PORT OF NEWPORT
MINUTES
May 22, 2012
Regular Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commission President JoAnn Barton called the regular meeting of the Port of Newport Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the South Beach Marina Activities Room, 2120 SE Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR, the same being within the boundaries of the Port District.

Commissioners Present: JoAnn Barton, President; David Jincks, Vice-President; Walter Chuck, Secretary; Dean Fleck, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

Commissioner Excused: Don Mathews, Treasurer.

Port of Newport Management and Staff: Don Mann, General Manager; Patti Britton, Finance Director; Pete Dale, Project Manager; Rick Fuller, NOAA Facilities Manager; Kent Gibson, Port Operations; Maureen Keeler, Special Projects Manager; Barb Martin, Accounting Assistant; Patty Benjamin, Administrative Assistant.

Others Present: Barb Dudley, and "Oly" Olson, Newport residents; Yale Fogarty and Pat Ruddiman, ILWU Local 53; Lee Fries, CM/GC Selection Committee; Dave Morgan, News Lincoln County; Jim Shaw, South Beach resident; Jim Wright, Salmon for Oregon.

II. MINUTES

A. Special Meeting / Public Forum—April 16, 2012
B. Budget Work Session—April 20,2012
C. Budget Work Session—April 24, 2012
D. Work Session—April 24, 2012
E. Regular Meeting—April 24, 2012

Commissioner Jincks moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting / Public Forum of April 16, 2012; the Budget Work Session of April 20, 2012; the Budget Work Session of April 24, 2012; the Work Session of April 24, 2012; and the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2012 as submitted. Commissioner Chuck seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

III. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

B. Financial Reports.
C. Accounts Paid.

There were no questions or discussion on the financial reports and accounts paid.

Commissioner Fleck moved, Commissioner Jincks seconded, to approve the Financial Statements and Accounts Paid, Check Nos. 11614-31691/Construction Fund; Check Nos. 11685-11707/NOAA Checking-OCB; and Check Nos. 32693-32789/Operating Account. The motion passed 4-0.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

In answer to two questions from Newport resident "Oly" Olson, Commissioner Barton said there had been no formal proposal from Teevin Brothers to locate a log storage, debarking, and sorting operation at the Port of Newport's International Terminal; and the Budget Committee had met the previous week, but the Port's proposed budget for FY 2012-2013 had not been formally adopted.

V. STAFF REPORTS (* Indicates no questions or comments.)

A. Department Reports.

- Kevin Bryant, Commercial Marina Harbormaster*
- Pete Dale, Project Manager—In answer to a question from Commissioner Fleck, Dale said emergency repairs had been made to the marina docks and they were ready for the season.
- Jim Durkee, Terminal Operations Supervisor*
- Rick Fuller, NOAA Facilities Manager—Commissioner Barton asked the status of getting a new maintenance software program. Fuller said he had looked at 27 different programs, but the value just wasn't there to change over at this time. He said the software he was currently using would be fine for this year and he hoped to begin phasing in the Port's facilities, starting with the commercial operations and maintenance, in the next six months.

- Maureen Keeler, Special Projects Manager*****
- Gina Nielsen, RV-Marina Office Supervisor*****
- Chris Urbach, South Beach Marina Harbormaster—In answer to a question from Commissioner Chuck about the work on G-Dock, the General Manager said he had met with Urbach that day and they had discussed a time frame for finishing the project.

B. General Manager.

General Manager Don Mann asked the chair to appoint two commissioners to serve on a construction committee to assist in planning the construction of a permanent administration office. Commissioners Jincks and Fleck volunteered to serve on that committee.

Commissioner Chuck asked if there was a requirement for the temporary administration office to be ADA accessible. Mann said it was not required because the building was a temporary facility and public meetings would not be held there; however, he said if it became an issue the operations crew would build a ramp. He complimented the operations crew on facilitating the move from the old office so smoothly.

Commissioner Jincks asked if ODFW intended to use Port Dock 7 as a recreational access site for crabbing and Mann said they did not. Commissioner Jincks suggested that Mann follow up with ODFW because they had Port Dock 5 listed on their web site as recreational access for crabbing.

