

MINUTES

PORT OF SIUSLAW COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, 18 June 2014, 7:00pm

Port Office, 100 Harbor St, Florence OR 97439

ATTENDANCE:

Commission: Commissioner Ron Caputo (Caputo), Commissioner Nancy Rickard (Rickard), Commissioner Jay Cable (Cable), Commissioner Bill Fleenor (Fleenor); Commissioner Terry Duman (Duman), Staff: Port Manager Robert Forsythe (Forsythe); Recording Secretary Kelly Stewart (Stewart); Audience: Harlan Springer, Media: Alan Campbell

Commission President Caputo called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

PRESENTATION

Liz Vollmer-Buhl with the Siuslaw Watershed Council gave the Commissioners an overview of the SWC functions and projects. Outreach opportunities include presentations, newsletters, and youth camps. Restoration projects include culvert work, water quality monitoring, and creating tidal channels on the Waite Ranch for fish habitat. SWC is a 501c3 non-profit with many diverse stakeholders who have the goal of having a healthy watershed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the Motion, made by Cable and seconded by Rickard, the board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on 21 May 2014.

REMARKS FROM CITIZENS: None.

FINANCIALS: On the Motion, made by Fleenor, and seconded by Cable, the board voted unanimously to Ratify Bills paid in the amount of \$72,189.83. Fleenor made a comment that there was an error on the occupancy report that needed to be checked.

Commission President Caputo opened the Public Hearing for the FY14-15 Budget.

- Harlan Springer asked where, in the budget, money was allocated to pursue more dredging and jetty replacement.

There being no further comments from the public, Commission President Caputo closed the Public Hearing.

In response to Springer's question, Fleenor said money is budgeted for the port manager and a commissioner to go to Washington DC each year. Forsythe said they attend the Pacific NW Waterways conference and meet with legislators and lobbyists. **On the Motion, made by Fleenor, and seconded by Rickard, the board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 061814A Adopting the Budget, Making Appropriations, and Levying Taxes.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Other Items by Commission:** Caputo said Gloria Kiryuta from the Department of State Lands came to investigate the complaint made by Gary Thorsen and found no evidence of equipment being used or a road built into the estuary. Caputo said Kiryuta's report mentioned a few piles of brush that needed to be removed. Forsythe said the brush piles had been taken care of.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discuss and Update Agenda Format:** **On the Motion made by Fleenor and seconded by Cable, the board voted unanimously to adopt the new agenda format.**
2. **Other Items by Commission:** Rickard said a representative from the Surfrider Foundation will give a presentation at the next board meeting.

REPORTS

Forsythe reported:

- The new outdoor commercial gear storage has been graded and will be ready for use soon.
- Staff is working with legal counsel on policies and ordinances.
- There will be an Executive Session next month to follow up on property related issues.
- A 96' tug converted into a Live Aboard will be mooring in our marina soon.

Fleenor complimented staff on how nice the campground looks, especially the east side.

Caputo said the 2nd campground restroom needs to be a high priority project.

Rickard asked if people can go clamming from the tidal flats off the east end of the campground. Forsythe said it's OK as long as they pay \$2 and park in the Harbor lot.

President Caputo adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm.

President