Port of Bandon

Regular Commission Meeting

August 26, 2021 5:00pm

Old Town Marketplace

Bandon, OR

Commissioners Present: Reg Pullen, Rick Goche, Rod Taylor,

Commissioners Absent: Donny Goddard & Wayne Butler

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, Jerry Ganta, Rod Knoebel, Mark Johnston, Brenda Meade, David Welch, Bill and Kathy Frey, Claudine Hundhausen, Johann Hamblin, Carolyn Campbell

Commissioner Pullen opened the meeting at 5:00.

Commissioner Pullen pushed the consent calendar and started the meeting with the Coquille Chinook Discussion. Commissioner Pullen introduced Brenda Meade, Chairman for the Coquille Indian Tribe and Mark Johnston, Executive Director for the Tribe. Brenda presented a handout detailing the facts and figures of the current Chinook Salmon crisis in the Coquille River as well as a drafted letter to Governor Kate Brown asking for help and resources to preserve the Chinook Salmon in the Coquille River. The Coquille Indian Tribe is seeking help and support from the Port of Bandon, the City of Bandon, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and State or Oregon Legislators. Brenda asked if the Port would be willing to send a copy of the drafted letter with Port support.

**Commissioner Goche proposed a Resolution be drafted by next meeting an M.O.U.. with the Coquille Indian Tribe and the Port of Bandon’s intentions of supporting a partnership for the reestablishment of Chinook Salmon in the Coquille River. Commissioner Taylor seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

**Commissioner Goche made a motion to send the drafted letter to Governor Kate Browns office in support of the Coquille Indian Tribes efforts to save the Chinook Salmon on the Coquille River. Commissioner Taylor seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

Commissioner Pullen thanked Brenda and Mark.

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

Staff reported that Chris Foltz who carved original sculptures on the boardwalk was at the Port building for a week restoring damaged sculptures and showing maintenance crew how to restore going forward. Chris sculpted a new salmon for the marina that was beyond repair. The memorial sculpture for Fred Carleton was installed on the boardwalk. All funds for donation have been secured and a plaque is in the works for a dedication ceremony. Chris was asked by the Port if he might be able to create something in remembrance of Ken Butler, long time Port tenant and owner/operator of Prowler Charters. This is in the planning stage.

Jeff hopes to have more information in September about the ARPA funds appropriated by SB5006 after the State develops a review process. He reported also that at a recent meeting of the Board of the Port of Bandon Economic Development Fund, a motion was made and approved to direct up to $750,000 of funds, that no longer have an obligation for lending, to the marina redevelopment project. Jeff also reported on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Restoration Program Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) opportunity that will help with additional funding for the project for transient dockage for vessels 26 feet and larger. An announcement was also made regarding opportunities associated with the U.S. Economic Development Administration’s American Rescue Plan Grant.

Griffin reported that Advanced Remediation Technologies, Inc. (ART) has developed a plan with the Port to fulfill the contract obligations agreed to from the previous months commission meeting. ART will be doing sediment testing next week, which is needed before dredging permits can be prepared and issued.

The City of Bandon and the owners of the gravel lot across from the marketplace have come to an agreement to keep the lot open to the public for the next 3 months. The Port of Bandon will help cover one-third (1/3) of the costs.

Commissioner Pullen asked for an update on the ADA Fishing Pier. Jeff stated the contract has been signed and we are approaching the in-water work window. Billeter has been backed up on another project and that is slated to be completed at the start of the Ports window. Jeff will have more to report at next meeting.

Port Staff Report:

* Shawn had to make some emergency repairs on the marina gangway leading to the Charter Docks. This gangway is planned for replacement under the new marina plan.
* A temporary wall has been added in the harbormaster office area to accommodate a new lessee. Commissioner Taylor has questions on current sq ft pricing for leases and comps.
* Maintenance crew is waiting for HDPE lumber to arrive to complete bench grant from Travel Oregon.
* The Farmers Market has implemented the mask mandate. Some vendors have vacated and Peggi is not adding new vendors at this time during the Delta variant stage with COVID.

Public Comment

Claudine thanked the Port for the wonderful job they continue to do. She detailed infrastructure additions over the last 20 years and her experience in being an employee for the Port. She has drafted a letter that will be distributed or published and will inform on when. Kathy was unaware of the Ports involvement in the sidewalk project of the Riverwalk. She was impressed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm

Respectfully submitted by Joshua Adamson