

Port of Bandon
Budget Committee Hearing &
Regular Commission Meeting
August 24, 2023, 5:00 pm
Bandon Public Library & Via Zoom
Bandon, OR

Commissioners Present: Reg Pullen, Don Starbuck, Donny Goddard, Wayne Butler

Commissioners Absent: Rick Goche

Staff: Jeff Griffin - Port Manager and Josh Adamson – Port Specialist

Guests: Lori Osborne, Larry Warren, Val Early, Eric Weber, Dave Portscheller, Katie Madzier, Sara Butler, Debbie Mueller, Lou Nagy, John Towne. Cadence Adamson, Dino Kahmalane,

Commissioner Pullen opened the meeting at 5:00pm

Commissioner Pullen asked for a motion to approve the consent calendar. **A motion was made by Commissioner Goddard. Commissioner Starbuck seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

Val Early – Co Chair of the Oregon State Marine Board and Larry Warren – Director of the Oregon State Marine Board presented Life Saving awards to Commissioner Wayne Butler, Eric Weber, David Portscheller, and Raimey Schaan for two lifesaving efforts made by crew and passengers from Prowler Charters.

A signed grant agreement is now executed by the Oregon State Marine Board for final funding for the launch ramp, marina redevelopment project and dredging.

Jeff has submitted a letter of interest for a grant with Travel Oregon. The funds would go to landscape and parking lot development of the gravel lot at the Fisheries Building. The landscape design to incorporate a Washed Ashore sculpture, mariculture tanks and tidepools has been included.

The Marina Redevelopment Project is nearing 100% design with some electrical issues being worked out. A few piles were removed from the plan as not needed structurally and freed some funds to contribute to building remaining docks needed on fuel dock. New steel piles will be sleeved with HDPE eliminating the use of zinc anodes. Jeff made a recommendation to alter the positioning of the gangway direction for better use.

The Bureau of Ocean Management is making another call for projects in the Coos Bay area with an opening for comments. Port Commissioners agreed to draft another letter in response to the project.

Jeff discussed the current discussions with the Army Corps of Engineers to design and dredge a step channel at the Coquille River Entrance. This stepped method would eliminate the second breaking bar just outside of the river and make the bar deeper and easier to cross. This project one of many requests for ACOE projects and would be in competition as only one of ten may be funded nationally.

Staff Report:

Shawn was absent to give report

Josh spoke of boaters starting to get prepared for moving out for marina redevelopment. There have been more transient boaters this year than in years past. Commissioner Pullen asked about a Redfish festival. Josh informed the Commission about the Rockfish Festival that the Port tried to put together but with Covid and the new lease with Farm and Sea, the Port has not looked into any new events lately.

Commissioner Butler gave comments on a defective buoy that mariners rely on. Butler made a suggestion to inquire with the National Weather Service about fixing the buoy or finding out more information.

Commissioner Pullen described an ongoing issue with longline fishing and how commercial fishing is destroying the rec fisheries. A discussion was had by commissioners on solutions.

Public Comment: David had questions regarding the step channel and depths.

Regular Meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm

Respectfully submitted by

Joshua Adamson