

MINUTES
PORT OF SIUSLAW COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, 22 April 2009

Commission President Scott called the Regular Meeting of the Port of Siuslaw Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Port office conference room located at 1499 Bay Street, Florence, Lane County, Oregon.

ATTENDANCE: Commission: Commissioner John Scott (Scott), Commissioner John Buchanan (Buchanan), Commissioner Bob Thorp (Thorp); Commissioner Joshua Greene (Greene), Commissioner Bud Saulsgiver (Saulsgiver) Staff: Port Manager Mark Freeman (Freeman), Recording Secretary Susy Lacer (Lacer). Audience: Brien Mill, Louie Campbell of Campbell Production, Ken Urwin of SFA.

MINUTES: On the **MOTION** made by Buchanan, seconded by Greene, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of February 11th, March 18th, and April 8th 2009, as submitted.

REMARKS FROM CITIZENS/GROUPS: None.

FINANCIAL REVIEW: Freeman noted that about \$350,000 in bills was paid in the past month, including large payments for dredging, campground electrical upgrades, legal charges, repairs to the 080A building, a loan payment, painting of the Port office, painting the campground restrooms, and costs for the Maple Street Landing Transient Dock project. Freeman stated the campground had passed inspection as of today and that 20/30/50amp services was available now. Scott noted that we had been reimbursed for part of the dredging costs already. Freeman agreed and stated we had received some additional financial assistance for dredging from the Oregon Marine Board. Scott asked where funds were coming from to pay bills in the short term while waiting for reimbursement. Freeman stated dredging funds were a combination of loans and grants from the state Marine Navigation Improvement Fund, interim payments were cash reserves. Greene asked how much the Port has paid out for ongoing projects. Freeman stated he would have to report back on that. Scott stated he would like financial updates on each project including costs to date and status. **MOTION: On the Motion, made by Greene, seconded by Buchanan, the Board unanimously voted to ratify payment of bills listed in the amount of \$356,764.15.**

OLD BUSINESS: Update on Port of Siuslaw Coastal Resources Committee. Freeman referred to the list of applications received to date, and noted there were additional applicants who were not included. Freeman stated the new committee would be known as FOORC, the Florence Oregon Ocean Resources Coalition committee. Freeman stated the new committee would discuss issues affecting the Oregon Territorial Sea up to 3 miles out, including aquaculture, wave energy and marine reserves. Freeman stated the next step is to have a meeting to have the Commission appoint members to the committee. Scott asked if members were limited to being residents of the Port district. Freeman stated no, that the approximate outline would be Reedsport to Yachats, because people using the ocean areas off of Florence are from Charleston to Newport. Freeman stated meetings would be at the Port office and would be held approximately every 6 weeks to make it easier for members who were driving some distance. Freeman noted the Port was still adding names to the list of potential applicants. Scott suggested posting that we are still accepting names, with a closing date of 8 May. Freeman noted the solicitation was on the Port's website. Greene suggested trying to set a meeting time now for the committee so that it could be advertised and perhaps make it easier for potential members to commit to. Freeman stated the meeting times for similar groups vary, some are in the afternoon and some in the evening. The Commission set a date for a special meeting to appoint members of the FOORC committee: Wednesday, 13 May 2009 at noon.

NEW BUSINESS: Update on City of Florence Zoning Revisions Freeman stated a reconciliation draft of code was suggested to the City regarding zoning that could potentially affect the Port. Freeman stated he worked to edit language in the zoning draft. Freeman noted he and Greene were to meet with the City the following day to discuss zoning issues that could affect Port property, specifically changes that could affect water related and water dependent areas. Scott asked if the City seemed flexible at this point regarding zoning changes. Greene stated that existing state laws were more of an issue at this time regarding the water dependent areas, but that the City had been flexible. Greene stated the Port had had good discussions with City planners regarding the zoning drafts.

Scott asked for a health update on Jason, a Port employee. Lacer reported he was recovering well from an eye injury, not work related, and that the prognosis was good. The Commission extended their best regards to the employee.

REPORTS: Buchanan stated he had just learned that the Port was observing 100 years of existence in 2009 and he would like to see something done to note that anniversary. Discussion of possible ideas: dance, 4th of July party, open house/party for dock upgrades, festival, commemorative cups. Greene stated he would talk to the Chamber about possible events.

Freeman noted the new docks for MSLTD began production last week and that they will not be installed until after Rhody Days. Freeman stated the hoist would be the last item installed; current estimated completion date is the end of May. Freeman noted the campground electrical upgrades are almost done.

Saulsgiver reported the SFA had received a stop work order from the City regarding the ice machine installation because of a lack of permits. Saulsgiver stated there has been some confusion on permits needed. Urwin stated he spoke with the City that morning and that the City wants mechanical/electrical/plumbing permits and that SFA needs to have an engineer verify that the ice machine is secure. Urwin noted there seems to be a lack of communication between the parties concerned, and some confusion on who needs to get what permits. Buchanan asked if the permits were for the SFA or the Port. Saulsgiver stated it could be both. Freeman stated SFA needs to have permits for the ice plant itself. Saulsgiver stated SFA has blueprints and diagrams for the ice plant and that it is well-anchored. Greene stated SFA would probably still need a responsible party to sign off on the anchoring system. Urwin stated the City inspector suggested an engineer would need to evaluate the wharf and that SFA cannot afford to hire an engineer for that. Greene asked if the Port could assist with the engineer. Freeman stated we can give SFA a copy of the wharf inspection that was recently completed. Urwin stated he took the ice plant plans to the City that morning. Buchanan suggested SFA ask Mike McAllister for engineering help on this issue. Scott stated the Port was waiting on installation of the expanded electric service for the wharf and transient vessel dock as well. Buchanan asked that Freeman facilitate with SFA to help resolve the engineering issue.

ADJOURNMENT: Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

President