

Port of Umpqua

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 7 p.m.
Port of Umpqua Annex
1841 Winchester Ave
Reedsport, OR

THESE MINUTES ARE FINAL and APPROVED.

Commissioners Present:

President Keith Tymchuk
Vice President Carey Jones
Secretary Barry Nelson

Commissioners Not Present:

Asst. Secretary Deanna Schafer
Treasurer Lee Bridge

Port Staff Present:

Port Manager Charmaine Vitek
Administrative Assistant Karen Halstead

NOTE: All items handed out at the meeting are available for view by request.

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Keith Tymchuk.

It was noted that a quorum of Commissioners was present for this meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

There were no changes to the agenda, Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Nelson. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 20, 2019 as drafted and presented, 2nd by Commissioner Jones. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Commissioner Nelson moved to approve payment of checks in the amount of \$6,428.11 to be paid out of the General Fund, 2nd by Commissioner Jones. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Bedard, owner Bedrocks Pizza, Winchester Bay

Was there to discuss his concerns about the recent letter the Port Commissioners received from Douglas County notifying them of the county's intentions to abandon the IGA. If that goes through, he feels that local government will lose all control of Salmon Harbor with that control shifting over to Douglas County. Mark pointed out that the IGA currently prohibits the expenditure of revenues created from Salmon Harbor operations being spent anywhere other than back into Salmon Harbor.

Mark urged The Port Commissioners to take a formal stand on the issue and not to agree to abandon the IGA, even though he knows that either party can do so without mutual consent.

Keith: The County approached Keith earlier in the fall of 2019 asking if The Port would be willing to consider abandoning the IGA, and at a subsequent meeting the Commissioners had discussed and agreed it may be something they would consider but, there was no promise to move forward on anything other than the agreement to discuss and consider it. At the November 20 2019 meeting it was formally discussed and the topic died for a lack of a motion.

Eric Boe, Winchester Bay Fire District (WBFD)

Art Dever, resident Winchester Bay

Both stepped forward urging The Port to take a formal position and asked the commissioners to unanimously vote no to Douglas County's request to abandon the IGA.

Tom Huebner, Salmon Harbor Management Committee (SHMC) member "at large"

SHMC has never been told anything about this situation. All this action was initiated without any information being provided to the SHMC.

Carey: He agrees with what is being said, but he also agrees with Keith. There are a lot of questions that the DC Commissioners have not answered. He himself has questions about dredging and the docks that he hasn't gotten answers to. Would like to say no, but before he does he wants the answers to all those questions that have come up. Once the Port makes a stance The County is going to do what they want, which means those questions may never get an answer.

Eric: Was invited and attended a meeting between Salmon Harbor employees and Chris Boice. At that meeting Chris told the employees that nothing would change as far as the employees were concerned, he assured them they would all maintain the jobs that they currently have. Chris has also told Eric through e-mails that The County's intention is to streamline, make more efficient and provide oversight of the Salmon Harbor employees.

Keith: Wants this topic on the February agenda when all the Port Commissioners are present to discuss and consider a letter specifically asking what The County's intentions are now that they have decided to move forward with ending the IGA. The Port understands and appreciates the concerns that were brought to them tonight and he thanked those who had stepped forward.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Property & Liability Insurance renewal SDIS-Debbie McKinney

Debbie: The Port was presented with 3 options to choose from. The Port can decide to leave the coverage as is, change the coverage to actual cash value or delete the coverage on the docks altogether.

In November Debbie and Charmaine had explained that the value of the docks doubled and, in some cases, increased even higher when SDAO had the current appraisal(s) done. As a result, the premiums will increase by 10% for the next two years. If the Port decides to continue with their current coverage the premium will be \$6,353. If the commissioners choose to cover the dock's actual cash value the premium will go down about \$1,500.

Charmaine recommended keeping the insurance coverage as is for now. Debbie said the insurance can be re-evaluated later if the commissioners decide they want to change it.

- ✓ **Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve payment of \$ 16,896 to Special Districts Association of Oregon for continued Property and Liability insurance as presented for 2020 to be paid from the General Fund, 2nd by Commissioner Jones. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

2. Preliminary discussion for Work Session

The Commissioners have talked about having a work session soon to discuss potential projects and investment options for Port funds, hoping to find something that would give a better return than what they are currently getting from the bank.

Keith asked the other commissioners to think about specific things that The Port can participate in, or any information about property that may be available.

The Commissioners decided to have the work session in February, before the regular meeting with the work session starting at 5:30 p.m.

Charmaine requested that any ideas the commissioners think of be sent to her so she can make sure to include it on the work session agenda and gather any additional information to go along with those ideas.

REPORTS:

STAFF REPORT:

Winchester Bay dock brought in \$304. Crab season has now started, hopefully things will pick up.

In the meeting packets Charmaine had included a letter from Donna Train concerning the IGA, she asked that everyone read that letter.

COMMISSIONERS:

Keith: What are the intentions of the county with the RV Expansion project beyond the spit at the marina?

Carey: It is well under way. It's slowed a bit because the county takes time to look at any legal issues, plus Spectrum had some issues as well that have had to be worked through.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

The next Port of Umpqua Regular Meeting will be held February 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Port of Umpqua Annex building, 1841 Winchester Ave., Reedsport, Oregon 97467. **There will be a work session before this meeting starting at 5:30 p.m.**

Keith Tymchuk, President

Karen Halstead, Admin. Assistant