

MINUTES
PORT OF SIUSLAW COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, 17 November 2010

Commission President Saulsgiver 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 Bud Saulsgiver (Saulsgiver); Commissioner Joshua Greene (Greene), Commissioner Sally Owens (Owens); Commissioner John Scott (Scott), Commissioner John Buchanan (Buchanan); Staff: Port Manager Mark Freeman (Freeman), Recording Secretary Dina McClure (McClure). Audience: Brien Mill, Harry Abel of Abel Insurance Agency, Jeff Griffin and Tammy Fitch of Wilson-Heirgood Assoc., Jean and John Murphey of Coast Insurance Services, Teresa Baer of the Siuslaw News, Basama of Mo's, and Alan Campbell of Campbell Productions.

MINUTES: On the MOTION made by Scott, seconded by Buchanan, the Minutes of 20 October 2010, were unanimously approved as submitted.

REMARKS FROM CITIZENS/GROUPS: None.

FINANCIALS: On the Motion, made by Buchanan, and seconded by Scott, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Audit Report of FY2010.

On the Motion, made by Buchanan, and seconded by Greene, the Board unanimously voted to ratify payment of bills listed in the amount of \$74,805.11.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Appoint Insurance Agent of Record for 2011-2013: Greene said SDAO provided them with a comparison chart but felt it did not reflect Agency performance. Scott suggested each Agent give a closing statement.

John Murphey, from Coast Insurance, has been the Agent of Record for the last 3 years. Coast is local, qualified, available 24/7, has done a good job for the Port, and would like to remain as the Agent of Record. Buchanan asked who on staff work with risk management issues? Murphey said he does 90% and SDAO does training periodically. Scott asked how much money do the agencies make in commissions? Murphey answered roughly \$10K annually.

Harry Abel, from Abel Insurance, was the Agent of Record in 2005-07. When they took over in 2005, they sat down with Port staff and did a complete review followed by a 6 page letter to the Commissioners outlining what needed to be addressed. Abel said 99% of their business is with municipal entities and emphasized the importance of their qualifications and certifications. He said they had done a good job for the Port and would do so again.

Jeff Griffin, CEO of Wilson-Heirgood Associates (WHA), introduced himself. He said their company is split into 8 divisions to enable staff to specialize in certain areas.

His division includes 300 public entities of which half are fire districts. Griffin said their loss ratio is lower than the Special District average resulting in lower rates and fewer claims. They work close with OSHA and will have staff on site during inspections. In the event of a crisis or fatality, their Instant Command System acts immediately to deal with public communications, grief counseling, and paperwork. Tammy Fitch said they stay up to date on what is happening, provide education, and use benchmarks as a tool to provide information on how each business compares to similar operations. Griffin added that getting Minutes from Port meetings allows them to stay up to date on what is going on. If new equipment or property is acquired, liability could be an issue and they could advise accordingly. Greene asked if there was added cost to the educational component and Fitch said it was a part of their service.

All of the Insurance Agents thanked the Commissioners and left the building. Scott said he is impressed with WHA and their working relationship with the Fire District. He thinks it would be to the Port's benefit to consider appointing them. Greene was impressed with Griffin's comments regarding the review of the Minutes as well as the outreach and services their company provides. Scott added one of the benefits of working with WHA is their close relationship with SDAO. **Greene made the Motion to appoint Wilson-Heirgood Associates as the Agent of Record. Scott seconded the Motion. Owens said she would prefer having a local agent and voted no. The Motion carried 4 to 1.**

2. Consider response letter to Siuslaw Estuary Partnership regarding Proposed Guidelines: Greene and Owens said it was a very good letter. **On the Motion made by Greene, and seconded by Owens, the Board voted unanimously to accept the letter and have it mailed with the President's signature.**

3. Other Items by Commission: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

REPORTS: Freeman said Al Pazar was unable to be there to update the Commission on the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserves but will plan to attend the next meeting. Freeman referred to the map in the packet and said the outcome of the last meeting was good. The vote was 14 to 1 in favor of those who had concerns or opposition toward the designations and wanted to mitigate the damage. The Marine Reserve goes from Devils Churn south to Ten Mile Creek where there will be no extraction. There are two Marine Protected Areas, one to the north and one to the south that have varying levels of restriction. A section called MPA East goes one mile out from Ten Mile to just north of Heceta Head and prohibits certain types of fishing as well as new ocean development such as wave energy or aquaculture. Freeman was vocal in the ODFW meetings to make sure these designations did not touch the three mile Territorial limit or any federal waters. There is question of funding for research and enforcement and Al Pazar will be able to explain it further next month. There was further discussion about how Marine Reserves can hurt the fishing industry and affect the local communities, how there is no compensation for the fishermen, and whether it can be maintained and enforced if there is no funding. Freeman said OPAC meetings

are scheduled for Dec 6 & 7 for presentations and testimony. Freeman feels it is important to have periodic reviews and a sunset clause. Freeman said the special interest groups who drove this process are well funded and there is an implied threat to use a ballot measure to drive the issue of Marine Reserves if they don't get what they want. Greene pointed out that other pilot Marine Reserves needed to be funded in order to be maintained. Greene said the Port should go on record, before the OPAC meetings, to recommend that the language of guaranteed funding is added to the final version.

Scott asked where the new change machine will be installed. Freeman said it will be on the wall at the campground office.

Scott asked about the curb cut for the ADA access. Freeman said it had been awarded. There was discussion regarding which parking lot the work was taking place and Freeman said it was Harbor Street. Greene asked about a curb cut in Nopal Street and Freeman said he was waiting for information from SDAO. Scott said the Port should act on SDAO's recommendations.

Scott asked about the boarding float replacement and Freeman said the project is delayed due to National Marine Fisheries regulations.

Freeman said the Maintenance Studies for the jetties have begun and should be completed by May 2011.

Scott inquired the status of the SS Eco and Freeman said the owner has not responded and action is moving forward.

Greene inquired the status of the Ice Machine. Brien Mill said he would hang the auger next week.

ADJOURN: Saulsgiver adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.

President