

Port of Bandon  
Regular Commission Meeting  
May 23, 2024, 5:00 pm  
Bandon Public Library  
Bandon, OR

Commissioners Present: Reg Pullen, Donny Goddard, Don Starbuck, Wayne Butler, and Rick Goche  
Staff: Jeff Griffin - Port Manager, Josh Adamson – Port Specialist, Shawn Winchell – Harbormaster, Kathy Reed – Finance Director  
Guests: Lori Osborne

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.**

An M.O.U. between the Coquille Indian Tribe and the Port of Bandon for a 99-year lease for the Nasomah Memorial property has been drafted, reviewed by Port legal attorney and is being reviewed by Coquille Tribe before being presented and adopted by Port Commissioners.

A public hearing of the annual budget adoption was opened at 5:03pm. No public comment was spoken. The hearing closed at 5:03pm. **Commissioner Goche made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-02 Annual Budget Adoption. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Goddard. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Port Manager’s Report:**

United States Coast Guard (U.S.C.G.) sent a notice in the Federal Registrar to Port staff informing that the Coquille River Detachment that is stationed in the Historic Coast Guard Building will be at status quo from last year. Jeff has drafted a letter expressing concerns with the lack of presence of the unit being on site during the months of May – October. The Port has seen a steady decrease each year in attendance and responsiveness to incidents. The letter is requested to be signed by Port Commissioners and sent to Captain Jason Aleksak. **Commissioner Goche made a motion to approve the letter and for Commissioners to sign and send to U.S.C.G. Motion seconded by Commissioner Starbuck. Motion passed unanimously.**

Power has been down in the marina since opening on May 1 but all power should be restored Tuesday. A dock has had power since last week, but Bandon Power has been waiting on a GFI breaker needed to restore all power. Jeff expressed concerns with west end transformers and their location. There are minor issues and complaints about the kayak dock with regards to the height of the bench and a grab bar needing to be installed.

Jeff is still working with West Coast Contractors about the subtidal pre-cast panels in the launch ramp that were not installed to spec. The ramp has been getting used a lot throughout the community.

After reviewing the City of Bandon Stormwater Plan it was identified that drain 5a and 5b's outfall are directly in the marina causing sediment buildup in the SW corner of the marina. This has been ongoing for years with the Port covering 100% of the costs for dredging. The outfall in these drains peak at 70cfs which is the highest flow in all drains for the City's plan. Jeff would like to figure out a partnership between Oregon Department of Transportation, The City of Bandon and the Port for better sediment containment or possible retention ponds before reaching the marina.

**Staff Report:**

Shawn introduced Jaime Painter who replaced Dave Milton in the maintenance department. New cleats have been ordered for the marina as boaters have expressed concerns about current configuration. Bumpers have been installed on several pile hoops to prevent damage to vessels. The "catch of the Day sign is coming along and should be installed soon. A kiosk is being built to Oregon State Marine Board specs to be installed at the top of the launch ramp. New signage for the marina slips and piles are to be installed shortly. Fabrication of the security gate for B dock is still in progress. A new meter base was installed with the help of Jason Youmans and Jim Wiskstrom. Jim with the City of Bandon was able to provide a new base for the installation.

Marina slips are filling up fast and there has been an interest and increase in vessel sizes requesting moorage. Previously the marina consisted of smaller vessels under 30ft with a few larger vessels. There has been more requests from larger vessels with the new layout. The Boardwalk Art Show is now up for display. The show will continue into October with awards being presented during Cranberry Festival weekend. Some commercial fisherman are upset with the Port signs at the launch ramp limiting use to recreational only. The Port is bound by contractual agreement with the Oregon State Marine Board to limit use to recreation only unless incidentally.

Commissioner Goche spoke of hearing a limited Coho season on the Coquille River from the bridge to the jaws and questioned the validity of what he heard. Jeff had casually talked with Mike Grey from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) during the marina ribbon cutting ceremony about allowing a small Coho season that would benefit the use of the ADA fishing pier. ODFW sounded receptive to the idea and thoughts of getting Coquille Tribe endorsement was raised.

**Public Comment:**

Lori spoke of charging day use marina fee for commercial use of the launch ramp. The 28<sup>th</sup> is the Coquille Indian Tribe Restoration Celebration to be held at Fisheries Building. The jet boat race had a great turnout and hopes in the future of continuing event.

Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm

Respectfully submitted by

Joshua Adamson