



**PORT OF GARIBALDI  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Folkema called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners present: Val Folkema, Bob Browning, Amanda Cavitt, Jaime Perez (teams), Kelly Barnett.

Staff present Michael Saindon, Jessi Coon.

Visitors: Michelle Aeder, Mike Wenzinger, Nick Mareno.

**CHANGES TO AGENDA** – None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michelle Aeder asked about the ports RV park as an option for local Don to be able to use until his name is pulled for another RV park. RV is a 2007 and is older than port rules indicate. Understands setting a precedence since she has been a part of the school district. Browning asked about a timeline, Aeder noted no set or anticipated timeline as of now. Folkema noted CARE may be a resource. Folkema noted that the port policy would take a public hearing and resolution to amend and that does not help Don in a timely fashion. Browning noted would be happy to go to Old Mill with Don or Michelle to help. It was noted that as a tenant the rights extended to Don are helpful to him.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS**

It was noted that the minutes for the November 29 Special Session were missed, so only looking at November 15 and December 11. Barnett noted that between Cavitt's motion failure there was discussion about whether the commission would vote. Once desire was clarified the motion was made. Barnett also asked about the port loans and assets on the Quickbooks balance sheet. Barnett noted would not vote on financials until those were fixed.  
Motion by Browning, second by Barnett to approve November 15 regular minutes as amended, and December 11 special meeting minutes. Motion Carried 4– 0.

Saindon noted that financials, until fixed are understood, but there are bills that do need to be paid.

Motion Browning, second by Barnett to approve December payment of bills, noting explanation of missing information needed at the next meeting.. Motion carried 4 – 0.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/PRESENTATIONS**

Saindon noted DEQ letter to L-01 NW Hardwoods, will be following up with letter from the port also.

Saindon updated the commission about a property in Bay City that had runoff going directly into the ports settling pond. Has taken care of with the City of Bay City.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **SOUTH JETTY UPDATE.**

Met with jetty contractors and applicable parties on December 11. Trade West. Intention to start moving rocks, but they are running into issues with environmental permits. Looking for a backup place to load rock. Contractor asked about Jerry Creasy, Browning suggested looking at the turnout at Hobsonville. ODOT needs agreement with Port and County to use. Barnett noted that USACE was firm about the contractor barging rock in. Saindon also noted that the port did a spending request to delegates for emergency funding for dredging. Permitting was slow and the money was swept. Folkema asked if it would be worth coordinating a meeting with the Governor. Saindon discussed meeting with DEQ with the dredge committee. Folkema noted will request meeting with the Governor.

### **HAZARD MITIGATION UPDATE.**

FEMA kicked back for more information.

### **ABANDONED/DERELICT VESSEL AND MOORAGE CONCERNS.**

Recent laws passed, issue under Department of State Lands. State has formed a working group.

### **GRANTS UPDATE.**

Connect Oregon opens tomorrow.

Barnett asked about Fishermens Memorial. Has 2 out of 3 quotes. Working with Garibaldi Cultural Heritage concerning fundraising and organization. Looking for \$6,000 for matching funds for the engineering.

### **EVENTS UPDATE.**

Had first meeting for Garibaldi Days. Seafood and Spirits Festival will be planned. Habitat for Humanity requested a date at the end of April.

**ODOT 101 PROJECT/RAIL CROSSINGS.**

3<sup>rd</sup> Street rail crossing done. Still a go, planning on construction starting in 2025. Bob noted American Ave is falling apart.

**DEQ STORMWATER UPDATE.**

No update.

**RECREATIONAL IMMUNITY UPDATE.**

Saindon noted Dan Haag with Visit Tillamook shared an email addressing Recreational Immunity. Folkema asked for Saindon to share the South Jetty link. Member of the public asked about recreational immunity.

**TEP MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.**

TEP brought back draft with minor changes, now just need signatures as the commission has already approved.

**L-06 CARGO DOCK LICENSE AGREEMENT.**

Commission reviewed and felt that the license agreement captured what had been discussed previously.

Motion Browning, second by Barnett to approve L-06 TEP license agreement for use of the Northeast corner of the lumber pier. Motion carried 4 – 0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**L-07 BUSINESS PLAN PROPOSAL, BREAK TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

Commission broke to executive session at 7:52pm to discuss letters of interest.

Convened from Executive session at 8:27pm, reconvene regular session at 8:28pm.

Motion Browning, second by Barnett approved Saindon to move forward with lease negotiations with Fish Eye Trading LLC for L-07. Motion carried 4 – 0.

**RESOLUTION 2024-01 SETTING RATES AND FEES.**

Barnett shared suggestions for rates, specifically for commercial season passes as there is no commercial season pass. Discussion about looming uncertainties. Discussed Barnetts concerns regarding commercial season pass and will also address gear storage and a possible waiting list for empty spaces. Tabled till February meeting.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Discussion about potential electrical fees for future consideration. Electrical rates currently around \$24,000 per year just for moorage, with water coming in at \$2,400 per year. Electrical work averages \$300 per pedestal. Folkema noted comfortable addressing utilities in future years. Discussion about possible funds to begin replacing pedestals.

Saindon shared dates for USCG Coast Guard City celebration.

City of Bay City appointed a new mayor last night.

## **COMMISSIONER CONCERNS**

Perez – None.

Barnett – asked about PNWA Mission to DC. Folkema noted costs up 30-40%, which makes the trip costs about \$3-4,000 per person. Coon noted all costs included it came up to about \$4,860 per person. Folkema noted not comfortable to committing to that at the time. Only wanting to make contact with USACE and EDA. The change in designation of bar channel from self-scouring to a stepped channel, which would require dredging. Ray may be able to pull all the right people together via zoom. Need Bonamici to come in. Bowning noted impressed with Bonamici's office. Folkema noted if not comfortable explaining the trip to constituents then she doesn't want to go.

Cavitt – None.

Browning – Glad to see crab season open. USCG is out in force this year and they are on the bar for bar crossings for the fleet.

Folkema – PNWA Stakeholders meeting. Columbia River Treaty. Judge ruled in favor of the tribes. Browning noted more salmon in the runs from tribe river hatcheries. Discussion about a possible line shift.

Saindon noted local temperatures dropping, be safe out there.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Valerie Folkema, President

ATTEST:



Kelly Barnett, Secretary/Treasurer