

MINUTES
PORT OF SIUSLAW WORK SESSION
Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 6:00pm
100 Harbor Street, Florence, Oregon 97439

These Minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting on October 18, 2017

Commissioners Attending: Nancy Rickard, Mike Buckwald, Bill Meyer, David Huntington arrived at 6:15pm

Staff Attending: Dina McClure, Interim Manager; Kelly Stewart, Interim Administrative Assistant

Project Engineer: Jack Akin, EMC Engineer

Work Session: To discuss the Erosion Repair Project funded by a FEMA Grant

Commission Rickard called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Jack Akin informed the Commissioners that the funding from FEMA will be delayed due to the recent hurricane disasters. The funding delay could be up to a year and Akin suggested getting a bridge loan from Business Oregon IFA. Akin said FEMA will reimburse loan interest in their funding of the project.

Rickard asked about delaying the repairs to wait for funding. Akin said it's possible but cautioned that future storms and king tides may cause additional erosion.

Buckwald was concerned about the Port taking on additional debt and FEMA failing to reimburse the port, or further delays in funding due to the hurricane season just beginning. Akin said FEMA has already committed this money to the Port as a contract. Akin said the loan would be set up to ensure FEMA funds are connected. Akin said he would assist with the paperwork.

McClure said the scope of repair is 235 feet with another 90 feet to reach the bulkhead. Akin said he cannot change the scope of repair but can revise the project to meet up with the bulkhead. Akin will talk with Julie Slevin at OEM about any restrictions on moving repairs further west.

Meyer said he would like to continue planning the erosion repair. Buckwald said the board should get more concrete information on funding before moving forward. Akin said he will make inquiries to ensure FEMA will allow certain revisions and he will be in contact with McClure.

Meyer brought up the Siuslaw Estuary Trail the City of Florence has planned for port riverfront property. McClure informed Akin of the project. Akin suggested a good bedding for the trail. Meyer said he was concerned about the trail location as it relates to campsites and guest privacy. McClure said she will schedule a meeting with the city to get more information on the trail project.

It was decided to schedule the next work session after the board receives more information on funding the project.

Vice President Huntington adjourned the meeting at 6:47pm.