

Port of Bandon
Regular Commission Meeting
May 28, 2026, 5:00 pm
Bandon Public Library
Bandon, OR

Commissioners Present: Don Starbuck, Lori Osborne (by Zoom), Donny Goddard, Wayne Butler and Reg Pullen

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Guests: Stephanie Stone

Commissioner Pullen opened the meeting at 5:00pm

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

A public hearing of the annual budget adoption was opened at 5:01pm. No public comment. The hearing was closed at 5:02pm. **Commissioner Butler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-01 FY2026-2027 Annual Budget. Commissioner Starbuck seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

Port Director Report:

Griffin discussed legislative updates with Oregon Public Ports Association after attending a recent meeting. Prep work for the 2027 session is underway with 2 bills looking for sponsorship. The bills are focused on a marine transportation plan and continuous funding sources for dredging.

The Coos County Watershed has hired a new director. Griffin sits on the board for the Port. The watershed has grant money for restoration projects but will be over in the next few years. Now that the Coho plan for the Coquille River has been approved, there's an opportunity to apply through the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board for a Focused Investment Partnership for salmon restoration projects.

The boardwalk aquarium project has a signed agreement with Aquatic Resource Systems (ARS). Kevin Clifford from ARS is designing ordering materials.

Griffin was successful in getting the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to open a purple urchin commercial fishery - inter tidal zone area. Rocky Point in Port Orford was chosen for harvesting. 3 crew members from the Port of Bandon obtained licenses to harvest and with a couple volunteers were able to harvest 100lbs each in about 40 minutes. Total collected was about 1000 urchins, just under 500lbs. Urchins collected will be fed for a couple of months at the Port's ranch and seaweed farm before sales.

Cormorant Hazing season is coming to an end. Port staff were trained and completed the hazing this year under contract with ODFW.

The Boardwalk Art Show is now up.

Commissioner Goddard asked Shawn how the crew liked cormorant hazing.

Shawn gave maintenance report including the installation of the light poles, cabinets, interior doors and stains being applied to the interior of the high dock building and the concrete sidewalks to be completed by West Coast Contractors by June 15th.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stephanie Stone commented how nice the new light poles look and the art show. She is excited for the 4th of July events.

Regular meeting was adjourned at 5:21pm

Respectfully submitted by
Joshua Adamson