

Port of Bandon  
Regular Commission Meeting  
July 27, 2023, 5:30 pm  
Bandon Public Library & Via Zoom  
Bandon, OR

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

Commissioners Absent: Wayne Butler

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

Guests: John Towne, Jerry Ganta, Lori Osborne, and Fred Fry

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 Goche. Commissioner Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

Jeff made a request to add Fred Fry from the Port of Coquille River to the agenda for a presentation.

Commissioner Pullen welcomed and introduced Don Starbuck as newly elected Commissioner Position 5. Don read the Oath of Office as given by Port Manager Jeff Griffin with hand on historic 1913-minute book. **Commissioner Goche made a motion to keep the officer's positions as they currently stand with Commissioner Pullen as President, Commissioner Goddard as Vice President, and Commissioner Butler as Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

Port of Coquille River Commissioner Fred Fry gave a presentation on the challenges and success of the small mouth bass derby being held on the Coquille River. This is the second year for the Derby with Fred entertaining sponsorships next year to eliminate an entry fee. The Port of Bandon Commissioners expressed that entry fees could be a deterrent. Fred would like to scale up the derby and expressed that over 2,200 bass have been removed from the river system so far with 400 tickets being sold this year. Fred would like to get more youth entries by offering free with paid adults. Fred would like to promote more and increase social media advertising but did mention staff constraints. Lori offered assistance with sponsorship help and promotion ideas. Commissioner Goche offered to speak to Wild Rivers Coast Alliance for grant sponsorship opportunities.

There has been a delay with the County on building code approvals for the Marina project as they are in the process of relocating. Jeff found there is no code compliance for structural in the marina. The Port is still waiting for the grant agreement from Oregon State Marine Board but should receive it in the next few weeks. Jeff will be vacationing in Bellingham over the weekend and plans to visit Bellingham Marine to view the dock building.

The Port received the last permit needed for the launch ramp project from City of Bandon Public Works. The last shipment of floats was delivered with some slight damage from transport that Topper was able to remedy by sending staff down to repair.

Port Staff utilized several max high and low tide days around 4<sup>th</sup> of July to perform eel grass relocation needed for dredging. Using the urchin raceways for holding, about 600 sq ft of removal and replanting was accomplished.

Rezoning for the Moore Mill site is still in progress with the city. The current mapped zoning was incorrect, and the city is in the process of reverting it to the correct industrial zoning. The H.I. zoning still does not allow aquaculture but is now in the process of being modified for the intended use to allow aqua/mariculture. The process with the city planning and Council could take several months as hearings need to be held. Commissioner Goche questioned if this venture was for private gain and expressed concern about staff time being allocated to the project. Jeff stated that a private investor is interested but the project is for public benefit.

**Staff Report:**

Fuel tank repair under contract is partially completed. The tank was sanded and repainted. The contractor will be coming back to redo fittings and dispenser. These repairs will bring the fuel system up to state and local standards.

Benches are continuing to be refurbished but showing wear from boardwalk and the garage doors at the Port office are still underway for completion.

The cardboard boat regatta was held on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Great attendance as usual but lower participation than previous year. The Cobbler's Bench sponsored the event by purchasing new microphones for the PA system since the old ones were corroded and nonfunctional.

Glen Dolphin from Oregon State Marine Board was given a tour for recertification of the Port's Clean Marina. Glen is aware the Port is under contract to replace most of the facilities partially funded by the Marine Board. Glen made a few recommendations but advised those could be put into effect after the project's completion. He awarded the Port a recertification as a clean marina.

Jeff stated that the Marine Board contacted him asking to be placed on next month's agenda to award Wayne Butler for his lifesaving efforts.

**Public Comment:** John Towne asked the Port for more transparency with Moore Mill subject.

Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Joshua Adamson