



**PORT OF GARIBALDI  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-President Browning called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners present: Val Folkema, Bob Browning, Paul Daniels, Jaime Perez, Kelly Barnett (7:02p.m.).

Staff present Michael Saindon, Jessi Coon, Claudia Maciel.

Visitors: Bill Thoms, Theresa Seifer, Tim Visi, Nick Kerwin.

**CHANGES TO AGENDA**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Motion by Browning, second by Daniels to approve minutes of regular meeting June 8 and financial reports for June, July and August. Motion Carried 3 – 0.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Betsy Emery from Merkley's office regarding wind energy.

Letter from Teresa Freeman, complaint about the process for upgrades. Husband did not get upgrade this year and wanted to address. Folkema noted needs to address the language. Brought attention to a needed change. Staff handled fine, but it needs to be clarified.

Sea Plant Solutions – Tim Visi introduced himself and Nick Kerwin CEO. Shared their business plan earlier, and wanted to ask the commission if they had any questions or concerns. Daniels asked about the growth rate, Visi noted that looking at a 50% growth rate per day. Looks forward to growing and cleaning the environment at the same time. Folkema asked what the ask of the port is; whether land or building. Folkema noted that may not be able to make any decisions until the wharf is finished. Visi noted that eventually would like to start a hands on seaweed cultivation school. Daniels asked if subsidized or funding itself. Visi noted that they are past Research and Development, now they are identifying funding. Daniels asked when they expect to expect return. Visi noted returns expected around 3 months of growth. Folkema wants to make sure to manage expectations. Very grateful to have their attendance, information on growth. Currently looking for room for a 20' container with some room for movement. Commission asked for a presentation of what is needed now. Saindon noted that he would work with them to prepare something to present.

Saindon shared the economic forecast with the commission as informational.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **L-09A CRAB ROCK PIZZA.**

Thoms noted that oven is in place, need gas, then will need to cure. Hiccup with the compressor. Final inspection coming up. Saindon noted that they received a quote for replacement of the roof, will hope to address next fiscal year. Saindon noted that he would meet with Thoms and Seifer next week and have a walk around. Concern regarding someone that may have been casing the place. Browning stated to call Jonsson if continues to be a concern.

### **SOUTH JETTY UPDATE.**

Currently out to bid. Bid package given to the commission for reference. Included latest soundings.

Working with PNWA and all participants. USACE is working on an off shore disposal site. Now looking at a possibility of a stepped channel. Been asked to send a letter of request to USACE to request the investigation of a stepped channel. About a \$2mil project and the requesting agency may be asked to submit up to half of the amount. Not a new request, has a template to work from. Consensus to move forward with writing letter requesting investigation.

### **HAZARD MITIGATION UPDATE.**

Public outreach finishing up.

### **ESTUARY RESILIANCY PLAN.**

Almost the same as the Hazard Mitigation Plan. To help keep the estuaries safe.

### **TEP INTERPRETIVE CENTER.**

Engineering company came out and did core samples. Working on funding solutions. Have initial conceptual designs. Commissioner Perez has been involved in the meetings. Perez noted that they

asked the design firm for another design that combined concept 1 and 3. TEP wants the structure to have a second story. Barnett asked to confirm that the structure will be on the site of the current port office. Perez noted that eventual maintenance is a concern. Still in the conceptual phase and will address as needed.

**OSMB ADA KAYAK LAUNCH.**

OSMB Engineer came up with a solid plan. Design looks like it will work. Funded by OSMB.

**OIL RECYCLING PROGRAM.**

Oil waste is skyrocketing. Folkema and Browning asked about locking up and setting hours. Bob noted posting rules and if not followed moorage may be lost. Browning referenced Winchester Bay. It may help having the program be completely in the open. Barnett noted has not noticed much traffic increase. Browning and Folkema noted an increase in all traffic.

**PURCHASE ORDER 2022-23-027 CS CONSULTATION & TRADING CO.**

Saindon noted that prices have increased drastically since the original quote has been given. Bringing it back to the commission to re-approve. Folkema noted that staff and commission may take it back to the County Commissioners to readdress on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**GARIBALDI DAYS UPDATE.**

Nothing of note.

**ADV UPDATE.**

Committee has retained a law firm to review State of Washington ADV plan. DSL has gotten some funding. Working together for legislative action. Barnett noted that there have been no grant updates at the last couple of meetings. Saindon noted that ColPac is conducting a survey to get a fresh set of data for economic activity. Asking for \$1mil from Biz Oregon and the county.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NOAA TIDE STATION INSTALLATION.**

NOAA installed a new tide station on the public dock.

**FEDERAL CHANNEL SHOALING.**

The entry to the boat basin is shoaling in. USACE is trying to get emergency dredging and funding. Courtney (Flathers Biz Oregon) working on identifying funding. USACE trying to use the state dredge. May be able to tag along if USACE dredges.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Coon shared a quick summary of the loans that the port has out. COVID loan done and paid off. Next one that will be paid off is the dredge loan.

Auditors came in and went through 3 years of documents. Did have some concerns, but as far as can tell nothing too large. They're shooting for the end of September, but Coon is hoping for the end of October. Folkema noted must be a huge relief.

Restrooms have been used hard, some people aren't happy how dirty the restrooms are. Staff is cleaning the restrooms as often as possible.

Fish cleaning station is atrocious. Have been discussing. Discussed with DEQ so that can keep fish cleaning station. Seeking out TLT funds for a new fish cleaning station. Seeing a whole new crowd of people. Discussion about parking issues. Worried about what happens when an emergency happens. Needing enforcement. Folkema asked about having a conversation with Deputy Cummings with TCSO.

Has a commercial building inspector on the line, just waiting for scheduling.

Tillamook County Board of Commissioners workshop at the port office Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

ODOT project meeting, October 10<sup>th</sup>, attending to share for the needs of the port.

U of O ports reports and impact study.

Food Innovation meeting. Recommending cold storage at the Port of Tillamook Bay.

Regional Solutions.

## **COMMISSIONER CONCERNS**

Perez – None.

Daniels – None.

Folkema has been asked for a letter of support for making Garibaldi a US Coast Guard City. Browning noted that there's a lot behind that. Newport is doing it well.

Browning – Needing dredged. May need to have fishermen bring out buckets and pull out bucket loads of silt.


Barnett – Shared frustration with having 6-9 months of lack of communication from the port office. He shared that it is embarrassing when constituents ask about things and he doesn't have an answer. Doesn't have to be written, can be delegated to staff to be communicated. July meeting cancelation concerned him. Folkema asked if staff has read receipts on their email. Maciel noted that she does have delivery and read receipts. Folkema noted that may also need to

implement text or add a layer of communication. Barnett noted the private event that shut down the parking lot was not communicated well either.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Val Folkema, President

ATTEST:



Kelly Barnett, Secretary/Treasurer