Port of Bandon

Regular Commission Meeting

June 26, 2025, 5:30 pm

Bandon Public Library

Bandon, OR

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

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

Guests: Lori Osborne

Commissioner Pullen opened the meeting at 5:30pm

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

Griffin reported on the following:

The Bandon Dunes Charitable Foundation invited the Port of Bandon to apply for a capacity grant which would contribute up to $25,000 towards the hiring of temporary help for duties needed at the Port. Oregon Coast Visitors Association has expressed interest in assisting with a partial match to the Port. The duties would include operations and maintenance of the seaweed and urchin tanks. Commissioners discussed the salary and had questions on benefits. Commissioners gave tentative support to move forward with the proposal.

An estimate for Harbor Office framing materials from Hennick’s in the amount of $60,924.74 was discussed. **Commissioner Goche made a motion to approve the estimate from Hennick’s. Commissioner Butler seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

The annual cormorant summary was discussed. Concentrations are lower over the years with an uptick in bald eagles.

Griffin presented a flyer from the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) informing of a planning grant for community renewable energy and energy resilience projects. Griffin requested Commission support in applying for the grant. The project would be a solar roof on the Fisheries Building and storage which could provide a public benefit. **Commissioner Goche made a motion for the Port of Bandon Commissioners to support staff in applying for the ODOE grant. Commissioner Starbuck seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

The Port of Bandon has officially secured the water rights for the property located in Prosper on Parkersburg Rd. This was a project Griffin started when he was hired. The process has taken over 7 years.

A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Hydro-survey of the Coquille River Bar was shown indicating heavy shoaling in the center and North side of the Jetty. The Port of Bandon is on the list for annual dredging at the mouth with an extra day included in the workplan. The Yaquina is in the area but prioritizes days on the Chetco, Rogue, and Coos rivers.

**Staff Report:**

Shawn reported that a sculpture was carved and purchased from local artist Chris Foltz for display in the landscape area of the Fisheries Building parking lot. The sculpture is of a sea serpent. Commissioners discussed naming the sculpture. The brackets used to hold up the sculpture stand out and plans to powder coat and paint are in the works.

An update was given on the progress of the High Dock Harbor Office with trusses on order and the Berry Brothers to install.

Recently discovered mooring bits were placed in the landscape area that were found to be from an old tug the Sause Brothers Company used many years ago.

The 4th of July Cardboard Boat Races will be next week.

The Port is looking to start implementing metering for electricity. Incorporation into the software continues to take some time.

A new moorage rate sheet was presented showing the annual 3% increase as defined by last years resolution.

A proclamation was read by Griffin thanking Commissioner Goche for his 16 years of public service to the Port of Bandon. Goche was recently unseated in the election by newcomer Lori Osborne. **A motion was made by Commissioner Goddard to approve the proclamation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Butler. Motion passes unanimously.**

**Public Comment**:

None

Regular meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm

Respectfully submitted by

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