The General Manager introduced Jim Wright, Communications Director for Salmon for Oregon, who had asked to make a presentation to the board. Wright reported that Salmon for Oregon had raised $75,000 so far towards their goal of introducing 50,000 spring Chinook smolts into Yaquina Bay next year. The juvenile salmon would be Rogue River stock that had been raised in a hatchery. The smolts would be kept in net pens designed to avoid predators. The net pens would be in a location that the Port would determine in cooperation with ODFW. They would sit in the bay for about six weeks, and then the young salmon would be barged 10-12 miles out and released into the proper current. Wright said the program would have a small ecological footprint but the economic benefits of extending the spring Chinook season would be large. Wright introduced Dr. David Landkamer, Sea Grant Aquaculture Specialist, who discussed the social, economic, and restoration benefits of aquaculture. He emphasized that the program could not be done as a private venture and no one was suggesting a return to aquaculture. Salmon for Oregon was looking to establish a cooperative, public, non-profit venture, where “all the voices could be heard at the table”. In answer to a question from Commissioner Fleck, Wright said there would be an educational component to the program. He added that NOAA had sponsored similar programs and he was going to meet with representatives from NOAA in Seattle the following week. He had also talked with the Ports of Astoria and Coos Bay, who have had successful salmon programs for years, and felt that Newport would make “a good fit in the middle”. Wright said an endorsement from the Port of Newport Board of Commissioners would help in meeting with foundations and agencies. Commissioner Barton said she would like the Commission to have the opportunity to consider the issue and would put it on the agenda for a vote at the next regular meeting. She thanked Wright and Dr. Landkamer for their presentation.

C. Commissioners’ Reports.

Commissioners Chuck and Barton reported on a meeting they had attended with Teevin Brothers. Barton said Teevin’s priority at that time was clarification from the Army Corps of Engineers on dredging depths and dredging days. She said they were also concerned about anything organic in the sand hills at the site that might eventually cause disintegration in the asphalt. Chuck added that Teevin would like additional space for offices and barges and an additional five acres for their operation. Barton said the Port was getting an evaluation on the property to work towards lease abatement based on the property’s value and Teevin’s monetary investment in it.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Terminal Renovation.

1. Day CPM Services, Amendment No. 19—Prep Work for Fishing Dock.

The Commission had been given an update by Frank Berg, Project Manager, Day CPM Services, at the noon work session. Berg recommended approval of Amendment No. 19—Prep Work For Fishing Dock.

Commissioner Jincks moved to approve Amendment No. 19 to the Professional Services Agreement between the Port of Newport and Day CPM and to authorize General Manager Don Mann to sign the documentation. Commissioner Chuck seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Slate of Officers.

The chair called for discussion on a slate of officers for the Port Commission going into the next year. Commissioner Jincks brought forward a proposal to reinstate the current slate of officers for the coming year: JoAnn Barton, President; David Jincks, Vice-President; Walter Chuck, Secretary; Don Mathews, Treasurer; Dean Fleck, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. The other commissioners agreed to Jincks' proposal and said they were willing to serve in those capacities. The board will vote on the slate of officers at the regular meeting in June and the officers will be sworn in at the regular meeting in July.

VII. MEETING RECESS at discretion of the chair.

There was no meeting recess.

IX. OTHER

There was no other business.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

South Beach resident Jim Shaw asked about the recreational access points for clamming and crabbing and the informational kiosks that the Port is installing at four different sites on Port property. General Manager Don Mann said one kiosk was already completed and plans were moving forward for the other three.

Newport resident Barb Dudley congratulated General Manager Don Mann on his appointment as Grand Marshall of the Loyalty Day Parade.

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

A. Eelgrass Planting, South Beach, June 4-6, Low Tide
B. SDAO Training, Best Western Agate Beach Inn, June 6, 10:00AM-3:00 PM
C. Fishermen's Forum, Port Operations Shop, June 13, 8:30-9:30 AM
D. Joint Meeting Port Commission-City Council, June 18, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM, Newport City Hall
E. Marina Users Meeting, June 20, South Beach Marina, 8:30-9:30 AM
F. Work Session, Yaquina Bay Yacht Club Clubhouse, June 26, 12:00 PM
G. Regular Meeting, Yaquina Bay Yacht Club Clubhouse, June 26, 6:00 PM

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing more to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

ATTEST:

JoAnn Barton, President

Walter Chuck, Secretary

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