

MINUTES
PORT OF SIUSLAW COMMISSION MEETING

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

Present - Terry Duman, President;
Bill Meyer, 1st VP, Mike Buckwald, Secretary
Via Zoom - Dale Edwards, Treasurer, Via Phone - Craig Zolezzi, 2nd VP

Call to Order 7:00pm

1. **Requested Board Hearing – Perry Bordeaux –** Bordeaux said he had sent in a letter to the Commissioners. He doesn't understand Huntington's refusal of moorage for him and his vessel and notice to vacate. He said he had talked to Port employees about moorage and they told him to just come in and provide paperwork and insurance. When he came in, he was told the Port was completely full and he said it's not. He was told to come in and talk to Huntington who he said cussed at him and refused to explain why he is denied moorage. Bordeaux said he was contacted by Oregon State Police and Coast Guard stating that Huntington had called them regarding an oil spill which he said they found no evidence of. He said it was very disturbing. He wants to bring commercial business back to the Port. Bordeaux said he asked Huntington if there were any past issues that happened and if there were, he would be more than happy to address the issue. He said Huntington didn't say if there were any issues. He just wants moorage for his vessel and he is disturbed by how this all went and the treatment of him. Duman asked if any Commissioners had questions. Meyer asked if Bordeaux had a current moorage certificate. Duman said he didn't for this vehicle. Bordeaux said he was denied a moorage. Meyer asked if he had made application for moorage and Bordeaux said Huntington denied him an application. Edwards asked what moorage space we would have for a vessel that size. Stewart said we don't have a space available for that size. Bordeaux said his vessel was in last year and that slip is still open. Buckwald asked him what "open" meant to him and if he knows that it is not under contract already? Bordeaux said he is not aware of what contracts the Port has and Buckwald said that answer is good enough for him. Duman said we will deliberate this at the next meeting. Duman closed the Board hearing.

Public Comment: *None*

2. **Approval of the Agenda by consent**

3. **Approval of the Minutes by consent**

4. **Approval of the Financials by consent – Stewart said** checks printed in October were \$105,472.73. and Occupancy for the Campground was 82% same as last year and moorage was up 11% from last year. Stewart also said moving the savings to an MMA account yielded \$900 plus in interest income for the first month.

5. **Discussion on "Recreational Immunity Ends for Improved Trails" -** Zolezzi said Public entities have enjoyed recreation immunity for a long time. That is not the case anymore and he said we need to address our trail down to the river. It either needs decommissioned or maintained. He asked Huntington if it was illuminated and Huntington said it is and we added railing and signs. Zolezzi said this will probably change but until then we should be aware of it. Meyer asked if a sign saying "use at your own risk" would be a good idea. Zolezzi said that is what they are looking for. Zolezzi said he has reached out to risk management and SDAO regarding signage and he will get specific answers shortly. Meyer said we should get Boomer on it. Buckwald asked if we are covered currently and Zolezzi said yes.

6. **Ordinance 13 – 2023 Declaring an Emergency and Establishing an Immediate Effective Date.**
Huntington said this amendment to the ordinance is for the safety of staff and public. This would allow us to do background checks for long term moorage and liveboards. Huntington said we should be able to deny moorage to felons, drug users and sexual offenders to keep people, family, friends and staff safe.
 - a. Addendum to moorage agreement
 - b. Addendum to liveboard authorization – Motion made by Meyer to pass the ordinance and addendums was second by Buckwald and the vote was unanimous.
7. **Manager and Commissioner Reports** – Huntington said he doesn't have anything to report.
 - **December 20, 2023, Commission Meeting is cancelled.**

Adjourn 7:34 pm