

Port of Bandon
Regular Commission Meeting
July 23, 2026, 5:00 pm
Bandon Public Library
Bandon, OR

Commissioners Present: Reg Pullen, Donny Goddard, Don Starbuck, Wayne Butler, and Lori Osborne (via Zoom)

Staff: Jeff Griffin - Port Manager, Josh Adamson – Port Specialist, Kathy Reed – Finance Director and Shawn Winchell - Harbormaster

Guests: None

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 Butler. Commissioner Starbuck seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

Kathy verbally presented an annual contract for auditing services by Grimstad and Associates. Grimstad and Associates have been the ports auditor for years. This year's contract renewal has an increase from \$10,000 last year to \$11,400 this year. **Commissioner Goddard made a motion to approve the contract renewal with Grimstad and Associates in the amount of \$11,400. Commissioner Starbuck approved. Motion passes unanimously.**

Director Report:

Discussion about possible ownership change to the Coquille Indian Tribe for the Nasomah Memorial property currently owned by the Port. In 2024 the Port worked with the Tribe and created a 99-year lease of the property. Griffin now approached Commissioners about the cultural significance of the property to the Tribe and suggested it would be in the best interest of the Port and Tribe to now transfer ownership to the Coquille Indian Tribe. Per a question from Commissioner Butler there is no monetary value in the Ports long term ownership, only potential liability. After discussion and further questions and comments **Commissioner Osborne made a motion to direct staff to proceed with the transfer of ownership of the Nasomah Memorial property over to the Coquille Indian Tribe. Commissioner Butler seconded. Motion passes unanimously.** Commissioner Osborne would like to see a press release or coordinated event with the Tribe in celebration of the transfer.

Griffin was invited to join a team of sea urchin aqua culturists from California and Oregon on a Sea Grant funded trip to Japan under a Sea Urchin Roe Enhancement Knowledge Exchange mission in September. The trip will last about 10 days. Griffin asked for the support of the Commissioners to represent the Port on the venture. **Commissioner Goddard made a motion to approve the trip to Japan for Griffin. Commissioner Starbuck seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Griffin reported on a letter from Maddison Higginbotham from Accelerate Strategies, a lobbyist for Oregon Ports, detailing language in WRDA 2026 that would direct funding for dredging outside of the navigational channel to include areas adjacent to or accessible by a federal navigation project. Last week the Water Resources Development Act was passed by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. Now it awaits approval on the Senate floor.

The Yaquina was recently here for one project day. Griffin shared recent hydro surveys of the channel and Commissioners discussed buildup areas.

The Port received the Aquatic and Botanical Resource Assessment from SHN regarding Redmon Pond with a determination of no wetlands or protected plant species in the proposed trail corridor. The report also included a preliminary 30 percent trail design.

A new flagpole is set to be installed at the marina in the next few weeks. The flagpole for the Coast Guard building is a special order and will take longer. The company was a little behind schedule with many orders for the 250th anniversary of the United States.

Staff Report:

Shawn reported that the Marauder, which was seized by the Port, is set to cast off to Charleston in the next week. A signed document by the owner will revert ownership back once the vessel has left the marina.

Tongue and groove ceiling and window trim have been installed in the new office. The exterior painting and handrails are happening soon.

On Monday the roof will be getting replaced on the Loft by Pioneer Roofing.

Last week a woman tripped and fell on the southside of the fisheries building. There is a raised curb that spans from that property all the way to the marina. Most of the curb is painted either red or yellow by the City however, this particular section is not painted. Commissioners discussed jurisdiction and solutions with staff.

A local resident would like to donate a Tsunami Ball to the Port. It's a capsule designed for two people to survive a tsunami. The Port will accept the donation and place next to the preparedness sign on the SE end of the fisheries building parking lot. Commissioner Osborne suggested an annual lottery be held for tickets!

Kathy informed Commissioners that with a staff member taking paid leave, a part time, temporary hire was needed. Interviews were conducted with 4 candidates, and Holly Von Damm was offered the position. The job will be starting August 3rd. She will work 20 hours a week for a 3-6 month period.

Commissioner Goddard inquired about the Ports rules on liveboards. Staff clarified that resident boat owners can stay overnight up to 3 days per week and 10 days per month. Transient boat owners touring the coast are allowed longer stays (up to 30).

Public Comment:

None

Regular meeting was adjourned at 5:53pm

Respectfully submitted by

Joshua Adamson