

**MINUTES**  
PORT OF SIUSLAW COMMISSION MEETING  
Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 7:00pm  
100 Harbor Street, Florence, Oregon 97439

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

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

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

**2. Public Comments:**

- Gordon Owen gave Caputo an invoice for moorage reimbursement. Owen said he was not treated right, he missed a court date due to community service work, and the bad publicity of his ordeal will hurt his business. Caputo said the board would respond to Owen's invoice by the next meeting.

**3. Approval of the Minutes by Consent:** The Minutes were approved by Consent.

**4. Approval of the Financials by Consent:** McClure said bills paid in April were \$51,498.25, the Balance Sheet was corrected, and there was only one payroll in April. Buckwald asked McClure to find out the projected amount of Current Levied Taxes for May and June. The Financials were approved by Consent.

**5. Discuss Changing Public Speaker Sessions on Agenda:** Caputo said he was concerned that the public who speak during the first public remarks session were repeating themselves during the second session. Caputo asked the board their opinion of discontinuing the second session. There was discussion in favor of keeping the second session since it gives the public the chance to speak after hearing the content of the meeting. It was decided to keep the second session with more control on public remarks from the President.

**6. Health Insurance and Workers Comp Presentation from Coast Insurance:**

- Jean Murphey described the Workers Compensation Renewal. Murphey told the board there would be an increase in premiums for FY17-18 due to a large claim in 2016. Murphey said the Port paid \$6,900 this year and should budget \$12K next year. Murphey said if there are no claims in 2017, the premium would decrease the following year.
- John Murphey reviewed the Health, Dental, and Life insurance renewal quotes. After performing rate comparisons, Murphey recommended Regence Blue Cross, Moda Dental, and Standard Life for the coming fiscal year. Murphey said the Port should expect to pay \$4,194 a month, which is a 7% increase over last year.

**Motion to Approve Health Insurance and Workers Comp Renewal:** Buckwald

**Second:** Huntington

**Vote:** Unanimous in favor. Caputo signed the renewal forms.

- 7. Resolution 5-17-17A Appropriations Transfer:** Leskin said the Resolution transfers \$20K out of General Fund Contingency into Facilities to repair gangways, parking lots, and replace the USCG Auxiliary Shed. Buckwald said he was not in favor of using Contingency funds and asked Leskin why these projects were not in the budget. Leskin said large projects are budgeted for next year and these projects were not anticipated. Buckwald suggested staff perform a survey to identify all projects, in order of priority, and put them on a calendar. Duman said he was still waiting for quotes to repair the blue storage buildings.

**Motion to Approve Resolution 5-17-17A:** Buckwald

**Second:** Rickard

**Vote:** Unanimous in favor.

- 8. Discuss FEMA Grant for C Row Erosion Project:** Duman reviewed the April 26 meeting that he attended with Caputo, Leskin, and Jack Akin, engineer for the C Row Erosion project. Duman had three concerns:
- Duman said he and Akin disagreed on the source of the erosion. Duman was sure the erosion was caused by parking lot runoff. Akin was sure the erosion was caused by the river. Following a visit to the site, Akin admitted the erosion was 50% caused by the river and 50% by parking lot runoff. Duman said they should get a second opinion from another engineer.
  - Duman said he asked Akin to identify the boundaries of the project. Akin was unable to give exact boundaries due to pending property boundaries and woody debris issues.
  - Duman said he didn't want the Port to spend \$50K in matching FEMA Grant funds to proceed with this project. Caputo was sure the erosion was not caused by the river and the repair could be done for \$5K.

Caputo asked the board to consider declining the FEMA Grant and authorizing \$5K to repair the specific area impacted by erosion. Rickard disagreed and requested a meeting with Akin. Buckwald asked for a description of the \$200K grant project. Duman said the Port would lose up to 30 feet of usable land with the placing of several hundred feet of rip rap. There was discussion about spending the money for other projects and getting a city permit for the Port to fix the erosion without the grant.

Caputo called for a Motion to cancel the grant. Rickard suggested to postpone the decision until the property survey was done. There was discussion regarding how much money had already been spent on the project. Leskin said [out of the \$50K matching funds] the Port has paid Akin \$10K and owes him another \$10K. The board agreed to make a decision after the property survey was done. Leskin was instructed to pay Akin what he is owed, and inform Akin to stop work until further notice.

**9. Public Comments:**

- Don Saxon said the Port is already out \$20K [for the C Row Erosion Project] and for \$30K more, the entire project could get done. Saxon said if the board decides to cancel the grant, putting boom logs on the pilings would bring sand back to the eroded bank.
- David Swinney said this [C Row Erosion] project is being funded with FEMA money set aside for flood damage. Everyone knows the erosion wasn't caused by flood damage which makes the FEMA grant fraudulent. Swinney said the Port doesn't need permission or permits from the City because the Port has the power to fulfill everything the City

requires. Fish & Game, Forestry, and NOAA told the City the same thing they told you [the board] when they did the engineering for the bulkhead and nothing has been done about the bulkhead.

**President Caputo adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm to go into Executive Session per ORS 192.660 (2) (e).**

**President Caputo reopened the regular meeting at 8:17pm.**

**Motion:** Rickard made a Motion to accept the offer from the City to purchase tax lots 1400 and 4500 from the Port, in the amount of \$27,500, which will include recognition of the Port of Siuslaw's support without further responsibilities or obligations, as well as the 90-day pending period during which the City will complete an environmental assessment, obtain a hazardous materials report, and conduct a real property survey before closing. Additionally, the City will pay for the title insurance, as well as 50% of all closing, escrow, and recording costs.

**Second:** Buckwald  
**Vote:** Unanimous in favor.

**President Caputo adjourned the meeting at 8:19pm.**