

Port of Umpqua

Regular Meeting Minutes
April 19, 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
Assistant Secretary Deborah Yates

Port Staff Present:

Port Manager Scott Kent
Administrative Assistant Karen Halstead

Public Present: Linda McCollum, DeeDee Murphy and Ed Balfour

NOTE: All items handed out at the meeting are available for view by public 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:** Added business item #3 – Labeling of electrical panels bid from Elkhorn Electric
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** March 15, 2023
- **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** \$4,400.08

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda, 2nd by Commissioner Mulkey. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was none.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Letter of Support for the International Port of Coos Bay

Scott: The International Port of Coos Bay is seeking a letter of support from the Port of Umpqua for financing through the Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing (RRIF) program and funding through the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) combined application process, which includes the National Infrastructure Project Assistance grants program (Mega), the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways Projects grants program (INFRA), and the Rural Surface Transportation Grant program (Rural).

Keith: Is this the second time they have requested a letter?

Linda McCollum: Yes, the first request was for a larger amount, this second request is a smaller amount.

Linda: She is in favor of this, but it will increase the train traffic through our town. Originally it was to be 7 trains twice a day, every day. These are long trains.

Keith: There is an ODOT meeting toward the end of the month to discuss the railroad crossing and the extensive work required. The City is going to need a very long ramp going over the train tracks.

Carey: How does this benefit Reedsport?

Linda: The benefit is that there will be more jobs for the local area.

- **Commissioner Jones made a motion that the Port of Umpqua draft a letter of support for the International Port of Coos Bay application through the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing program, 2nd by Commissioner Boe. The motion was passed by a vote of 4 yes/1 no. (Commissioners Tymchuk, Mulkey, Boe and Jones voted yes, Commissioner Yates voted no).**

2. Transfer funds within Personnel Services, FY 2022-2023 budget

Scott: This is a housekeeping item. We are getting low on funds in the Payroll Liability Benefits, and Scott would like to “borrow” from the Other Personnel line. These are within the same fund.

Carey: Why is it running low?

Scott: Because there wasn't enough money budgeted for that particular line-item last year, this was corrected in the budget that was just passed.

- **Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the transfer of \$10,000 from the *Personnel Services (Other Personnel)* line item to *Personnel Services (Payroll Liabilities / Benefits)*, 2nd by Commissioner Mulkey. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

3. Labeling of electrical panels bid from Elkhorn Electric

Scott: When the light switch in the women's bathroom failed, Scott looked at the electrical panels to see where to shut it off and realized there is no way to tell. This could be a safety issue.

Carey: Seems like a lot of money just to label 5 circuits.

Scott: There are 5 panels that need to be labeled.

This was the only bid requested, Scott offered to request more bids. The Commission directed Scott to request other bids for comparison. This business item was tabled until more bids come in. No motion was made at this time.

REPORTS:

STAFF REPORT:

For the month of March, The Port will receive \$16,600 from poundage coming over the Winchester Bay dock. It is expected there will be from 1.25 to 1.5 million pounds of crab over the dock this crabbing season.

SALMON HARBOR MANAGER:

No report.

COMMISSIONERS:

Carey: Would like to recommend that The Port contact Liz Adamo and look into buying the Sloane property located right next to Oly Nelson's place. It has a dock, a small building, and a little hoist there.

The price was \$900,000 but that price has dropped to \$500,000. Carey feels it would enhance the services from The Port to the smaller boats and possibly the sports anglers too.

The Commission gave Scott directions to get some aerial photos and information on the size of the property.

There was discussion of the current depths of the area around the dock, and the potential for needed dredging.

Deb: Watched a documentary out of Europe that showed damage being done to seabirds and ocean life by the Windmills that have been put in place. The number of seabirds being killed is very concerning.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next Port of Umpqua Regular Meeting will be held May 17, 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:**

3/31/23:

Commissioner questions from check signing at end of the month to be included in the April 19, 2023 minutes:

There were no questions.

Checks were signed by Commissioners Mulkey and Boe.

Questions from check signing at the April 19, 2023 meeting:

There were no questions.

Checks were signed by Commissioners Mulkey and Tymchuk.

Keith Tymchuk, President

Karen Halstead, Admin. Assistant