

Port of Umpqua

Regular Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2025 at 7 p.m.
Port of Umpqua Annex
1841 Winchester Ave
Reedsport, OR

THESE MINUTES ARE FINAL and APPROVED.

Commissioners Present:

President Carey Jones
Vice President Joe Mulkey
Secretary Donna Train
Treasurer Randy DuVal
Assistant Secretary Deborah Yates

Port Staff Present:

Port Manager Scott Kent
Senior Administrative Assistant Karen Halstead

Public Present: Winnie Cole and Natalie King

Online Attendees: Lynn DuVal and Rhonda Black

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 Carey Jones.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** As presented.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** May 21, 2025 as presented.
- **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** In the amount of \$9,178.08 to be paid from the General Fund.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was none.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Annex curtain – surplus property

Scott: The existing curtains in the annex, which have been taken down, do not meet the fire code. This business item declares that the curtains are considered surplus property. Staff will try to sell the curtains at market value.

- **Commissioner Mulkey made a motion to declare that the annex curtains as surplus property, 2nd by Commissioner DuVal. The motion passed unanimously.**

2. SDIS employee health insurance

Natalie King (JUUL Insurance Rep): Had brought insurance premium information for Regence, Moda, Pacific Source and SDIS Regence as the options to present for approval. (These were also included in the Commissioner's packets)

SDIS is the option that JUUL recommended for approval. There was an increase in the premium for SDIS this was due to the fact the two employees who are on the health insurance plan have aged and the policy premium is solely based on their ages. With the other 3 insurance companies the premiums are less but the "in network" doctor selections are sparse in this area. The "out of pocket" for Regence would be \$8,550 compared to the current "out of pocket" for SDIS which is \$1,455.

Scott: Staff would like to stay with SDIS insurance if the board is amiable to that.

Carey: On the Moda policy what does PEPM stand for?

Natalie: It is the difference between "in network" and "out of network".

- **Commissioner Yates made a motion to approve the proposed Employee Health, Vision, workers compensation, and Life and Disability, renewal plans with SDIS as submitted, at a monthly rate as presented by Kriston Correll of Juul Insurance, 1,469 \$/employee, 2nd by Commissioner Train.**

****After the motion was made, Commissioner Jones asked for more time to look through the handouts.**

The following discussion was done during this time:

Carey: These premiums for all of the insurance companies are just for the employees, not to cover employees plus spouses and families.

Natalie: That is correct.

Joe: Are there better providers with any of the other options for roughly the same amount?

Natalie: No, the deductibles are much higher therefore the co-pays for doctor visits or prescriptions will all be higher than what would be paid out of pocket with the SDIS policy.

Carey: What makes staff feel that SDIS is the better choice?

Scott: The deductibles and out of pocket costs are lower and the provider network is a lot broader.

Karen: SDIS in addition to providing health insurance, also contracts with other organizations who provide services like Hinge Health. Hinge Health is a physical therapy

group, that is what they specialize in. I have been able to be assigned to a PT doctor and PT assistant who created customized physical therapy programs specifically for my issues. They also provide items needed to perform the therapy, i.e., wireless TENS Unit, strength straps and a yoga mat at no charge to me.

Donna: Do all of the doctors in Reedsport accept SDIS?

Yes.

Donna: If The Port were to go with another insurance company, it may require you to go out of the area to get to see a doctor?

Yes.

Karen: Another special benefit through SDIS is that they do not require a referral to see a specialist. My personal experience was not having to wait for a referral to see a spine specialist who is “in network” with SDIS. They do require referrals for special treatments, such as injections. Recently I had to wait 3 months for the Dunes Family Clinic to send a referral for my annual Mammogram to Bay Area Radiology.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Umpqua Bait Rip/Rap, bank stabilization

Scott: The rip/rap on the east side of the Umpqua Bait Shop has deteriorated and the bank is starting to erode. Scott has been in contact with a consultant who could help with permitting and initial construction costs. Scott will keep the board updated as more information comes in.

