

**MINUTES**  
**PORT OF SIUSLAW COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
Wednesday, 18 March 2009

Commission President Scott called the Regular Meeting of the Port of Siuslaw Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Port office conference room located at 1499 Bay Street, Florence, Lane County, Oregon.

**ATTENDANCE:** Commission: Commissioner John Scott (Scott), Commissioner John Buchanan (Buchanan), Commissioner Bob Thorp (Thorp); Commissioner Joshua Greene (Greene). Absent: Commissioner Bud Saulsgiver (Saulsgiver) Staff: Port Manager Mark Freeman (Freeman), Recording Secretary Susy Lacer (Lacer). Audience: Brien Mill

**MINUTES:** On the **MOTION** made by Greene, seconded by Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009, as submitted.

**REMARKS FROM CITIZENS/GROUPS:** None.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW:** Freeman noted there was a change in the DSL lease charges and the Port had to pay an extra ~\$3,000. He also pointed out the monthly payments to Special Districts for medical insurance for employees. Freeman pointed out the annual payment for the Siuslaw Stream Gauge, and that the Port had paid for window glass replacement at both Mo's and the 080A Harbor building. Freeman stated the Port had made its first payment on the 40 acre property loan as well as the first partial payment to Reese Electric on the CG electrical upgrade project. Greene asked about the 2009 MilebyMile ad. Lacer stated it was for the one-time, annual issue. **MOTION: On the Motion, made by Buchanan, seconded by Greene, the Board unanimously voted to ratify payment of bills listed in the amount of \$69,982.46.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Update on Port of Siuslaw Coastal Resources Committee. Freeman stated the deadline to receive applications had been extended to 27 March 2009 in order to make sure other stakeholders had enough time to submit their applications. Scott asked if any fishermen had submitted applications yet. Freeman stated yes, one Florence one and one from Winchester Bay. Scott asked if persons from outside the district were eligible to be on the Committee. Freeman stated yes, because they fish in the waters of the Siuslaw River drainage, and that the Port wants to include members from other resource groups as available. Scott asked if there were particular sectors of membership we were still seeking. Freeman stated he would like more representation from the commodities, such as the Crab Commission, or Albacore Commission. Freeman stated we have received several applications from members of the public but have not received any from the City of Florence or some other agencies.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Scott stated it looked like Port staff had been cleaning bird droppings off the docks already. Freeman agreed and stated the Port had received clarification from Oregon Clean Marinas on the disposal of bird droppings on docks. Freeman stated that as long as no detergent is used, the Port is ok to use plain water to clean the docks. Freeman noted that any inquiries on the issue could be directed to Glenn at Oregon Clean Marinas.

Buchanan asked about the possibility he had heard that Mo's might relocate elsewhere in Old Town. Freeman stated the idea had been pitched, but he had not heard anything further. Scott stated the Lotus property was for sale and it had been suggested Mo's might relocate there; however, Scott believed the current location was better for Mo's. Freeman agreed and noted that the possibility of receiving funding to address wharf repairs was good. Greene stated he had recently walked through the Lotus building per a FURA request, and that the building needs major repairs.

Greene stated he had received a request from the Port's constituents to put black piling caps instead of white piling caps on the new piles for the transient vessel dock, as well as to replace the existing white piling caps in the marinas with black caps. Greene stated the concern expressed to him was that the white caps were an eyesore. Greene noted that black caps would

show bird droppings more obviously. Freeman stated a request had been received on this issue and that the contractors for the MSLTD project were investigating options.

Scott asked if the street light by the Port office was still out. Freeman stated no, it has been repaired. Freeman stated two of the cover globes have blown off in the wind and been replaced, that the Port has had to hire an electrician to get the light working again, and that the Port has spent a considerable amount of money keeping the light operational.

**REPORTS:** Scott recapped the recent PNWA conference he attended in Washington DC. He stated he and Freeman met with congressional staff and agency representatives and that it was a successful trip. Scott noted that meetings they had in Washington seemed to have speeded up the process of the Port receiving its needed dredging permit more quickly. Discussion. Greene stated he had not realized this permit was good for 10 years. Freeman stated that DEQ only allows 40k cubic yards to be removed every 5 years. Freeman stated the Port had been granted a work window extension, but that he didn't expect to need it. Freeman stated the dredge spoils pit will be full when dredging is complete. Freeman noted that the dredge spoils area is off limits to everyone except Port or dredge staff due to the active earthwork being done and the uncertain footing created by waterlogged spoils. Discussion on areas being dredged. Freeman stated the dredge spoils will be good fill material once dewatered and dried out and that local excavators might be interested in using this material. Freeman noted the state charges the Port a royalty of ~\$0.71 per cubic yard. Freeman noted that sediment tests performed have shown the fill material to be clean.

Thorp asked if the new docks for MSLTD were on site. Freeman stated they would arrive around April or May. Scott stated the new docks will be matched to the pilings. Freeman agreed and stated the manufacture of the docks was a very precise process, creating essentially custom docks for the Port.

Freeman reported: progress was good on the dredging; that the Campground electrical upgrades are to start next week; that the 080A Harbor Street building repairs should be finished this week so the Port can re-rent the building; that he was still waiting to hear details on when the ice machine would arrive on the wharf and that he understood SFA was working with the new owners of Florence Marine Construction to arrange transport; that he has had to recalculate the electrical load needed for the hoist on the wharf; that he would like to add a three phase power pedestal on the new transient vessel dock to accommodate larger boats; and that the OSMB funded portion of the MSLTD project was currently under budget. Scott asked when the Port would hear about any stimulus funding. Freeman stated soon. Freeman stated there was a good possibility of getting OSMB funding for a new Harbor Street restroom.

Greene asked about the new concessionaire in the Nopal St Parking lot area. Freeman stated Shrimpy's would be operating from about May through October, tentatively open Thursday through Sundays. Freeman stated they would pay \$400-500 per month in concessionaire fees, depending on the month.

Greene asked about the status on the modular building proposed last month. Freeman stated that after further research he has decided it might be better to purchase a new building, based on the cost differential between the used and a new building. He noted a new building would be more energy efficient and would need no repairs or remodeling. Greene stated when the Chamber building was being planned a pre-fab building was considered, but it was found that the additional costs for a public access/industrial-type building were prohibitive, compared to the costs for a standard residential/commercial building.

Scott asked if the storage units were all full and being paid on time. Freeman stated they were full, and mostly paid up. Freeman stated there were currently two moorage customers who were behind on payments.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

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