

## MINUTES

PORT OF SIUSLAW COMMISSION MEETING  
Wednesday, 16 March 2016, 7:00pm  
Port Office, 100 Harbor Street, Florence OR 97439

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

**Staff Attending:** Steven Leskin, Manager; Dina McClure, Recording Secretary; Jason Wagner, Maintenance Supervisor

1. **Commission President Caputo called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.**
2. **There were no public comments.**
3. **The Minutes were approved by Consent**
4. **The Financials were approved by Consent**
5. **Invitation to Join South Coast Ports Coalition:** (7:06:43) Manager Leskin told the board he received an invitation letter from Gina Dearth, Port of Bandon Manager, for the Port of Siuslaw to join the South Ports Coalition. Following discussion, **Commissioner Rickard made the Motion for the Port of Siuslaw to join the Southern Ports Coalition. Commissioner Buckwald seconded. The board voted unanimously in favor of joining the Southern Ports Coalition.**
6. **Proposal for Erosion Control and Dredging:** (7:10:34) Manager Leskin showed the board pictures of the erosion on the C-Row (east) property. The erosion was caused by the December storms. Leskin told the board he wanted permission to enter into a \$5K contract with Jack Aiken, a maritime engineer, who would bio-engineer a solution. **Commissioner Rickard made a Motion to approve the bio-engineering process to solve the erosion problem. Following discussion, Commissioner Rickard amended the Motion to give Port Manager Leskin permission to enter into a \$5K contract with Jack Aiken. Commissioner Duman seconded. The board voted unanimously in favor of entering into a \$5K contract with Jack Aiken.**
7. **Bulkhead Update:** (7:17:34) Maintenance Supervisor Jason Wagner gave a presentation with pictures of the failing bulkhead that showed bulging support structure, displaced pilings, and erosion. There was brief discussion and a suggestion to place fabric in the eroding areas to prevent further loss.

8. **PNWA Federal Dredging (7:25:23)** Manager Leskin informed the board he received notice that \$771K of federal money has been appropriated to the Port of Siuslaw for 2016 navigational channel dredging. There was discussion about the increasing competition for getting the dredge. There was additional discussion regarding the navigational risk of the deteriorating jetties and the estimated \$122M to repair them.
9. **District Tax Base Analysis/Recommendations for rotating location of Commission Meetings:** Manager Leskin presented the board with a chart showing the tax revenue collected from around the port district. Leskin proposed the May 18 meeting be held in Blachly and the August 17 meeting be held in Mapleton. **On the Motion, made by Commissioner Duman, and seconded by Commissioner Rickard, the board voted unanimously to hold the May 18 meeting in Blachly and the August 17 meeting in Mapleton.**

**10. REPORTS (7:36:38)**

- Commissioner Rickard attended City Council and Siuslaw Watershed meetings.
- Commissioner Caputo attended two Florence Urban Renewal meetings and a meeting with Manager Leskin, Commissioner Rickard, Mayor Henry, and City Manager Reynolds.

11. **Port News from Around the State: (7:38:19)** Manager Leskin shared a news article about the sea lion problem at the Port of Astoria.

12. **Commission President Caputo adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm to enter into Executive Session per ORS 192.660(2) (e).**

**Commission President Caputo re-opened the Commission meeting at 7:53pm.**

1. Commissioner Caputo said the board discussed purchasing the Wilbur property during the executive session and called for a vote. **Commissioner Huntington made a Motion to not purchase the Wilbur property and forfeit the \$3K earnest money. Commissioner Duman seconded the Motion. Commissioner Buckwald declared a conflict of interest and abstained from the vote. Commissioners Huntington, Rickard, Caputo and Duman all voted in favor of not purchasing the Wilbur property.**
2. **Commission President Caputo adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.**