting the option selection date to December 1, 2024. Consequences of non-compliance would result in suspension of all flood Insurance policies in the area. Additionally, cities or counties that do not comply will no longer be able to access funding for national disaster relief. Ms. Absher also discussed an 'Option 4' – Take no action. Ms. Absher took questions from the audience following her presentation.

- Option 1: Implement Moratorium of any new developments in mapped areas
- Option 2: Updated codes for Flood Plain development that expands the process/review criteria to include environmental bench marks.
- Option 3: Require a habitat assessment or Environmental Impact Statement to accompany any flood plain development permit.
- Option 4: Take no action

2. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Janice moved and Damian seconded a motion to accept September Meeting Minutes, Financial Statements and Bills. Motion carried 4/0.
- B. Office Report – Cammy Hickman
- The Port’s contribution to the NBWA has been sent.
 - SDIS 2024 Best Practices Survey (Public Meetings) is due November 1. At this point the Port qualifies for a 6% insurance discount. I have taken the Vector online Public Meetings class and have also registered for both the OGEC Public and Executive Session webinars in December.
 - To clarify Commissioner training requirements under HB 2805:
 - (a) Every member of a governing body of a public body with total expenditures for a fiscal year of \$1 million or more shall attend or view training prepared under this section at least once during the member’s term of office and shall verify the member’s attendance using the method prescribed by the commission. (*The Port’s FY 23-24 expenditures were \$119.02*).
 - (b) A member of a governing body who, under paragraph (a) of this subsection, is not required to attend training is nevertheless encouraged to attend training given under this section.
 - SDIS 2024-2025 Safety and Security Grant Applications are due November 1. This is 50/50 matching grant up to \$2500. ‘... to help fund expenses related to projects that mitigate exposures to safety and security threats.’ Perhaps lighting, security camera...?
 - Website:
 - I’ve taken the online training and had a ‘one-on-one’ Zoom session with our CivicPlus support contact. I’m planning to ‘go-live’ by the end of the month. Following a few more changes on our end, I’ll send the link to you for your review and comment.
 - Our ‘.gov’ domain has been approved. CivicPlus is now working out the transition. The hosting fee is \$75. I’ve received a prorated bill for \$65.38
 - 24-25 Property Tax bills have been received. House \$874.76, Warehouse, \$1,110.02. Total \$1,984.78 (with discount)
 - The TLC savings account has been closed.
- C. Field Report – Dave DeVault: Rest of buoys will probably be out by the end of the week. Boats cleaned up lost 2-3 buoys one lost, will probably need to order new channel markers towards the spring. Dave will be on vacation the first of November. Boats will be taken out of the water when he returns. Jack inquired if the port would be making an annual payment for the USGS gauge. Dave confirmed it was a one-time payment.

3. **OLD BUSINESS:** Damian provided copies of the Proposed Scholarship Package to Commissioners. This item is tabled until the November meeting.
4. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Jack noted there is a petition “We the People” available at Rosenberg’s asking the County Commissioners to take option 4 (BiOp Implementation). Tell the federal government we aren’t going to do anything. There may be other petitions out there.
6. **COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS:** None
7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Cammy Hickman, Office Manager
Port of Nehalem