

MINUTES

PORT OF SIUSLAW COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, 16 September 2015, 7:00pm

Port Office, 100 Harbor St, Florence OR 97439

Commissioners Attending: Ron Caputo, Terry Duman, Nancy Rickard, David Huntington, Mike Buckwald

Staff Attending: Robert Forsythe, Port Manager

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – No changes were made.

REMARKS FROM CITIZENS (7:00:52)

- Harlen Springer spoke about the public art unveiling ceremony 9/18 at 4:00pm.
- Dorothy Gregg spoke about having inadequate restrooms, inadequate utility hook-ups for RV's, un-level RV sites, and December Members shouldn't have to pay an annual fee of \$50.
- Joe Holsonback said campground improvements should come before raising rates.

REMONSTRANCE FROM THE COMMISSION (7:08:44)

- Caputo said there would be no December Member fee of \$50, said staff would address leveling RV sites, and they are aware of needed upgrades to the park.

FINANCIALS (7:09:53) On the Motion, made by Buckwald, and seconded by Rickard, the board voted unanimously to ratify bills in the amount of \$70,146.33.

Caputo opened the Public Hearing at 7:10pm.

There was public and board discussion about how much the rates would increase (daily and monthly). Buckwald said the board represents the tax payers and needs to find ways to fund the entire port facility and increasing costs. Ron DeGroot, Ron Young, and Dorothy Gregg offered their input.

Caputo closed the Public Hearing at 7:25pm.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Resolution 9-16-15A Increase Campground Rates: (7:25:50)** On the Motion, made by Rickard, and seconded by Buckwald, the board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 9-16-15A.
2. **Decide Future of December Member Program: (7:28:13)** Caputo suggested the board keep the December Member Program. On the Motion, made by Buckwald, and seconded by Rickard, the board voted unanimously to keep the DM Program.

NEW BUSINESS (7:30:00)

Duman said he was misquoted in the minutes of 15 July 2015 regarding bilge pumps and asked for a correction.

REPORTS (7:31:29)

Forsythe reported:

- Starting to update Ordinance 4 one section at a time.
- Looking into knotweed removal.
- Dredging permit should be done this month.
- Working on Pacific Landings contract.
- Pilings for the Floating Restroom will be installed this winter.
- Planning to move the Hiker/Biker tent area this winter.
- Sending staff to ALICE (Active Shooter) training.
- Waiting on estimates for storage building removal.

Caputo reported:

- Attended the Coastal Caucus at Spirit Mountain Casino.
- Not planning to attend PNWA conference in October.
- Nancy and Dina will attend OPPA conference in Bandon.
- Attended Lane ACT via conference call.

Buckwald asked:

- For clarification regarding Caputo's assignment (last month) to look for grant funding. Caputo said funding is administrative but the board will help look.
- For Forsythe to give the board a monthly update on his search for funding opportunities for the new restroom.

Rickard reported that she attended the following meetings:

- City Economic Development Committee meeting on 8/25.
- Siuslaw Watershed Council meeting on 8/26.
- City Council meeting 9/8.
- Siuslaw Bridge Repair Open House on 9/9.
- Florence Urban Renewal on 9/15. Rickard asked to be appointed as a representative for this group.

President Caputo adjourned the meeting at 7:48pm.