

MINUTES
PORT OF SIUSLAW COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 7:00pm
Port of Siuslaw Conference Room
100 Harbor St, Florence, OR 97439

Absent - Terry Duman, President; Mike Buckwald, Secretary,
Present - Bill Meyer, 1st VP, Robert Ward, Treasurer, Craig Zolezzi, 2nd VP

Call to Order – 7:00pm

Public Comment: *none*

1. **Approval of the Agenda with revisions adding #2 and #6**
2. **Mary Shaw – Florence Farmers Market** – Mary said they want to move from the Lotus parking lot to the boardwalk because they have grown so much. They would be open from 3:00 to 6:00 each Tuesday starting the Tuesday after Rhody days until October 17. She said it is a food only market and they are a non-profit. Mary said they honor Oregon Trail cards and have a program called double up. If a customer spends \$20 on the card they get another voucher for another \$20. Ward asked how big of a space they would need. Mary said she is not sure but believes it will grow. Mary said they have a market manager if there were any issues. Mary said they have a \$2 million dollar insurance policy through State Farm. Zolezzi asked who does the clean up and Mary said they have about twelve volunteers that make sure everything is cleaned up. Huntington said the market is offering \$75.00 per day. Meyer asked if the Commissioners were okay with this project. It was agreed and is great for the economy.
3. **Approval of the Minutes by consent**
 - a. 1-18-23 Meeting Minutes draft
4. **Approval of the Financials by consent** - Stewart said Checks printed in January were \$99329.52, and occupancy for Campground was down 2% from last year and moorage was down 6% from last year.
5. **Manager and Commissioner Reports** – Huntington said Kyle Terry from the Confederated Tribes has contacted him again regarding the dredge spoils and is meeting with him tomorrow. Huntington asked if Ward and Meyer could attend the meeting. They said yes. Meyer said we are going to keep enough spoils for elevated camp sites. Huntington said it is State material and when it's removed, we have to pay DSL and the Tribes will reimburse us the cost. Zolezzi asked what was going on with the bulkhead. Huntington said that during the Port caucus, at the SDAO conference, that an OEM agent mentioned our Port and Akin is a rockstar. The OEM agent also said to not get in a hurry for reimbursement as they are down about 30 staff.
6. **Work Session for staff compensation and benefits.** – Meyer said he attended a workshop with the City's HR director regarding the compensations and benefits the City offers. Meyer would like to do the same thing with the Port's staff and wanted to see if the Commissioners would agree. Meyer asked Huntington and Stewart to do some ground work and then set up a work session to review the information. Meyer said it's important to be competitive. Huntington said Florence is tough. Ward said there are companies that do these types of analysis.

Adjourn - 8:00pm