Port of Bandon

Budget Committee Meeting, Regular Commission Meeting

& Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2)(e)(j)

April 25, 2023, 5:30 pm

Bandon Public Library

Bandon, OR

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

Budget Committee Members: Wade Lester and Roger Straus

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

Guests: Lori Osborne, Jerry Ganta, John Towne, Margaret Pounder, Dino Kummelehne

Commissioner Pullen opened the meeting at 5:32pm

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

Jeff investigated the addition of more tri-frame brackets for the 30-foot marina fingers. West Coast Contractors installed brackets on 40-foot fingers and increases stability. The Port thought they could build in house but found it would void warranty of docks. Jeff received a quote for 31 frames totaling $64,655. Quote will be put on hold for now.

Dianne Williams has sold the Bandon Bait business to Brian Foley. The Port drafted and presented the new lease with Brian to Commissioners for approval. The new lease describes language from Dianne’s previous lease that upon expiration, the Port had right of first refusal to purchase the building at 50% real market value according to the latest assessment by Coos County. Coos County assesses the building at $138,840. $69,420 is what the Port would pay. Dianne has agreed to installments over 5 years with $13,884 each year.

At 5:41 Commissioner Pullen closed the regular meeting and opened the Budget Hearing. **Commissioner Goche made a motion to nominate Roger Straus as Budget Committee Chair. Commissioner Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.** Kathy Reed read the budget message. There was no public comment. Chair Straus questioned category “Other Misc Resource” as being the 3rd largest category with no details. Kathy explained it included 2 small grants. Chair Straus asked why dock maintenance doubled from last year when the Port just redeveloped a new marina. Jeff explained that this is for unexpected maintenance and includes crab dock. **Budget Committee Chair Straus made a motion to approve the budget as presented for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Motion seconded by Wade Lester. Motion passes unanimously. A motion was made by Budget Committee Chair Straus that the Budget Committee of the Port of Bandon approve the property taxed for the 2024-2025 fiscal year at the rate of $0.3249 per $1,000 of assessed value for the permanent tax levy. Motion was seconded by Wade Lester. Motion passed unanimously.** Budget Hearing was closed at 5:52 and regular meeting was reopened.

The marina project is in the homestretch. Power pedestals are installed but will not have power for a few more weeks. The trenching from the Loft building came to a short halt due to possible cultural resources exposed. After tribal monitoring, no resources were confirmed, and trenching was completed.

The launch ramp is completed with a slope design, curtain drain, footings for a kiosk and now meets all D.EQ. standards. There was an issue raised with the lower precast pieces not installed to specifications. Jeff is working on a solution with West Coast Contractors.

High Dock Harbor Office plans are at Coos County Building Code office for review.

The Port was granted $100,000 from Travel Oregon towards the landscape and improvements in the Bandon Fisheries building parking lot to include paving, striping, curbs and sidewalks, and the implementation of Finnian sculpture, tidepools, and aquaculture tanks. A previous bid for the project from Johnson Rock was $200,000. The Port is looking into 2-3 other grants to add. Kathy informed that the Oregon State Marine Board approved $127,000 for the High Dock Harbor Office Public Restrooms and showers. The City of Bandon had agreed to $75,000 towards the project in trade for use of the Port owned Elmira Lot. Oregon State Legislature has committed to $500,000 towards the project as well. Commissioner Goche questioned the safety and accessibility from tourists with the aquaculture tanks. Jeff clarified that the city has already approved the design and there is no reduction in parking despite the mayor’s issues with the project.

A letter of support for Beacon Broadband, Inc. for their efforts in bringing high speed internet service to rural areas was signed by Jeff and shared with Commissioners.

Jeff briefed on the status of the Moore Mill site and its recent corrected zoning changes and future plans.

**Staff Report:**

The 21st annual Boardwalk Art Show will open May 23rd and continue until October 24th. The theme for this year is Stunning Skies, Surf, and Sand. Boards are to be turned in May 8th.

A ribbon cutting ceremony has been scheduled for May 1 with the boat launch at 3pm and the marina at 5pm. State Legislators, County Commissioners, City Officials, Port Commissioners’, Staff, and the Public have all been invited to attend. The Chamber of Commerce is the organizer of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Commissioner Goche asked about progress on the High Dock Harbor Office. Jeff answered that the construction docs have been completed.

**Public Comment**:

Lori described leaking issues in the roof still ongoing at the Bandon Fisheries building. Jeff explained that the roof has been repaired twice but will work with Shawn to investigate. Lori reminded that the jet boat races will be held May 6th starting at the Port of Bandon Boat Ramp and ending in Sturdevant Park in Coquille. There will be three heats back and forth.

Commissioner Butler commented on how the Coquille River Bar has been the best he’s seen in years for crossing.

Dino spoke highly of the new marina and design but questioned the enforcement of derelict vessels.

Commissioner Pullen closed the Regular Meeting at 6:42pm and opened on Executive Session under ORD 192.660 (2)(e)(j).

Executive Session was closed, and Regular Meeting was reopened at 7:00pm.

**Commissioner Goche made a motion to direct staff to draft a 99-year lease agreement with the Coquille Indian Tribe for the Nasomah Memorial Site property for review and consideration by the Commissioners. Commissioner Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm

Respectfully submitted by

Joshua Adamson