

MINUTES

PORT OF SIUSLAW COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 7:00pm

100 Harbor Street, Florence, Oregon 97439

The Port of Siuslaw Commissioners met in Executive Session per ORS 192.660 (2) (e) and 192.660 (2) (f) from 6:30pm to 7:20pm.

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

Staff Attending: Steven Leskin, Port Manager; Dina McClure, Administrative Assistant

1. Commission President Caputo called the meeting to order at 7:25pm.

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Discuss 1499 Bay Street repairs
- Resolution 4-19-17A Resolve Abel Insurance Protest

2. Public Comment:

- Gordon Owen claimed he was not treated the same as other moorage customers. Owen was upset the board has done nothing after repeated complaints of being overcharged. Owen reviewed the recent history of his account. Commissioner Duman stated for the record that Owen has been treated wrong by the board, manager, and staff, and no one has made an effort to make it right.
- David Swinney distributed documents described as a written timeline of how Port Commission powers have been taken away. Swinney was upset that the official record (video) of the March 15, 2017 meeting cut out a public speaker who gave Swinney positive comments. Swinney said and all written minutes should be transcribed word for word.
- Steve Starnes said the first time he met the Port Manager, Leskin asked him to move his electrical cords from over the dock to under the dock. Starnes complained of being overcharged moorage rates because he's had medical issues and said the Port is asking for too much insurance coverage.

3. Approval of the Minutes by Consent: There were no comments from the board and the Minutes were approved by Consent.

4. Approval of the Financials by Consent: McClure said bills paid in March were \$79,500.79, there were three payrolls in March, and the proposed budget would be ready prior to the May 8th Budget Committee Meeting. The Financials were approved by Consent.

5. Appoint Budget Committee Members: No applications were received.

6. Discuss 1499 Bay Street Repairs: Commissioner Duman asked if the repairs to the building were done with the \$7K that was transferred at the last meeting. Leskin said the repairs were done and staff is waiting for better weather to finish painting.

7. Resolution 4-19-17A Resolve Abel Insurance Protest: Commissioner Caputo said Abel Insurance protested the process of selecting the Insurance Agent of Record and the Port attorney recommended the Port pay damages in the amount of \$8,866.62.

Motion: Commissioner Rickard

Second: Commissioner Buckwald

Vote: Commissioners Caputo, Rickard, Buckwald voted yes.
Commissioners Duman and Huntington voted no.

8. Commissioner and Manager Reports:

- Manager Leskin said state and federal permits for the C Row Erosion Project were approved and RFP's will go out soon. The project will commence when there is reconciliation with Don Saxon and approval from the City.
- Commissioner Rickard attended two City Council meetings, Surfrider, Siuslaw Watershed Council, Lane ACT, and Senator DeFazio's Town Hall.
- Commissioner Duman expressed concern with the C Row Erosion Project design and cost. Leskin agreed to schedule a meeting with Commissioners Duman, Caputo, and the project engineer.

9. Public Comments:

- David Swinney read sections of ORS 777 and said the Board has the authority to run the Port, not the Manager. Swinney said the City does not have any jurisdiction over the Port.
- Steve Starnes said he has heard a lot of complaints about the manager and the board should find someone more competent.
- Michelle Culwell said the documents David Swinney distributed earlier explained the history of events that removed the powers of the Commission and the current board has been misled on what their responsibilities are.
- Gordon Owen said the Port has a monopoly and can charge any moorage rate. Owen said he has not been treated the same as other moorage customers. Commissioner Caputo suggested Owen put his request in writing for the board's consideration. Owen agreed to do that.

10. Commission President Caputo adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.