

MINUTES

PORT OF SIUSLAW COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, 20 August 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 Terry Duman (Duman),

Absent: Commissioner Bill Fleenor (Fleenor);

Staff: Port Manager Robert Forsythe (Forsythe); Recording Secretary Dina McClure (McClure); Media: Alan Campbell, Jack Davis

Audience: Jay Nefcy, Larry Barney, Harlan Springer, Erin & Rachel from Mo's, Megan Gerber

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: There were no changes to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the Motion, made by Rickard and seconded by Cable, the board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on 16 July 2014.

REMARKS FROM CITIZENS: Harlan Springer said the federal money allocated to the port for dredging is great. Springer asked what the commissioners are doing about getting money to fix the jetties. Caputo said the COE said the Siuslaw Jetty repair will cost \$120M. Caputo said the COE will be spending \$300M on the Columbia and he has talked to them about bringing rock to us during that project but the chances are slim.

FINANCIALS: On the Motion, made by Cable, and seconded by Rickard, the board voted unanimously to Ratify Bills paid in the amount of \$88,947.19.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Discuss Commercial Moorage:** Caputo said the commissioners could raise the rates further, decrease the rates, or leave the recent 3% increase as is. Caputo asked the commissioners for their input. Duman said he didn't want to see the commercial rates increased every year and agreed with the recent decrease in recreational rates. Rickard said Duman is a commercial fisherman, should declare a conflict of interest, and not be included in the discussion. Duman said he declared a potential conflict of interest a few months ago and the board gave him permission to speak. Duman said he agreed with the commercial moorage increase they voted on in May. Cable said they will revisit the rate structure annually. Rickard said the moorage rates should be comparable to other ports. Cable said Siuslaw is not like other ports and the rates should not be the same. Rickard said it's been documented that previous boards have tried to get the rates comparable. Duman agreed with Cable and said Siuslaw's rates should not be the same as other ports.

Duman added our marina doesn't have direct ocean access or the commercial facilities that other port marinas have. Caputo confirmed the commercial moorage rates will remain as they were approved in May.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Rotation of Officers:** No changes were made.

REPORTS

Caputo reported:

- The Oregon Coastal Caucus is being held at Three Rivers Casino. Caputo said he was not pleased with the format since the presentations consist of discussions involving panel participants and not the audience. Caputo said he hopes to make contact with the legislators.

Forsythe reported:

- The Oregon Coastal Caucus is a good opportunity to network. Forsythe said he is talking to officials about why our port, as a district, has to abide by city codes, signage codes, etc. Forsythe said the Port of Siuslaw is one of six ports that was designated a municipal corporation in 1909 under House Bill 28 and Representative Roblan's office is going to request a legislative review. Forsythe said the results of the review may change the way the city and port work together.
- He will be doing personnel evaluations next week.
- Another pump-out station will be installed in the west basin.
- The Floating Restroom project hit a snag with ODFW's response to the permit application to drive pile. ODFW wants mitigation since the floating restroom will create shade (which is not good for the fish). OSMB, who is paying for the floating restroom (in order to help the fish by reducing boater sewage in the river) will respond to ODFW's concerns.

Rickard reported:

- The Siuslaw Watershed Council is addressing the bloom in the coastal lakes. The next meeting will be held the last Wednesday of the month in Mapleton.

President Caputo adjourned the regular meeting at 7:23pm to enter into Executive Session per ORS 192.220(2)(e).

President