

MINUTES
PORT OF SIUSLAW COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
 Wednesday, 21 July 2010

Commission President Greene 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 Joshua Greene (Greene), Commissioner Bud Saulsgiver (Saulsgiver); Commissioner Sally Owens (Owens); Commissioner John Scott (Scott), Commissioner John Buchanan (Buchanan); Staff: Port Manager Mark Freeman (Freeman), Recording Secretary Dina McClure (McClure). Audience: Frank Keavy, Brien Mill, Shirley Saulsgiver, Ron Wilder, Jay Cable, Alan Campbell of Campbell Productions.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None.

ROTATION OF OFFICERS: Greene thanked the Commissioners and turned the Presidency over to Saulsgiver.

Oath of Office for Re-elected Commissioners: Scott and Buchanan took the Oath.

MINUTES: On the MOTION made by Buchanan, seconded by Scott, the Minutes of 16 June 2010, were unanimously approved as submitted.

REMARKS FROM CITIZENS/GROUPS: Ron Wilder feels money is being wasted at the Port and would like the Commissioners to look at the docks and talk to the fishermen. Jay Cable, from the Bridgeport Market, is concerned with the condition of the public restrooms and feels the striping in the Nopal Street parking lot is not up to ADA standards. He recommends 1 hour parking at the south east end of parking lot so visitors can park and enjoy the view. Fishermen should park on the north side if they are going to be gone all day. He thinks the Old Town Market should have more than one Port-a-potty. He feels the car wash and Laundromat should have a change machine so he doesn't have to give change out all the time. There was discussion about changing the signage in the parking lot but still accommodate the fishermen who need close parking to load/unload. Freeman assured Cable the restrooms will be replaced and the parking lot will be re-striped this fall. Scott asked Cable his thoughts on the 4th of July and Cable felt there were not as many people but the event was successful.

FINANCIALS: On the Motion, made by Buchanan, and seconded by Scott, the Board unanimously voted to ratify payment of bills listed in the amount of \$61,602.63.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Update on Dredging and Accident: Freeman explained the barge was damaged when it hit submerged rock at the end of the South Jetty a few weeks ago. The Tug assumes responsibility, the replacement barge will arrive in a few days, and dredging will resume.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Meeting Schedule for FY2010-11:** All were in agreement.
- 2) Committee Assignments for FY2010-11:** Owens was assigned to be the Port representative for the Siuslaw Estuary Partnership but wants to discuss being a

representative for the Siuslaw Watershed Council with Freeman to make sure there is no conflict of interest. Greene will be the alternate for SWC. Buchanan will be the rep for SDAO. Greene will be the rep for LCOG and Buchanan will be the alternate. Owens will be the rep for MCAOA and Greene will be the alternate.

3) Letter of Support for McKenzie River Trust purchase of Waite Ranch:

Owens said MRT is a great organization and their restoration efforts to take down dikes and improve fish habitat is a good thing for our estuary. The process is in the preliminary stages and she feels the Port should give them a letter of support. Greene suggested the letter be reworded to say the Port wants to be informed of the ongoing activity. **On the Motion, made by Buchanan, and seconded by Greene, the Board unanimously voted to provide a letter of support for McKenzie River Trust.**

4) Letter to Legislature about non-water dependant property used for tourism related business: Greene said State law regulates what type of business can or cannot be on the water. Years ago the law was established to protect water related businesses and restaurants were not allowed. Those that exist are can remain with their existing footprint but cannot expand. Greene wants Freeman to talk to other Ports and letters need to be submitted to the Legislature to relax the laws. Currently there are more non-water dependant businesses that could enhance economic development. Freeman said this is a common problem with smaller Ports who are sitting on waterfront acreage available for purchase but are limited on what they can do due to State Land Use laws. **On the Motion, made by Buchanan, and seconded by Owens, the Board unanimously voted to have Freeman contact other Ports to establish a joint venture and write a letter to the State.**

5) Future of the Boardwalk property: Greene wants the Port Commission to start talking about what they want to see built on the Boardwalk property in the event the situation of a land purchase presents itself. Buchanan said it is heavily used as a park. Saulsgiver suggested we get public input. Scott stated that the Boardwalk is one of the Ports most valuable asset. Greene said we have been in a holding pattern of leasing it and thinks discussing limitations on what could be built in the event a buyer comes along, is a good way to move forward. Buchanan suggested a work session to discuss it further.

Reports: Freeman would like to see more public awareness and involvement regarding the ODFW sponsored Marine Reserve discussions to establish a reserve in the Cape Perpetua area. It is a sensitive issue. If a reserve is established, fishing will not be allowed. If the area is protected, fishing will be limited. The decision will affect commercial and recreational fishing as well as Port operations up and down the coast. Greene asked if there was any way all parties involved can meet halfway? Freeman said each meeting sways a different direction depending on who attends. It's a compressed timeline with the decision to be made in October. Greene wanted to verify that the Port's stand is to establish a small footprint and not encroach on fishermen trying to make a living. Saulsgiver said the reserve is to protect rockfish, and a marine protected area already exists for rockfish, but it is farther out than what is being discussed at these meetings. Cape Perpetua has areas where some rockfish breeding grounds exist. Freeman will get the Commissioners the date and location of the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:12PM