

Port of Bandon
Regular Commission Meeting
March 24, 2022, 5:00pm
Coquille City Council Chambers
Coquille, OR

Commissioners Present: Reg Pullen, Donny Goddard, and Wayne Butler

Commissioners Absent: Rod Taylor, Rick Goche

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

Guests: Bob Shammot, Lori Osborne, Jerry Ganta, Eileen Quinn, Brenda Meade, and 1 unidentified guest.

Commissioner Pullen opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

Commissioner Butler made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion seconded by Commissioner Goddard. Motion passes unanimously.

Commissioners moved Chinook Salmon Discussion to first topic. Coquille Indian Tribe Chairman Brenda Meade stated there has been a 90% decrease in salmon since 2010. In 2019, 275 salmon returned as opposed to 3,000 in 2010. Coquille Tribe declared an emergency in August 2021 to deal with the matter. Working 500+ hours 5,000 small mouth bass were removed from the river. Ended up with 24 pairs of salmon and have 83,000 fry which is short of the 3,000 salmon goal, but happy with progress. Coquille Indian Tribe closed on purchasing 120+ acres on Lampa Creek for fish acclimation. Working with Coquille Watershed to improve fish passage. Will continue to work on river with electro fishing boats in 2022. The Port of Bandon (POB) has electro boat, will evaluate if it is operational for use. POB appreciates the work the tribe is doing. POB sent letter of support for tribe's earmark request.

Commissioner Goddard made a motion in support of writing two letters to congressional delegation. Commissioner Butler seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Additional letter drafted by staff was discussed regarding smolt release strategy on the Coquille.

Commissioner Butler made a motion to approve letter to send to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Curt Melcher to request ODFW change Multi Year plan to release smolt on Coquille River. Commissioner Goddard seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Jeff stated the Budget Committee only has two members and encouraged Commissioners to reach out to nominate new members.

Billeter's work is complete on the ADA Fishing Pier Construction. Contract with Billeter is complete and final check to be paid next week. POB is finishing rails.

The Port has received approval for a Business Oregon PPMF Grant. The funds will be for a feasibility study of an aquaculture pilot project to be located on Moore Mill property. POB and Moore Mill each putting in \$5,000 towards the project and will hire land use and others as necessary for professional services.

Oregon State Rep David Brock Smith has secured funding for new Port Administration Building on the High Dock. Waiting for Governor to sign off on award. Building may be built with public restrooms and showers. Would like to move forward with construction, but need to hear from state about when funds are coming in.

POB has completed designs to pave Bandon Fisheries Building parking lot and to leave some green space. Johnson Rock estimate came in at \$160,000 and will be looking for more quotes. Project is approved by SHPO and Coquille Indian Tribe. A monitor will be present at time of construction.

The City of Bandon has verbally agreed to a partnership for parking needs. The City is requesting use of the Port owned lot on First St and Elmira to be included in the newly purchased lot just behind. Both lots are to be paved and used for public parking. The City manager has suggested to pay \$75,000 from Urban Renewal funds in exchange for POB storm drain use at Elmira and a 10-year easement. The \$75,000 will go towards the paving of the Bandon Fisheries parking lot.

Commissioner Goddard made a motion to move ahead with paving of Bandon Fisheries parking lot and accept the verbal agreement to turn over Elmira parking lot for 10 years for storm drain in turn for \$75,000. Commissioner Butler seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

"Henrietta the Rockfish" from Washed Ashore will be placed next to Bandon Fisheries parking lot this spring.

Marina redevelopment to begin in October 2023. Funds from the State must be used by June 2024. POB will be putting together a bid solicitation to give contractors a year to plan and purchase materials. Permits are being submitted to dredge the boat launch and the marina. Oregon State Marine Board is proposing all projects performed concurrently.

Bureau of Ocean Management compiled information on offshore wind, fishing, and utility and found that the South Coast has the most wind. The project is around 10 years out for implementation.

Staff Reports:

- Crew has focused on railings for ADA Pier. New posts are going in on the incline. Would like to plan to put in benches in the future.
- Ken Butler memorial statue was installed on March 23, 2022.
- Josh is managing the market on Fridays from 10-3, and Mark Preslar of GBA will be assisting on Saturdays. Currently the Port has changed hours to comply with City Permits. Josh researched Oregon Farmers Markets and averaged the booth rates. POB has increased booth fees for the 2022 market: 10x10 = \$30 and 5x10 = \$20. All changes made were to comply with City of Bandon permitting and alleviate parking constraints in the Old Town district.
- The theme for 2022 Boardwalk Art Show is “Natural Wonders of the South Coast”. The boards are selling at Art by the Sea or the Port Office to purchase. All boards due by Memorial Day.
- Fred Carleton statue dedication tomorrow on March 25th at 3:00pm. The Bandon Chamber of Commerce will lead the dedication.
- The Bandon Booster Club had a successful fundraising event in the Bandon Fisheries Building on Friday and Saturday, March 18th, and 19th. The Booster Club has expressed that they would like to use the venue in the future.
- Seven Devils Brewery entered a brewing competition using our farm raised Dulse as ingredient in beer.

Public Comment

- A letter to the commissioners was read by Eileen Quinn. Eileen outlined her concerns over the new management and policies of the Old Town Marketplace Farmers Market.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm

Respectfully submitted by Joshua Adamson and Kathy Reed