

Port of Bandon  
Regular Commission Meeting  
December 16, 2021 5:00pm  
Via ZOOM  
Bandon, OR

Commissioners Present: Reg Pullen, Rick Goche, Rod Taylor, Donny Goddard and Wayne Butler  
Staff: Jeff Griffin - Port Manager, Josh Adamson - Project Manager, Shawn Winchell –  
Harbormaster, Peggi Towne – Farmers Market Manager  
Volunteer: John Towne – Farmers Market

Guests: Lori Osborne, Clay Davis, Jane Ujhazi, LeAnn Scarr, Eileen Quinn, Sally Eeds, Margaret Pounder, Brad Keith, Chris Hendrickson, Sara Autumn, Patrick Bethe, David Wilhite

Commissioner Pullen opened the meeting at 5:05.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Butler to approve the consent calendar. Motion seconded by Commissioner Goddard. Motion passes unanimously.**

Griffin updated the commission on the status of the Port Planning and Marketing Fund application to Business Oregon, and provided and discussed a proposed amendment to the Port's 2015 Strategic Business Plan adding "Mariculture Demonstration and Feasibility" projects to the Public Private Partnerships and Action Items section (listed in table S1 of the Plan).

**Commissioner Goche moved to approve the changes made to the Port of Bandon's Strategic Business Plan amending Table S1 to add Mariculture demo and feasibility. Commissioner Butler seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

A renewal for Special Districts Insurance Services (SDIS) Property and Casualty Insurance Program was presented along with an agreement for a Longevity Credit and Rate Lock from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023. **A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to give Jeff authority to sign the renewal for the Property and Casualty insurance program through SDIS. Commissioner Goche seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

The Farm and Sea Lease Proposal topic was removed from the Agenda as the Osbornes have withdrawn their proposal. Public comment was taken by Brad Keith who spoke about the Farmers Market vendors forming a 3-person board to help oversee the Farmers Market going forward. The topic may be discussed more in January.

Billeter Marine has started work on the rock anchors and completed some off-site concrete pile cap work for the ADA Fishing Pier on the marina breakwater. Jeff and Shawn will be traveling to Coos Bay tomorrow to visit Billeter and see what work has been completed at their facility.

Public access to walk on the breakwater has been closed until early spring while work is being completed.

No update on the State ARPA funding allocated for the marina redevelopment project yet. The funds owed for the Port of Bandon Economic Development Fund have been paid and there are no federal strings with the program anymore. **Commissioner Goche moved that the board direct Jeff to proceed forward with the Port of Bandon taking over management of the Economic Development Fund. Commissioner Goddard seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

**Commissioner Goche moved with cooperation from the Economic Development Board that the Port use up to \$750,000 of balance offered by that board for the marina redevelopment if able to move forward. Commissioner Butler seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

Oregon State Senators and members of Congress have sent a letter to the Secretary of the Army for Civil Works detailing a workplan for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for 2021. This plan includes language about the Coquille River Jetty in disrepair. Commissioner Goche noted the retirement of Congressman Peter DeFazio and the need to be heard on future projects with his successor. Commissioner Goche noted the importance of the PNWA trip to D.C. to lobby for such projects.

Griffin reported that sediment testing for the dredge permit application came back below levels of concern. The Port of Bandon now has permission from PSET to do flow lane disposal and ocean disposal for dredging. The results are valid for 7 years and Jeff can now finish writing the permits needed for the sport basin and marina dredging. Commissioner Taylor asked if there were ways of recording levels and targeting for a later date to stretch out the life of the projects. Jeff and Commissioner Butler discussed the current need for dredging both basins, especially the sport basin.

#### Port Staff Report:

- Shawn mentioned he went to Charleston Marina to retrieve the trailer that goes to the vessel previously owned by Don Chance that the Port has recently taken ownership of and reported that work milling the panels for 2 more garage doors for the east side of the building have begun and the crew has finished installing the new railing for the boardwalk area.
- Peggi thanked the Port Commission for the years of supporting the Farmers Market and requested that it continue for the benefit of the Port and the public. There will be a potluck celebration for their retirement on Friday starting at noon, all are welcome to attend. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year for the Farmers Market

### Public Comment

- Brad spoke again about forming 3 vendors into a board to help manage and report to the Port.
- Jane Ujhazi had 2022 market questions about management, organization, applications and changes. Jeff advised that communication will be sent out via an email list for vendors to notify of changes, future agenda items and management of the market.
- Dave Wilhite had concerns about the jetty repair report from Novembers Commission meeting stating he thinks that if the jetty that runs from Edgewaters Restaurant to the South Jetty is rebuilt or repaired, it might visually impair the views people get from Jetty Rd. He is anxious to see more information as the project develops.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:39pm

Respectfully submitted by Joshua Adamson