

MINUTES
PORT OF SIUSLAW COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 7:00pm
Port of Siuslaw Conference Room
100 Harbor St, Florence, OR 97439

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

Call to Order 7:00 pm

1. **Alan Ercolini, Central Oregon Coast Board of Realtors** – Ercolini said the National Association of Realtors has several grants they can apply for and one of them is called a place making grant. He applied for that grant for \$7500.00 and would like to add a play structure to the waterfront. He passed out pictures of a play structure but can't find it on the west coast. He said with shipping, from the east coast, it would be \$10,830.00. He said there are several challenges, first being the funding gap and second is to find someone to put the kit together. Meyer suggested the shop class at the schools. Meyer asked Zolezzi about the liability. Zolezzi said the manufacturer should be the one to do the install for safety concerns. Ercolini says the existing boat on the boardwalk is not safe. Zolezzi asked who is picking up the difference in money. Ercolini wanted to ask the Port to make up the difference and provide the land to put it on. Duman says he sees slip trips and falls. Meyer was concerned with the railing. Meyer suggested Krauss Craft which make playground equipment out of Grants Pass.

2. **Approval of the Agenda by consent** – Duman added a line item to the agenda entitled personnel.

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

4. **Approval of the Financials by consent**

a. Checks printed in January were \$88,908.77

b. Occupancy for the Campground was down 1% from last year and moorage was up 10% from last year. Buckwald would like to know what our beginning cash was on June 30, 2023. Grimstad never got ahold of him regarding beginning balance on the budget.

5. **Moorage Rates** – Huntington had a spreadsheet showing our pricing compared to Port of Newport, Port of Coos Bay and Winchester Bay. Huntington said we should consider our commercial and recreational rates be the same to make it easier. Commissioners decided to make them the same rate. Stewart suggested a notice that the moorage rates will change to the recreational rates at their renewal time. Duman suggested we raise all rates across the board. Motion made to combine rates to the recreational rate by Edwards, second by Buckwald and vote was unanimous. Duman said it would save staff a lot of headache.

6. **Personnel** – Duman said there was an employee complaint and in order to investigate, the employee has been placed on leave.

7. **Manager and Commissioner Reports** – Huntington said that our current Attorney's are retiring and we need to find a new one. Huntington said he thinks we will need to send out an RFP unless we use LCOG and an intergovernmental agreement. Buckwald said to ask other Port's who they use.

Adjourn 7:45 pm