

Port of Bandon Regular Commission Meeting  
June 27, 2023, 5:30 pm  
Bandon Public Library, Bandon, OR

Commissioners Present: Reg Pullen, Don Starbuck, and Wayne Butler  
Staff: Jeff Griffin - Port Manager, Josh Adamson – Port Specialist, Kathy Reed – Finance Director, Shawn Winchell - Harbormaster  
Guests: Dean Kummelehne

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 Butler. Commissioner Starbuck seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

Griffin reported on the following:

A 99-year lease drafted by the Port of Bandon legal and staff and reviewed by the Coquille Indian Tribe for the use of the Nasomah Memorial site on First Street was presented by Jeff. **Commissioner Butler motioned to approve the lease agreement with the Coquille Indian Tribe. Commissioner Starbuck seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

The Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) has awarded the Port of Bandon \$50,000 in a Boating Facility Grant and conditionally approved \$50,000 in dedicated Boating Infrastructure Grant, and \$27,000 in dedicated Waterway Access Grant funds for the installation of a public restroom and shower in the new High Dock Harbor Office. **Commissioner Butler made a motion to accept the grant funds from OSMB. Commissioner Starbuck seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

Jeff is continuing negotiations with OSMB and WCC for the corrective work plan of the toe portion of precast planks on the launch ramp that were not completed to specification. Griffin has hired a third party consulting engineering firm to review WCC's corrective plan.

Final remaining items in the marina include the pump out station (still waiting for tank parts), kayak dock adjustments, and correcting a freeboard / weight balance issue from the heavy electrical lines. Jeff is working with WCC to remedy the situation. Extra cleats have been purchased and installed. Padding around several pile hoops have been added.

Coos County has approved the construction plans for the High Dock Harbor Office. Staff is picking up the plans tomorrow. There will be an advertisement in the local paper requesting quotes for sub work needed. Phase 1 quotes will include electrical, concrete, plumbing, mechanical, and roofing.

Jeff reported that the FY25 Presidents Budget for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Operations and Maintenance includes \$624,000 for bar and channel dredging at the Coquille River, however the \$1.3 million requested by the USACE Portland District for design of the jetties did not make it into the President's budget. Jeff also reported that earlier this week he met with Senator Merkley's staff at the Port office and provided a briefing to them on the repairs needed for the jetties and other issues.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife have approved a Coho salmon season beginning September 14<sup>th</sup> and ending October 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be limited to 1 a day and 3 per year limits. Approval by NOAA is still needed.

Port staff are meeting with Janet and Steve Golly who have spent the last 10 years building a pirate like ship and are requesting moorage. They plan to put the boat up for sale as they recently moved to Idaho. The vessel will be quite the attraction in the marina and gather tourism.

4<sup>th</sup> of July: The City of Bandon is going ahead with tribal consent with the fireworks display across the river on Port property. Jeff worked with SHPO, The Coquille Tribe, and the City of Bandon to design and permit a new above ground setup that avoids excavation for firework launch setup. Also, signage on the boardwalk dictating that no illegal fireworks are to be used have been placed. Bandon Police have advised added patrols will be on duty.

Harbormaster reported on the following:

The PATON buoy has been deployed and the maintenance crew is investigating a seagull deterrent for the concrete dock.

Shawn has called for quotes on repairs of the Fisheries Building. A membrane roof was discussed but after receiving quotes of over \$140,000, other options may be investigated. The security gate for B dock has been completed and the lock mechanism has been ordered. The kiosk per OSMB at the top of the launch ramp has been constructed in house and placed, still needs the roofing portion. The “catch of the day” signs have been delivered and should be installed soon. Crew is working on 4<sup>th</sup> of July prep.

Josh reported that after the passing of previous long-term tenant Mark Silberstein, the port has cleaned up and turned over his office rental unit. A new lease was signed on July 1.

**Public Comment:**

Dean has questions about the large tents in the Fisheries Building parking lot that were used for the Coquille Tribe Restoration Celebration. Dean also questioned the future use/uses of the parking lot should the Port move forward with landscaping and paving.

Commissioner Starbuck made a request to follow up with the City of Bandon regarding the storm drain outfall that is flowing into the marina. Commissioner Starbuck stated that a partnership needs to be formed for a solution. Jeff concurred.

The Coast Guard house on the hill was discussed regarding ownership and usage. There is reported to be an original agreement with the historic private owners that if the house stops being used for official coast guard use, that it reverts back to original owner.

Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm

Respectfully submitted by Joshua Adamson