

Port of Bandon
Regular Commission Meeting
April 23, 2026, 5:00 pm
Bandon Public Library
Bandon, OR

Commissioners Present: Don Starbuck, Lori Osborne, Donny Goddard, and Wayne Butler

Commissioners Absent: Reg Pullen

Staff: Jeff Griffin - Port Manager, Kathy Reed – Finance Director , and Shawn Winchell – Harbormaster

Guests: John Towne

Commissioner Goddard opened the meeting at 5:00pm

Commissioner Goddard made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner Starbuck seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Commissioner Goddard opened the Budget Hearing. Griffin summarized the budget message. The focus for FY2026-2027 is completing the new Harbor Office, creating the boardwalk aquarium and a trail around Redmon Pond, and maintenance. Port owned buildings need some roofing work, and Weber pier needs a couple of new piles, and the end beams need work. The proposed budget also initiates a reserve account for future dock infrastructure needs (such as the crab dock) and continues to place funds into the reserve account for dredging requirements.

The Budget Committee opened for discussion

Roger Strauss inquired about grants to support the Port of Bandon Boardwalk Art Show, asked about contracted building and grounds line item being so high and if it should be moved. Jeff responded that grants would not be worth the Ports time as it's a small amount contributed. Kathy added that the line item is in the right place as it's not capital outlay.

Public Hearing was opened. With no public comments, hearing was closed.

Commissioner Butler made a motion to approve the budget as presented for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Goddard. Motion passes unanimously.

A second motion was made by Budget Committee Chair Strauss that the Budget Committee of the Port of Bandon approve the property taxed for the 2026-2027 fiscal year at the rate of \$0.3249 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the permanent tax levy. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Starbuck. Motion passed unanimously. The budget hearing was closed.

Port Director Report:

Jeff gave an update on Redmon Pond trail. The contract with SHN needs approval. Commissioner Starbuck asked about the City's involvement with the project. Griffin answered that the city has been

supportive. **Commissioner Osborne made a motion to move forward with project design work from SHN in the amount of \$22,500. Commissioner Starbuck seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

Port staff is requesting Lehne's Farms who sets up every Friday at the Fisheries Building, to move to the south side of the building. Their current location takes up parking spaces and is unsafe. Commissioner Osborne commented that they will only show if allowed in usual spot. Jeff will talk to Glen Lehne.

The proposed aquarium project will not work as proposed. Jeff has spoken with consultants who say the initial proposed location would not work because of the position open to the sun and glare effects. Also, the tank is not in as good a shape as previously thought. The concept now is to scale down the tank size with a new tank and place it inside of the picnic shelter. The resulting project cost will be approximately the same or less, and the Port should still be able to use the same grant funds. It would be a good tourist draw and only use a space of 3'x3'x5'. **Commissioner Starbuck made a motion to amend the display and move the project to the picnic shelter. Commissioner Osborne seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

Griffin asked the commissioners again if there was interest in having the Port commission woodcarver Chris Foltz in designing another sculpture. There was enthusiastic support and various ideas offered for design and location.

Griffin provided a federal funding update. Congress has allocated about \$800,000 for Coquille River maintenance dredging but also included additional funding in the USACE work plan, Portland District, to complete the jetty design work.

Oregon State and U.S. legislators are pushing for more coverage on the Oregon South Coast for U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) coverage. A letter for inquiry and support has been sent to Admiral Lunday from Oregon Rep Val Hoyle. Griffin shared correspondence on the matter.

Shawn gave a brief status update with the High Dock Harbor Office. Siding is over half installed. Front door will be started after sidewalk is poured. Inside is sheetrocked and painted. Hanging ceiling is in progress. There is a local artist who wants to design the public restroom floors. This artist just did the flooring inside Bandon Bait. Commissioner Osborne had some maintenance and grounds complaints. Cormorant hazing has been going well using staff. Commissioner Osborne asked about the vessel Serenity. Shawn informed the vessel was in Charleston getting some work done and a survey. Commissioner Osborne asked about the flagpole status. Griffin answered there is a lag in ordering. Poles need to have a special design, and the supply is limited with the 250th anniversary of the U.S.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roger stated the restrooms at the high dock will be a great addition and suggested that Jeff look at old drawings on Redmon Pond. There was an ADA circular viewing platform.

Regular meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Joshua Adamson