Carey: Have you talked to Jim Z. to see if The Port could piggyback on his rip/rap plans?

Scott: He did talk to Jim and their plan doesn’t go that far north.

Carey: Could The Port get the rip/rap tonnage at the rate Salmon Harbor is getting it at and piggyback on the delivery?

Scott: He will talk to Jim about that.

Randy: How much permitting is involved for that?

Scott: It’s a joint application permit, which means ACOE, DSL, National Marine Fisheries and other agencies get involved. The rip/rap can only be done during the in-water work period which is at the end of the year. There is quite a bit of permitting involved.

Randy: There is a lot of concrete at Tyree where the old tank wigwam was. Maybe that concrete could be busted up, haul it out there and use it.

Scott: Will check on that.

Joe: This may just be for private parties along the river, but he thought ACOE allowed a certain amount that could be done yearly without the permitting.

Scott: That is an option but only after there is a permit in place.

At 7:21 p.m. President Jones closed the regular meeting and went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(e) to conduct deliberations on real property.

The Port came out of Executive Session ORS 192.660(2)(e) to conduct deliberations on real property at 8:24 p.m.

The board gave Scott directions to pursue more information on the East Basin in Salmon Harbor.

The board took a brief break.

The Port went into EXECUTIVE SESSION – ORS 192.660(2)(i) to review and evaluation employment related performance of the Port Manager at 8:44 p.m.

The Port came out of EXECUTIVE SESSION – ORS 192.660(2)(i) to review and evaluation employment related performance of the Port Manager at 8:58 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:59:

REPORTS:

STAFF REPORT:

Funds

Checking	\$410,930
Savings (main)	\$481,681
Dock Reserve	\$198,973
Capital Reserve	\$468,076
Maintenance Reserve	\$46,201

Pacific Dream

We made \$6149 from poundage at the Pacific Dream site.

Salmon Harbor

Salmon Harbor Update – June 2025

1. Fuel System Maintenance & Compliance

- The final contract amount for fuel tank cleaning and repairs (Contract #30001469 with 4C's Environmental Inc.) was \$55,305.38, including a \$16,810.38 change order for emergency venting, welding repairs, and full interior epoxy lining. The Oregon State Marine Board has approved \$30,000 in grant reimbursement to date.
- An updated Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan is required and will be completed by First Strike Environmental Co. at a cost of \$5,975.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled an inspection of the fuel facility for Thursday, July 17, 2025.

2. Emergency Spill Response Contract

- A new contract has been drawn up with First Strike Environmental Co. to provide emergency and incident response services for hazardous materials, petroleum, and biohazard spills within the harbor.

3. CPF Grant Outcome

- The FY2025 Community Project Funding (CPF) request for \$400,000 to support Phase 1 Design & Engineering of the *Winchester Bay Shoreline Protection & Utility Resilience Project* was not selected for federal funding.
- The project aimed to address critical erosion and infrastructure vulnerabilities identified in the Salmon Harbor Master Plan and was submitted through Oregon's 4th Congressional District.
- Alternative funding strategies are being pursued, including FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program and other state and federal infrastructure sources.

4. ODFW Testimony – Fall Chinook Season

- Commissioner Chris Boice and Jody Wilson provided in-person testimony to the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission regarding the impact of a proposed full closure of the fall Chinook fishery on the Umpqua River.
- Their input, combined with strong written public feedback, helped prompt ODFW to present two alternative options at the meeting.
- Quoting ODFW's public notice: "The Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted a limited fall Chinook fishing and retention season... after receiving many public comments and hearing testimony from a Douglas County Commissioner, business owners, and local anglers concerned about a proposed closure."
- A limited three-day-per-week season was adopted. This outcome highlights the importance of timely public testimony—without which no alternatives may have been considered.

