

MINUTES

PORT OF SIUSLAW COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, 21 October 2015, 7:00pm
Port Office, 100 Harbor Street, Florence OR 97439

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

Staff Attending: Dina McClure, Richard Dreiling, Jason Wagner

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – No changes were made.

REMARKS FROM CITIZENS (7:00:55)

- Lacy Sayer suggested expediting the departure of the outgoing port manager
- Bianca DeMers notified the board of a potential abandoned boat at marker 29
- Jeff Hale is concerned that river users are not paying for port services and will research the grant agreement between the Port and the OSMB in hopes of getting launch fees established

REMONSTRANCE (7:05:06) Commissioner Duman responded to DeMers concern and said the Port has no jurisdiction regarding boats upriver. Dreiling said the assumed boat is not abandoned and he provided information on owner's history with local marinas.

FINANCIALS (7:07:12) Commissioner Duman inquired about the \$1,900 monthly bill from Charter for TV Cable, and Commissioner Rickard requested resuming the Profit & Loss Previous Year report. On the Motion, made by Commissioner Rickard and seconded by Commissioner Huntington, the board voted unanimously to ratify bills in the amount of \$84,590.81.

NEW BUSINESS (7:11:05)

1. **Discuss New Restroom Project:** Dreiling gave a presentation that included three options for new campground restrooms.
 - A ROMTEC building with 6 units would cost between \$200K - \$260K
 - A CXT building with 4 units would cost between \$160K - \$220K
 - A mobile trailer restroom with 5 units would cost \$50K

There was discussion about expanding the proposals to include local contractor bids and concerns regarding the proposed location being close to the Dredge Material Disposal site. The board questioned why the port needs a building permit from the city. Dreiling responded the jurisdiction between the city and port may arise in an upcoming state legislative review.

REPORTS (7:30:10)

Commissioner Caputo asked McClure for an update on port manager applications:

- Seven applications for port manager have been submitted and the board will meet on November 4 at 7pm to review them and decide who to interview.

Commissioner Rickard reported:

- She and McClure attended the Oregon Public Ports Association (OPPA) conference in Bandon.
- Attended Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LACT) in Springfield.
- Encouraged people to visit the Hatfield Marine Science Center in South Beach.

Commissioner Duman reported:

- Shared experience of getting to the Port of Ilwaco by boat.

Commissioner Caputo reported:

- Also attended LACT in Springfield. Out of nine projects, the City of Florence's request to receive grant funding for highway improvements between the bridge and Hwy 126 got rated #1.
- Attended a Ford Foundation meeting on natural resources with state, county, BLM, USFS, and Siuslaw Watershed Council in attendance. Next meeting is in January.
- Planning to attend the "State of the Coast" conference in Coos Bay on Saturday.
- Senator Arnie Roblan will visit the Port of Siuslaw on November 12th at 9am. Caputo will be out of town and encouraged other commissioners to attend.

McClure gave a report on the peak season:

- RV Park occupancy was 86% compared to 73% four years ago.
- Online guest reviews show RV Park rated 4.3 on a scale of 1 to 5.
- September marina occupancy was 95%.
- Boats driving too fast on the river is a safety concern but there is no law enforcement.
- Two cardiac arrests on port property in September. Both individuals survived due to CPR. Western Lane Ambulance will donate an automated external defibrillator to the port.

Commission President Caputo adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.