

Port of Bandon
Regular Commission Meeting
November 18, 2021 5:00pm
Via ZOOM
Bandon, OR

Commissioners Present: Reg Pullen, Rick Goche, Rod Taylor, Donny Goddard

Commissioners Absent: Wayne Butler

Staff: Jeff Griffin - Port Manager, Josh Adamson - Project Manager, Shawn Winchell – Harbormaster, Peggi Towne – Farmers Market Manager

Volunteer: John Towne – Farmers Market

Guests: Lori Osborne, Jerry Ganta, Elizabeth Spencer and Fred Fry (Port of Coquille River)

Commissioner Pullen opened the meeting at 5:08.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goddard to approve the consent calendar. Motion seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion passes unanimously.

An update was given on the local agency and volunteer efforts to rehabilitate the Chinook Salmon. After heavy rains over the past week, the hatchery was able to catch 50 swim-ins, of which only 10 were females. Efforts continue to be made to collect broodstock for the hatchery in partnership with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Port of Bandon and the Coquille Indian Tribe. Commissioner Pullen discussed a petition to submit to ODFW for greater release numbers. Port Commissioners will discuss further at a January scheduled work-session with invited experts to construct possible framework for continued efforts to rehabilitate the Chinook Salmon in the Coquille River. It was agreed by all Commissioners that representatives from ODFW and the Coquille Tribe should be invited for the January work-session.

Elizabeth Spencer and Fred Fry, Staff and Commissioner from the Port of Coquille River addressed the Commissioners to request support for a bass derby. The Port of Coquille River has received support from ODFW and the Coquille Tribe. Commissioner Pullen stated his dislike for derbies however now might be the time for action to remove the invasive species as much as possible.

Commissioner Goche made a motion to give the Port of Coquille River support in holding a derby for all Smallmouth, Largemouth and Striper bass. Commissioner Goddard seconded the motion. Motion Passes unanimously.

Fred described an area in Powers that the Port of Coquille River owns by the airport that would make a perfect location for another hatchery. Commissioner Pullen advised to discuss further at

the January work-session. The Commissioners thanked Fred and Elizabeth for attending the meeting and asked to strengthen the communication between the two ports, even a future joint Commission meeting.

An update was shown on the updated timeline from Bergersen Construction for the ADA Fishing Pier. Mobilization for barge and crane will begin the first week of January and demob will commence just before the in-water work window closes. Bergersen has been completing pre-work at their shop in Coos Bay.

Jeff informed the Commissioners of intent to apply for a Oregon State Marine Board Boating Facilities Grant that cycles every 2 years. The Port is working on the application to help fund various aspects to include from the Marina Redevelopment Project i.e. transient dockage, gangways, pump-out station and kayak dock. The rough estimated ask would be around \$300,000. The grant application is due December 10th. There is another grant application that Jeff would like to apply for that would help fund design concepts for the high dock to include restrooms, laundry facility, and possibly a new Port office. The Port has older concept designs for these projects but would like to update the concepts and design. Commissioners Pullen and Goddard remembered the previous efforts and stated that was not the time then for that project but, now seems to have more demand for expanded facilities for the marina.

Jetty repairs are needed on both North and South sides. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released an inspection report detailing the South Jetty has major damage from the beach going out on the north face, there is moderate damage to the breakwater going from behind Edgewater's Restaurant to the South Jetty parking area, and moderate damage to the North Jetty side by the lighthouse. Most repair efforts go to the Columbia River and Coos Bay and Tillamook are in the queue for repairs with the Port of Bandon up next. Jeff has been communicating with Greg Speer from USACE to get Port of Bandon jetty repairs in the workplan for repairs. Commissioner Goche stated that efforts are going to Coos Bay and Tillamook first due to high commercial and large vessel traffic.

The gravel lot across the street from the Old Town Marketplace could soon be closing again as the deal with the Port and City to Fred Gernandt is coming to an end. Fred asked \$10,000 for 3 months starting in September to keep it unfenced. The City was funding 2/3 of the agreement and the Port of Bandon picking up the remaining 1/3. An old parking map directing vendors for the Farmers Market where to park and an updated version if the gravel lot were to close were shown. Options for limiting vendors due to parking limitations in the coming market year were discussed. Commissioner Goche asked the listing price for the lot which is at \$1.9 million. Archeological constraints and options for use if bought or leased were discussed including a home for the Bandon Pool by Commissioner Taylor. Commissioner Goche suggested opening a conversation with the Coquille Tribe.

An update on one ongoing and two new gifted properties to the Port of Bandon located around Redmond Pond were shown on a parcel map. The map showed existing Port owned property, parcels privately owned and where the donated parcels are located. Most of the parcels are not buildable and one will help with better access of the Jetty Trail that will be soon constructed going from Jetty Rd and around the Pond to 4th St.

Port Staff Report:

- Shawn and crew have been installing the Christmas lights along the boardwalk and in the boat basin. Milling the panels for 2 more garage doors for the east side of the building have begun and crew continues to install the new railing for the boardwalk area.
- Peggi stated things at the market are going well. More vendors are applying as the holidays are approaching. She is scheduled for a total knee replacement surgery on Monday and will be in Eugene. She informed Commissioners about a winter market being organized in Langlois as the Port will not entertain a winter market this season.
- Our annual audit is almost complete. The audit appears to be going well with good communication.
- 20lbs of Dulse will be picked up by 7 Devils Brewery to be featured in a new ale to coincide with the Sea Otter reintroduction efforts.

Public Comment

None

Respectfully submitted by Joshua Adamson