PDS

I still haven't seen the design from Pacific Dream Seafoods for their new building. They have reported that a design is being carried out, and they are applying for permits. The Port has given them plenty of time to get this done, it may be time for The Port to discuss this with them.

Joe: Since they have leased the Umpqua Spit, they have built one fish processing facility in Washington and now they are in the middle of building another fish processing facility in Washington, yet, they still haven't done anything here.

Scott: Since they haven't built here, they are in violation of their contract which allowed them 2 years, and it has been 4 years. They have some flooding plain issues that they have to deal with but it's not a permitting process that should take 6 months. He will have more information at the next meeting.

Carey: When The Port bought that property from Douglas County, we had to go through that, why can't PDS use those flood plain reports?

Scott: They can use part of it, but it depends on how high off ground the building will be. The elevation survey The Port had done was for the ice machine.

S.T.E.P. Deb Yates:

S.T.E.P. released about 17,200 pre-smolts this afternoon at the commercial dock in Salmon Harbor.

There will not be a Salmon Derby, but the raffle will happen August 21, 2025. There are plans to have a crab derby.

Deb spent 4 days at the Chainsaw event and made \$1,072 in raffle tickets and other sales.

Today Deb completed the grant to the Umpqua Fishery Enhancement Derby requesting \$8,000 for the remaining payment amount to purchase the tractor.

COMMISSIONERS:

Donna: Asked for clarification on the new ODFW Salmon Season, is it true the limit is going to be one fish per person.

Deb: Yes, it can be a wild or clipped fish but the overall limit for wild fish will be 500 total then the season will be closed.

Donna: Would The Port be able to bring up the topic of the seals and the damage that they do?

Carey: That may be something that can be discussed at a future meeting.

Joe: Since we are talking about seals. Is anyone aware of the condition of the America Dam (a.k.a. Winchester Dam) near Roseburg along I5? That dam is in horrible disrepair; it's a private dam owned by the residents who live in that area. The reason it is a private dam is the fact that the power company who previously owned it before the residents took ownership realized it would cost more to maintain it than they would profit from it. In the last couple of years, a contractor was hired to come in and do repairs on it. One of the repairs was the addition of holes made to the dam to allow water to flow through. The contractor put rebar matting over the holes with the intention of patching them. First, he put down a matting to run his equipment on it and that matting was highly toxic so as the water runs over those mats the toxins are going down the river. He didn't complete the repairs, leaving a bunch of holes that have rebar matting over them. What is happening now, the fish come up the south side of the river and essentially run into a rock wall, they turn to go to the north side of the river to work their way across to the fish ladder. The fish can feel the water coming through the holes

and it causes their instincts to jump, which means they are jumping directly into concrete bars. Once they finally make it over to the fish ladder, the current within that fish ladder is now too strong for the fish to swim against. Instead of continuing to fight their way up the ladder they are jumping out onto the land. Instead of fixing this problem jump guards have been put in place making the fish hit a screen when they jump and it throws them back into the ladder. When they finally do make it through the fish ladder, they don't have enough life in them to continue up the river. Something has got to be done, and one option would be removing that dam. Joe isn't convinced that removing the dam is the answer because the only thing keeping small-mouth bass from going all the way up North Umpqua is that dam. Small-mouth bass are as bad as seals.

Randy: There is an old Oregon law that is still in the books today that allows you to dynamite any obstruction in a navigable waterway. That is a navigable waterway.

Joe: There have been fines issued both to the contractor and the owners of the dam, there is a group who has it going through the courts right now.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The next Port of Umpqua Regular Meeting will be held July 16, 2025 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:**

5/30/25:

Commissioner questions from check signing at end of the month to be included in the June 18, 2025 minutes:

There were no questions.

Checks were signed by Commissioners Jones and DuVal.

Questions about checks signed at the June 18, 2025 meeting:

There were no questions.

Checks were signed by Commissioners Jones and Yates.

Carey Jones, President
Assistant

Karen Halstead, Senior Admin.