

Port of Bandon  
Regular Commission Meeting  
September 23, 2021 5:00pm  
Via ZOOM  
Bandon, OR

Commissioners Present: Reg Pullen, Rick Goche, Rod Taylor & Wayne Butler

Commissioners Absent: Donny Goddard

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

Commissioner Pullen opened the meeting at 5:00.

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

Resolution 2021-05 was introduced entering the Port into a M.O.U. with the Coquille Indian Tribe in support of a partnership for the restoration and re-establishment of Chinook Salmon into the Coquille River. Commissioner Taylor asked who would be framing the agreement and what language would be included. Jeff stated he will start work with the Tribe and put together a draft for commission review. **Commissioner Goche made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-05 as written and direct Jeff to move forward with the framework for the MOU agreement. Commissioner Butler seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

Griffin reported that he has been working with the Oregon State Marine Board to provide maps and narratives in support of the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program application through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This will be a joint application between the Port and the State of Oregon. The Port also collected support letters from the Bandon Chamber of Commerce, Travel Southern Oregon Coast, and Wild Rivers Coast Alliance. Jeff is still waiting to hear from the Oregon Department of Administrative Service regarding the Recovery Act Funds allocated by the State in HB 5006. Also, Business Oregon has set aside the loan funds as requested if needed for contingency for the Marina Redevelopment Project. Commissioner Goche asked if staff has contacted Rep. Defazio's office to inquire about the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.

Griffin also reported that Billeter Marine came out this morning to inspect the site with a survey crew. Work is scheduled to begin in early November. Billeter is on track with their timeline as outlined in their contract for the ADA pier. Materials are being ordered with a 6-week lead time. Shawn and crew's initial survey points were within  $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 1.5" of actual survey points.

A map provided by the Oregon State Marine Board was discussed outlining the dredging prism for the sport basin. This area has been widened from last time, giving boaters a bigger area. An ariel overlay was explained by Josh. Jeff explained the mitigation process for the eel grass in the basin. These maps and mitigation are part of the process needed to gain permitting for dredging the sport basin and marina. Commissioner Goche asked about target depths for both basins. Jeff estimated the marina will be at -13ft with roughly 20,000 – 25,000 cu.yds needed removed and the sport basin will be -9.75ft with about 7,500 cu.yds.

The letter as requested from last meeting in support of the Coquille Tribes efforts to restore fall chinook salmon has been signed and sent to Governor Kate Brown. The Port has been working with the Tribe and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to monitor salmon activity up Ferry Cr. A trap has been installed along with a seal excluder. Commissioner Goche asked about signage to the public as he was at Sturdivant Park and they were not clear and suggested the Port look into some PR for what is going on. Jeff will investigate public outreach to inform.

A Rockfish Art Contest will begin October 1 in place of the festival that was supposed to happen Oct 2. The festival was put on hold due to concerns from ongoing Covid numbers and regulations. The contest will give the Port artwork that can be used for future activities. Prizes will be awarded. Prize funds have come from a fraction of the Ports initial budget proposed from the festival.

#### Port Staff Report:

- Permanent benches have been installed. Still waiting on art for final install of modular benches for Travel Oregon grant. One garage door is built and being painted, then hardware installed. Staff will begin to work on remaining doors. Boardwalk railing replacement were discussed limiting particulates polluting waterways. Commissioner Goche suggested dustless sanders.
- Peggi explained market running the same as last month. Excited for Boardwalk Art winners boards to be showcased in the market soon.

#### Public Comment

None

Regular Meeting was adjourned at 5:42pm

Commissioner Pullen opened the Executive Session per [ORS 192.660 (2)(i)] at 5:45pm.

Commissioner Pullen closed the Executive Session at 6:03pm and reopened the public meeting.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Butler to increase Jeff's vacation hour accrual from 13.35 hours a month to 20 hours a month. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Goche. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by Joshua Adamson