

Port of Bandon  
Regular Commission Meeting  
June 23, 2022 5:00pm  
Bandon Public Library & via ZOOM  
Bandon, OR

Commissioners Present: Wayne Butler, Reg Pullen, Rick Goche, Rod Taylor and Donny Goddard  
Staff: Jeff Griffin - Port Manager and Josh Adamson - Project Manager

Guests: John Towne, Lori Osborne, Jerry Ganta, Brenda Medeiros - CCD, Margaret Pounder – Bandon Chamber of Commerce, Brad Keith, Eileen Quinn, Nick Schoeppner – State Parks, Roger Straus

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. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Goddard. Motion passes unanimously.**

Jeff requested that a purchase for a new work boat be added to the agenda under Public Contracts and Purchasing. The Coquille Indian Tribe is interested in purchasing the current Port work boat, to re-outfit for possible electroshocking of small mouth bass on the river. The boat was acquired from state surplus over a year ago. Staff would like to replace the boat with a different vessel valued at \$14,500. Commission approval is needed for the purchase. **Commissioner Goddard made a motion for Jeff to purchase the new work boat. Commissioner Goche seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

A grant was awarded from the Judith Ann Mogan Foundation to assist with funding for the OTM kelp mural project.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) survey boat will be in the river tomorrow to do more soundings. Jeff explained the increased costs for dredging and how ports are charged when the dredge is mobilized.

There was an incident that happened June 18<sup>th</sup> on the Coquille River Bar involving 2 adults and 2 children. The boat was heading out on the north side outside of the nav channel and took on a swell that caused the boat to capsize. Prowler charters was heading in and was able to spot the incident and respond within minutes to assist in the rescue. The incident was captured on the bar camera and Josh is working on being able to make the video public.

Brenda Medeiros from CCD provided an overview and discussion of areas requested to be add to the Coquille Valley Enterprise Zone. CCD is contacting all sponsors of the zone to get approval of the amendment. **Commissioner Goche made a motion to allow and support the zone increase contingent on the Resolution provided from CCD. Commissioner Taylor seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

The ADA fishing pier is now open and ready for public use. Temporary signage is up and will be replaced soon by permanent signage once designs are approved. Port staff are recommending naming the pier Pullen Pier after long term Commissioner Reg Pullen and the Pullen family. **Commissioner Goche made a motion to name the new ADA fishing pier Pullen Pier. Commissioner Goddard seconded. Commissioner Pullen abstained. Motion passes.** Commissioner Pullen thanked everyone and mentioned Prowler filleter Wes has already caught some trout and perch from the pier. Port staff will work on a grand opening for the pier possibly with Bandon Chamber assistance.

Nick Shoepner and Roger Straus were introduced to discuss the Coquille River Lighthouse. Roger gave a brief history of the lighthouse, it's decommissioning, and Oregon State Parks role in maintaining the property and facility. The USACE owns the property and facility with Oregon State Parks having a lease. The lighthouse needs repair and can be difficult to get funding from the agency that manages it. State Parks is recommending bringing the Port of Bandon in as a partner to assist in securing funding for restoration needs. The current lease between Oregon State Parks and USACE has expired and State Parks is looking for help before getting locked into another term. Studies have been done on cost estimates for repairs. Between donations to the Coquille River Lighthouse Keepers and gift shop revenue from Oregon State parks there is about \$500,000. Jeff has been talking about what the best ownership options are to acquire funding for restoration needs. The restoration is low on the statewide priority list for State Parks. The Port may be in a better position to apply for outside funding. Heating and electrical issues and needs were discussed to help keep the lighthouse climate controlled to last longer. **Commissioner Goche made a motion to authorize Jeff to investigate options for lighthouse ownership/management with Port involvement. Commissioner Butler seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

Jeff shared resolutions from Port of Brookings Harbor, Port of Port Orford, Port of Newport, a letter from the Oregon Coastal Caucus and draft Resolution 2022-04 A Resolution Making Recommendations to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the Oregon Department of Energy Regarding Offshore Wind Energy from the Port of Bandon. A resolution from the Port needs to be signed and sent no later than the 26<sup>th</sup> of June. Commissioner Goche would like to add into the draft resolution language stating potential impact to sea life and habitats in the electromagnetic field. Commissioner Butler asked to change the language in the draft resolution to mirror what the Port of Newport stated in the second paragraph. **Commissioner Taylor made a motion to accept and approve proposed Resolution 2022-04 with the added language from Commissioner Goche and using the second paragraph from Port of Newports Resolution. Commissioner Goche seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

#### Staff Report

Shawn is out on vacation to a concert in Eugene.

Kyle is back on light duty after clearance from medical. Commissioner Goche asked to convey appreciation for his return.

Two tanks have been installed for the SeaGrant Urchin Ranch.

The annual Port of Bandon Cardboard Regatta is back this year for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The last event was held in 2019 and cancelled during the pandemic. Staff is anticipating a great return as the last event had over 10 entrants in each category. Looking forward to the event.

Farmers Market is going steady. Sherri Merrit, a long-time vendor has recently retired and left the market. Parking hasn't been an issue since downsizing the space. New applications are coming in and tourist traffic is picking up. The market is slow but some the vendors who are there say things are going well and picking up each weekend.

Public Comment: Brad had concerns about advertising budgets for the current market. Brad stated there was little to no advertising done in recent years. An inquiry about musicians at the market was also mentioned. Eileen was frustrated at current market operations and expressed she chose to not be a vendor this year. Both Brad and Eileen would like answers from the Commissioners on future of the market. Commissioner Pullen advised Brad and Eileen that Port staff would handle their concerns. Commissioner Goche asked about doing radio advertising. Commissioner Taylor asked about the marketing/advertising budget for the market.

Commissioner Goche asked about holding an executive session and notice time needed for an item he wishes to add to the agenda. Commissioner Goche was advised that sufficient notice was needed and that issue had to fall under certain criteria to be allowed for Executive Session. Commissioner Goche asked that Jeff contact him regarding the issue to see about adding item to next months agenda.

Commissioner Pullen adjourned the meeting at 6:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Adamson