

MINUTES
PORT OF SIUSLAW COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 7:00pm
Port of Siuslaw Conference Room
100 Harbor St, Florence, OR 97439

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

Join Zoom Meeting

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Call to Order – 7:00PM

Public Comment: Mark Levy passed out a handout regarding a special film screening at City Lights Cinemas about climate change. He said this is for earth day. This is about 21 American youth that are suing the government over climate change.

Mike Allen – He said he started a Florence Emergency Climate campaign to get the City Council to recognize the climate issue. He wanted to bring some grant opportunities to the Port's attention also. The grant is for the charging and fueling infrastructure mainly for Hwy 126.

1. **Approval of the Agenda by consent**
2. **Approval of the Minutes by consent**
 - a. 3-15-23 Meeting Minutes draft
 - b. 3-15-23 Work Session Minutes draft
3. **Approval of the Financials by consent** - Stewart said the checks printed in March were \$92,379.07 and the occupancy for Campground was down 8% from last year and moorage was down 7% from last year. Stewart also mentioned the budget committee meeting will be 5-17-23 at 5:00pm before the regular meeting. Ward mentioned the almost 2.5 million we have on hand. Meyer said there are some great interest rates out there now. Duman said we should think about paying off a few of our loans. Meyer wants Huntington and Stewart to think about the cash reserve we need to operate if we pay down some loans. Buckwald said we also need to be looking at our five (5) year plan.
4. **Campground Rates Discussion** – Huntington said we did a comparison with campgrounds in our area and we are considerably lower than anyone else. Ward says our location is key. Huntington recommended a 4 to 7% increase. The Commission agreed to a 7% increase across the board.
5. **Manager and Commissioner Reports** – Huntington gave a fishing report. He said it looks like we will have a fishing season this year. He also said there is a two (2) fish limit on the river. Meyer said there is money available through Lane Act for walking or estuary trails.

Adjourn – 7:40pm