

PORT OF NEWPORT
COMMERCIAL FISHING USERS GROUP COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 7, 2019
Committee Meeting

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Agenda Item

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Time**
0:00

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Heather Mann called the Meeting of the Port of Newport Commercial Fishing Users Group Committee to order at 9:00 am at the OSU Extension Office, 1211 SE Bay Blvd., Newport, Oregon.

Committee Members Present: Clint Funderburg (Pos. #1); Mike Pettis (Pos. #2); Heather Mann (Pos. #5); Ted Gibson (Pos. #6); Gene Law (Pos. #7); Bob Aue (Pos. #8); Dave Thalman (Pos. #10); and David Jincks (Pos. #11).

Alternates Present: Cari Brandberg (Pos. #3).

Committee Members Absent: Ernie Phillips (Pos. #4); Bob Eder (Pos. #9);

Port Commission Liaisons: Sara Skamser, Jim Burke.

Management and Staff: Teri Dresler, Interim General Manager; Aaron Bretz, Director of Operations; Kent Gibson, Commercial Harbormaster; Don Moon, Newport International Terminal Supervisor; and Karen Hewitt, Administrative Supervisor.

Members of the Public and Media: Gary Ripka (Pos. #2 Alternate); John Holt (Pos. #7 Alternate); Robert Smith, F/V Raven; Mike Storey, F/V Pegasus; Bret Yager, Newport News-Times; Dietmar Goebel, Newport City Council; Rex Capri, Newport resident; and Evan Hall, Rondys Inc.

II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

0:33

There were no changes to the Agenda.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

1:00

There was no public comment at this time.

IV. PORT OF NEWPORT RATES 2019-2120

1:15

A. Commercial Marina Electrical Upgrades

Bretz introduced the PowerPoint presentation and said the purpose was to float ideas and get feedback about the impact to customers. He added that the electrical projects were not yet on the Capital Improvement Priorities list but need to be added. There was discussion about the need to address the electrical issues and the impact of the loss of breakers. Bretz answered questions and said additional planning is needed. He added that ideally the Port would receive grant funding for the already approved Port Dock 5 Pier Project, which could then begin in fall of 2019. As separate projects, the electrical upgrades could be planned for completion over the next three fiscal years.

There was additional discussion about project funding options and possible budget impacts. Bretz, Kent Gibson and Dresler answered questions about the status of available moorage at the Commercial Marina, the loss of pedestals and other needs for completing electrical upgrades, and the use of Port General Operating

funds. There was additional discussion about future projects at the commercial marina and other areas of the Port. Bretz said he had begun looking into increased dredge depth at the Commercial Marina.

The Committee discussed some potential impacts of rate increases. Dresler commented this was an initial conceptual discussion. She said there would be additional information, public work sessions and events with the Commission about the budget and strategic business plan, and she encouraged attendance. She suggested the CFUG Committee meet again sometime mid-April to mid-May. Committee members expressed appreciation of the process to look at moorage increases. The Committee further discussed moorage patterns and the electrical system at the commercial marina. Dresler suggested that if Committee members wanted to submit questions prior to the April meeting that they be emailed to Mann for accumulating.

V. NIT USE RECOMMENDATIONS UPDATE 1:03:43

Mann referred to the document from 2017, included in the meeting packet. She said she had spoken with a lot of people individually to update the description of the current use of the facility. Mann distributed a draft update and described its purpose; the draft is included as an addendum to the Meeting Packet. Committee members reviewed the draft and discussed additional changes. Mann suggested this document could be used by the Commission to update terminal operations policy.

There was additional discussion about a potential ice plant on Rondys property. Mann said she would make the edits proposed by the Committee and present the recommendation to the Commissioners at their Regular Meeting in March. There was consensus that Mann do so.

VI. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS 1:26:30

Dresler provided an update on the status of the General Manager search. Bretz provided an update on the Port Dock 5 Pier project. Bretz and Kent Gibson discussed moorage options in the Commercial Marina with Committee Members.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional public comment.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT 1:41:04

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

ATTESTED:

Heather Mann, Committee Chair

Bob Eder, Committee Vice-Chair