

# Port of Umpqua

Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2023 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 Eric Boe  
Secretary Carey Jones  
Treasurer Joe Mulkey (via online Google Meets)  
Assistant Secretary Deborah Yates

## **Port Staff Present:**

Port Manager Scott Kent  
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.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CONSENT AGENDA – All items listed are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion.**

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
  - **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 15, 2023
  - **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** \$5,181.83
- **Commissioner Boe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Jones. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was none.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**1. Purchase of child life-vests for Salmon Harbor for Kids Crabbing Day and other uses – Jody Morrow**

Salmon Harbor is putting together some different programs and events in Winchester Bay. Fishing is one of those activities and there is a group of fishermen who have put together a wonderful program for kids on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The various Charters have gotten together, and they plan on taking 74 kids out fishing for the day. The next event planned will be crabbing.

Possibly on May 20<sup>th</sup> there will be an Oyster & Crab Festival in Winchester Bay and as a part of that Jody wants to spend a portion of the day teaching kids how to crab in the hope of gathering families together. There may be some older kids going out on the Charter Boats, and the younger kids will be crabbing off the dock. There is the need for life jackets for the kids to wear. Jody was at the meeting to request from The Port a donation to go toward the purchase of life jackets that can be used for the “Discover Winchester Bay” event and annually. This is in the planning stages right now and they are not sure exactly how many they will need.

**Keith:** How much is a life jacket?

**Jody:** \$25-\$30 each.

**Eric:** Thinks it is a very good idea but not sure if The Port should be helping The County out on this. He thinks The County should buy life jackets. Deb agreed.

**Jody:** Another funding source could come from the State Marine Board, who she has reached out to.

**Keith:** Is completely fine with funding half or the whole cost. This is kind of what The Port Mission is about.

**Carey:** Doesn't see this as helping The County, he sees it as giving a kid a chance to enjoy crabbing and possibly saving a kid's life. He would never go against something where kids are involved.

**Joe:** Thinks it's a great idea.

There was discussion on the amount The Port would contribute. Carey would like to see at least 30 life jackets purchased and was not opposed to giving \$900 to cover the costs.

- **Commissioner Jones made a motion that the Port of Umpqua donate to Salmon Harbor an amount not to exceed \$900 for the purchase of thirty child life jackets. The life jackets are to be used for the Discover Winchester Bay event, specifically for “Kids Crabbing Day”, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Mulkey. Motion passed by vote of 3 yes/2 no votes. (Commissioners Jones, Mulkey & Tymchuk voted yes, Commissioners Boe & Yates voted no).**

## **REPORTS:**

### **STAFF REPORT:**

**Scott:** This last month The Port had to have Roto-Rooter come and clear a clogged sewer line again. This is the second time in 3 months we have had to have this done, it cost about \$200. Also had a plumber come in and fix some leaky water valves at a cost of \$100. Scott watched how this was done, so can do it himself next time.

Last month The Port had \$10,700 in poundage come over the Winchester Bay Dock, all was crab. He received an email from Dana who stated this year there will probably be over a million pounds of crab coming over the dock.

The Local Government Law Group has increased their hourly rate from \$260/hour to \$270/hour. Scott offered to look for other attorneys, which he has done before; he feels this is still a reasonable rate for their services. The commissioners agreed.

Mast Bros. are moving forward with their RV Park project down by Port owned property. There is a planning commission meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. to consider relaxing the riparian setbacks.

### **SALMON HARBOR MANAGER:**

**Jody:** Salmon Harbor is working to create “Discover Winchester Bay”. This includes the Lighthouse, parks department and the harbor. The goal is to work more together as a team within Douglas County in the coastal area. This will eventually expand to include Scottsburg and Gardiner. They are planning to host a couple of conferences for businesses. In the past there hasn’t been a person to facilitate this type of thing and that is what Jody is doing. Hoping to have more events in Winchester Bay to increase tourism in the off season.

Umpqua Dunes is looking good; they plan to pave it pretty soon. DuneFest is going to happen this year. Winchester Bay did lose one event this year, Raptor Rally, but hope to bring it back next year.

### **S.T.E.P. Deb Yates:**

**Deb:** The fish are growing and doing well. S.T.E.P. has put diverters in the pens that have pieces of cloth hanging down to help the fish to learn to swim around obstacles and shadows.

### **COMMISSIONERS:**

**Carey:** How many of the offices in the business center are rented out now?

**Scott:** We have 4 offices in the first quad rented, the second quad is being rented on a short-term basis by a tax service, after they leave that entire quad will be available, the third quad is completely rented to Grayguns, and D Suite is fully rented out to BlueJet Hosting.

**Deb:** Having the Trivia Contest and Pub Crawl on Friday night.

**Joe:** He commented to Jody that what she is doing is appreciated.

**Carey:** Asked if there was an update on who bought the parcel with the water rights on Tahkenitch?

**Keith:** Believes it is one party negotiating for the whole parcel, including water and property. That is all of the information he has on that transaction at this time.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.**

The next Port of Umpqua Regular Meeting will be held April 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Port of Umpqua Annex building, 1841 Winchester Ave., Reedsport, Oregon 97467.

**\*\*Note: THESE ARE QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS WHILE SIGNING CHECKS, BOTH AT THE END OF THE MONTH, AND DURING THE CHECK SIGNING AT THE MEETING:**

**02/28/23:**

**Commissioner questions from check signing at end of the month to be included in the March 15, 2023 minutes:**

There were no questions.

Checks were signed by Commissioners Yates and Mulkey.

**Questions from check signing at the March 15, 2023 meeting:**

There were no questions.

Checks were signed by Commissioners Jones and Tymchuk.

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Keith Tymchuk, President

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Karen Halstead, Admin. Assistant