



**PORT OF GARIBALDI
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 14, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

President Folkema called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Commissioners present: Val Folkema, Bob Browning, Kelly Barnett, Jaime Perez, Paul Daniels (7:12 p.m..)

Staff present Michael Saindon, Jessi Coon.

Visitors: Liane Welch, Claudine Rehn, Jon Kirby, Ray Amirkahnian, Dr. Kristi Foster.

BUDGET HEARING

Folkema closed the regular meeting to open the budget committee meeting. No changes, no public comment. Budget hearing closed at 7:04 p.m. Regular meeting resumed at 7:04 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Folkema asked the commission for consensus to amend agenda item to approve minutes and financials all at once. Consensus to approve all at once.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Barnett, second by Browning to approve minutes and May financials. Motion Carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE/PRESENTATIONS

Saindon noted the information regarding sea otters and their possible reintroduction. A letter included to Commissioner Elect Cavitt. The Federal Register Notice and minutes from the last Garibaldi Cultural Heritage meeting.

Rehn with Tillamook Estuaries Partnership thanked Port of Garibaldi Commission. Rehn noted that the program was established in 1994, almost 30 years ago. There are 28 estuaries programs in the US, their goal is to protect and support estuaries. They facilitate water quality monitoring and education. Reviewed the TEP project where it is so far, have partnered with Bearing Architecture as the lead designer. Will be sharing the interpretive strategy with Saindon. Would like this project to reflect the community also. Reviewed some exhibit ideas. Will work with both boards on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Working on funding to finalize plans and drawings. Discussed the many uses of the wet/dry labs. May potentially add 2-10 jobs. Rehn noted looking for 2 commissioners to discuss funding opportunities. Folkema asked if there had been a marketing study done for this project. Rehn noted that it had been done in the initial feasibility study. Daniels asked about parking situations. Daniels also asked about the foundation since the port is fill, Rehn noted that they are not planning on placing pilings, but to do a ground stabilization process. Daniels asked about breaking ground, Rehn noted possibly 2-3 years, but wanting to use the infrastructure dollars being distributed.

Barnett recused himself to present funds from Garibaldi Lion's Club for help in the engineering funds for the Fishermen's Memorial engineering.

Saindon thanked Daniels for his time on the Port of Garibaldi Commission, noting that Saindon and Coon learned a lot from Daniels during his tenure on the board. Commission thanked Daniels. Saindon presented a gift for his time.

OLD BUSINESS

SOUTH JETTY UPDATE.

Still working on stepped channel. June 27 Merkley's office is sending 2 DC staff members to Garibaldi. Will be visiting the Port and the creamery. If no contract in place must readjust budget. Folkema noted initial funds are safe, but need additional funds. Saindon noted AAFA bringing in boats this year. Lost Courtney at the state level.

HAZARD MITIGATION UPDATE.

Reviewing final draft.

ABANDONED/DERELICT VESSEL AND MOORAGE CONCERNS.

Nothing new.

Saindon noted talked with AAFA, they are getting things lined up for services to the boats being brought in. Lots of opportunities for small businesses. Saindon noted staff is committed to making it work.

GRANTS UPDATE.

Still waiting on results.

FEMA COALITION.

Saindon shared presentation from Oregonians for Floodplains Coalition meeting. The coalition has requested that Special Districts of Oregon (SDAO) have a seat at the coalition and be involved.

ODOT 101 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.

Saindon noted that Port of Tillamook Bay had their lawyer review and felt comfortable with their review and didn't feel that it was necessary to have additional funds spent by POG to review. Ultimately the agreement says that any sidewalks added are to be maintained by the Port of Garibaldi. Saindon noted that the business association being put together is going to facilitate a meeting with ODOT to address easements. Folkema noted working with GURA (Garibaldi Urban Renewal Association) and TPUD to help with funding for undergrounding utilities.

Motion by Browning, second by Barnett to approve intergovernmental agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation. Motion carried 4 – 0.

L-12 BORNSTEINS UPDATE.

Bornstein noted change of hands at the Biak boathouse property. Bornstein noted plan on coming in and cleaning up the Commercial Ave property in the next 60-100 days. Analyzing the best way to make a functioning buying station. An actual processing station is not likely in the cards with current DEQ regulations. Hoping for a path forward. Folkema asked what the plan is. Non-functional items will be removed. Needs a knuckle boom crane and scale. In every port he is in a "to be determined" state, in every single port. Folkema asked if Bornstein's is working with the state, Bornstein noted yes. Folkema thanked for the update.

L-08/14 PACIFIC DREAM UPDATE.

Saindon noted has not been able to contact.

L-17 BIG TUNA MARINE UPDATE.

Amirkahnian noted that where the foundation is going to go has been dug out. Utilities have been marked. Concrete is coming soon. Amirkahnian noted has been told 1.5-2 months for building to be set. Moving forward. Working with Hooley with Rosenberg Builder Supply. Daniels asked if a schedule has been given. Browning asked when forms are going in. Saindon noted delay from partners stepping back.

NEW BUSINESS

MORE AGREEMENT.

Saindon noted that Marion County manages agreement to share resources. Creates opportunities to contract for roadwork and similar services.

Motion Barnett, second by Perez to approve the port to sign the MORE agreement to have access to MORE agreement services. Motion carried 4 – 0.

RESOLUTION 2023-06 BUDGET FY2023-24.

Motion Perez, second by Daniels to approve Resolution 2023-24 setting the budget for Port of Garibaldi. Motion carried 4 – 0.

STAFF REPORTS

Coon noted that revenue looks skinny, but noted funds that have been deposited and will be deposited.

Saindon noted that staff is also switching to SAIF for workers comp coverage since SDAO is not covering.

July 10 PNWA Meeting.

Saindon noted graffiti issues in the port. Have reported to the police.

Garibaldi Days – City staff is almost extinct. Taking care of port parts of the festival. Business association will most likely take on next year.

Saindon noted the Port projects that have been added to the Statewide Capital Improvement list: Commercial Wharf, Breakwall and dock replacement.

Saindon noted working with Columbia Pacific EDD on a dredge loan.

Working with Bay City on railroad crossing, still needs to be addressed.

Saindon noted the Discovery Guide put out by the Headlight Herald had a great write up on the port.

Barnett asked about the restrooms. All commissioners asked about the bathrooms. Browning asked about the time frame given in the contract and any penalties in place.

COMMISSIONER CONCERNS

Barnett also asked about the flower boxes, shared pictures of one of the flower boxes that was falling apart. Saindon noted that there is a plan in place to address flower boxes. Barnett noted that they need to be weeded also.

Daniels noted that funding sources are looking dubious. Encouraged staff to stay on top of timing and lease appraisals. Daniels noted good communication is necessary for fees and funding. Saindon noted that is one of the reasons staff is looking for help with the public restrooms. Will also be looking at the lease rates. Saindon noted the boos of the seafood festival. Browning thanked Daniels for raising port eyes to issues.

Browning thanked Daniels for his service to the port.

Folkema asked if consideration was made for the rise in water cost. Coon noted that normally notice is given, but none was received this year. Folkema noted that no one was given notice.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Valerie Folkema, President

ATTEST:



Kelly Barnett, Secretary/Treasurer