

Port of Bandon  
Regular Commission Meeting  
February 23, 2023, 5:00 pm  
Bandon Public Library & Via Zoom  
Bandon, OR

Commissioners Present: Reg Pullen, Donny Goddard, Rick Goche, Wayne Butler, and Rod Taylor  
Staff: Jeff Griffin - Port Manager, Josh Adamson - Project Manager and Shawn Winchell - Harbormaster  
Guests: John Towne, Jerry Ganta, Lori Osborne, Bob Bailey

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 Taylor. Commissioner Goddard seconded motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

Resolution 2023-03 was presented to Adopt Findings of Fact, Declaring an Exemption from Competitive Bidding, And Approving The Use of a Direct Award For The Boat Launch Redevelopment Project. Jeff detailed that West Coast Contractors will already be mobilized for dredging and the marina project. Areas of use for staging will be completely occupied and other possibilities are not for use. Legacy and Billeter have submitted letters of interest in the project, but it is staff's recommendation rather than put the project out for sealed bidding, the direct contract be awarded to West Coast based on the findings. **Commissioner Pullen Opened Hearing. No one to testify so hearing was closed. Discussion. Goddard made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-03 and adopt the Findings of Fact. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

Three quotes came back on the steel ramp rails for the Launch Ramp Redevelopment Project. Becko's Welding Inc came in at the lowest responsible responsive bid with \$20,970. **Commissioner Butler made a motion to award the contract to Becko's. Commissioner Goddard seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

Jeff is seeking approval for purchase of a 10,000 gal water storage tank for the Urchin Project funded by Wild Rivers Coast Alliance and Oregon Coast Visitors Association. The tank would be installed on the North side of the Bandon Fisheries Building. **Commissioner Goddard made a motion to approve the purchase of a 10,000 gal water storage tank purchased under grant funds for the Urchin Project. Commissioner Taylor seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

Bob Bailey with the Elakha Alliance gave a presentation on the Alliances efforts to reintroduce Sea Otters into the Pacific region. Benefits to marine life and ecosystems with the reintroduction were discussed with kelp beds, urchins and food source impacts to local fisheries. Questions and discussion followed. Jeff was invited to join the Elakha Alliance Board on a personal level. Commissioners agreed while not taking a Port stance on issues, Jeff's participation would be helpful relaying information.

A layout from KPFF Engineering was presented after recent input from Commissioners. Cleaning station locations were discussed. A possible floating station could be a possibility. The Port should receive a 50% design in the first week of March. Commissioner Goddard had questions on the number of 30-foot slips.

A letter of Inquiry was sent to Wild Rivers Coast Alliance (WRCA) for a grant submission to help with funding on the Launch Ramp Project. This funding could help with the Port's match for the project.

Jeff and Rick will be attending Pacific Northwest Waterways Associations "Mission to D.C." from March 18-23. This is a lobby trip for Ports to advocate the necessity of dredging and other federal issues. Jeff will connect with the South Coast Ports to assess each Ports needs to take with him to Washington. Due to the conflict dates of the trip overlapping with the next Commission meeting, Jeff asked the Commission Meeting for March be moved to the 30<sup>th</sup>. All Commissioners agreed.

N.O.A.A. has received 2 Petitions to List the Oregon Coast, Southern Oregon and Northern California Coastal ESUs of Chinook Salmon under the Endangered Species Act. There will be a 90-day petition finding, request for information and initiation of status review with all actions received no later than March 13<sup>th</sup>. Port Commissioners agreed to send a letter in opposition but not take further action at this time. Jeff will monitor and report. **Commissioner Taylor made a motion to send a statement in opposition to N.O.A.A.. Commissioner Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.** Next steps will be a special meeting and possible coordination with local and tribal agencies.

Vicki Afatatti has been using the Sprague Theatre for the work on her mural that will be installed on the Bandon Fisheries Building. The mural should be completed this spring.

**Staff Report:**

New light fixtures were installed on Pullen Pier. Shawn has ordered more to be installed on Weber Pier and Crab Dock. The installation done in house saved over \$30,000 on the ADA Pier Project.

Urchin raceways are being constructed. This design helps fatten up urchins while providing a water flow circulatory system. Materials and feasibility for the designs were in partnership with commercial urchin diver Brad Bailey. Garage doors for the lower shop are still in production and moving along.

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Boardwalk Art Show will begin with boards available March 1. Show will run from May 18- mid October. Two Hundred boards have been cut. Looking forward to a great turnout this year.

**Public Comment:** None

Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Joshua Adamson