



**PORT OF GARIBALDI
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 12, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

President Folkema called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners present: Val Folkema, Bob Browning, Kelly Barnett.

Staff present Michael Saindon, Jessi Coon.

Visitors: Liane Welch, Juan Delgado, Terrence Watters, Jerry Seifert.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Watters introduced himself as the new Garibaldi Deputy. Has been with the sheriffs office for 5 and ½ years.

Juan Delgado introduced himself as the general manager of Pacific Oyster. He noted that they would like to have more presence in processing. Looking for opportunities to help and share, and would like to work on how Pacific Oyster can be involved in the ports Seafood and Spirits Festival this fall. Wants to figure out how to partner with boats again. Working on a plan spanning from shorter term vision to 5 and 10 year vision. Delgado did note that Garibaldi is a seasonal fishery for Pacific. Would like to change the image of the Garibaldi building. Folkema asked about Pacific's support of Jetty type projects. Browning noted that Weise-Hanson has helped before with fundraising for local schools. Delgado noted that he would like to also have a similar presence. Delgado did state that Pacific is coming up against DEQ regulations that during processing require Pacific to clean the water to much cleaner than it was before processing. No way to test for it. Needing to work together.

Jerry Seifert, Rockaway Lion's Club noted that Rockaway and Garibaldi Lion's Club had done fundraising for the Lost at Sea Memorial in Garibaldi and are bringing the funds in so that they can go towards the engineering of the memorial.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Browning, second by Barnett to approve minutes of regular meeting February 22 special meeting and March 8 regular meeting. Motion Carried 3 – 0.

Motion by Barnett, second by Browning to approve the March financials and payment of bills. Motion carried 3 – 0.

CORRESPONDENCE/PRESENTATIONS

Liane Welch shared presentation of a Bay City/Garibaldi Fire District. It would create increased coverage, a better level of service and increased volunteers. Budgeting to add a paid position. Shared some challenges, but thinks that challenges can be easily addressed. Would like to ask the commission to allow Saindon to be a part of the ad-hoc steering committee. Motion to support Saindon as a non-voting member. No motion needed, just a consensus. Consensus to allow Saindon to be a part as a non-voting member.

OLD BUSINESS

SOUTH JETTY UPDATE.

Saindon noted that a meeting with USCG was had. USACE has received funding for the wave buoy. Shared vessel traffic maps. Buoy is coming and USCG meeting was positive. Browning noted all worked together and it went well. Discussion about the buoy tender. Saindon noted does have some concerns, some is about a prudent mariner versus local knowledge. Noted that the red and green are backwards and a prudent mariner may end up on the beach. No solution will fit everyone. Folkema asked if those concerns can be addressed. Not really.

HAZARD MITIGATION UPDATE.

Finishing next month then the document can be used during the hunt for grants.

ABANDONED/DERELICT VESSEL AND MOORAGE CONCERNS.

The management of ADV rulings will be managed by DSL, the committee had hoped for DEQ, but at least it is going somewhere. Will actively track.

GRANTS UPDATE.

Saindon noted that Ports Infrastructure Development Program will be submitted this month, MARAD is coming out to visit.

Restroom Remodel had a pledge of extra funds from the city, a Tillamook PUD community grant and Visit Tillamook TLT funds. This will help make up the difference in funds.

Will be breaking ground with the fish cleaning station project.

With the funds for the Fishermen's Memorial project staff can focus on engineering and then be shovel ready for grants.

Courtney Flathers with Business Oregon is working on a Electric Vehicle and charging station grant for several ports.

EDA Public works grant for shop and updates.

TEP PROJECT UPDATE.

No update on the TEP project.

NEW BUSINESS

PURCHASE ORDER 2022-23-162 PACIFIC FENCE & WIRE

Saindon noted this is from insurance funds to fix the fence damaged in the windstorm. Motion Browning, second by Barnett to approve Purchase Order 2022-23-162 Pacific Fence & Wire purchasing fencing. Motion carried 3 – 0.

PURCHASE ORDER 2022-23-163 FOSSIL INDUSTRIES

Saindon noted second part of the trail signs project. Already approved 4 years ago, but the price changed some since then. Motion Barnett, second by Browning to approve the additional funds to finish the trail signs project. Motion carried 3 – 0.

FEMA-NFIP BIOP CONCERNS.

FEMA meeting well attended in Tillamook. Most entities had some kind of representation there. 2 ports in attendance. Eugene only had 8 people in attendance. Browning noted Commissioner Yamamoto fought well. Noted that the NFIP will halt any development. Dredging is considered development. Saindon noted has jumped on board with the county, but has also contacted Pacific Northwest Waterways, Oregon Public Ports Association, Oregon State Marine Board and US Army Corps of Engineers. USACE had a quiet response. Business Oregon present and called out a lack of transparency. Saindon noted this plan hitting Tillamook County and Coos County the hardest. No economic impact study has been done. Browning noted that the whole thing is based on Coho runs and no credit has been given for what has been done to preserve the Coho run. Folkema noted should be pushing for an injunction. If bigger battle is lost consideration for dredging. Folkema noted working two fronts. No one is prepared to show alternatives. County must adopt to be eligible for FEMA and emergency funds. Could win with county but would feds recognize. Saindon noted need blessing to put an impact statement together. Similar injunctions have been used in another part of the US against EPA. May not be the same but precedents are

being set. OPPA/PNWA will have lawyers that can help. Cavitt called ORLA regarding the potential impacts. Public comment period ends May 5.

STAFF REPORTS

Coon noted audits filed.

2017 dredge loan finished and paid for.

Browning asked Coon about the Profit & Loss report, the events and launches. Coon noted income from events in two different places. Also noted issues with launch income being in the wrong spot, but right category.

Saindon met with City of Rockaway Beach city Councilor. Folkema asked about the Rockaway Fire district rural component. Saindon noted RFD did not want to be involved in the district being created. Other fire departments are still responding and helping RFD with their district.

Nan Devlin hosting partners of rural food systems and included the agenda for the commission.

Saindon noted including the minutes from GCHI's last meeting. Browning thanked Saindon.

DeGarde brew fest May 6th. Had an operations meeting to work through logistics.

Near Space collaboration. Will be working with drones in the county.

Tillamook Working Lands and Water Cooperative putting on a field trip for county commissioners statewide. Showing the struggles of the coast same as the east side of the state. Goal is to take them to a fishing boat, to a processing facility and a filleter/seller.

COMMISSIONER CONCERNS

Folkema – Kudos on the fire district. No other concerns.

Browning – Went to dinner at the schooner and recognized Barnett as one of the suppliers. Saindon noted he would like to see more of that.

Barnett – curious about the haz mat spill at the mill. Saindon noted didn't like the attitude. Will be enacting the right to inspect property and will bring the fire department with him. Response from mill was inadequate. Will also be addressing the amount of dust. Also concerned about the salmon season announcement. Wondering if bite north of Cape Falcon will bring many transient boats. Saindon noted heard from other ports, concerns are valid. Quote of 6,500 May to July. Will go in 1-2 weeks. Folkema noted so many other species available. Will feel it, but should be okay. CA water resources.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Valerie Folkema, President

ATTEST:



Kelly Barnett, Secretary/Treasurer