

**PORT OF GARIBALDI  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

Staff Present: Michael Saindon, Curtis Jepson, Jessi Coon.

Visitors: James Acock, Rick Goche, Maggie Michaels, Dan Haag (all attending via teams).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

James Acock addressed the Commission and submitted comments for the public record. He thanked the Commission for its work managing Port resources and responsibilities under **ORS Chapter 777**. Mr. Acock expressed support for the recently adopted criteria regarding annual commercial moorage requirements, noting that the policy appears consistent with the Port’s statutory purpose of facilitating commerce, shipping, and commercial fishing rather than serving primarily as wet storage.

Mr. Acock encouraged continued transparency and requested that the Port periodically review the financial matrices and assumptions used to calculate landing and revenue requirements associated with commercial moorage standards. He stated that periodic review would align with sound fiscal and operational planning practices and ensure that policies continue to support vessel operations and economic development.

He also suggested that the Commission consider adopting a clear policy framework for future amendments to Port rules, regulations, or ordinances. Such a framework could reference ORS Chapter 777 and outline how the Port balances social, economic, and financial considerations when making decisions. Mr. Acock indicated that such a policy would strengthen the Port’s position when seeking state or federal funding opportunities. He stated he would provide a written version of his comments to the Port for distribution to Commissioners.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Items included the January 14, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, January 23, 2026 Special Session Minutes, January Financial Reports, and Payment of Bills.

Motion by Browning, second by Cavitt, to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 3 - 0.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/PRESENTATIONS**

### **AQUATIC RESOURCES INCORPORATED.**

Rick Goche of Aquatic Resources Incorporated presented a workforce development initiative focused on live seafood systems. The program, developed with the Oregon Coast Visitors Association and Oregon Ocean Cluster, aims to increase local handling and marketing of live Dungeness crab while developing workforce opportunities within the maritime economy.

The program includes high school curriculum modules, hands-on equipment kits, and potential certificate training programs through community colleges. Two partnership opportunities were presented to the Port including funding a classroom training kit (\$700) and potentially hosting a demonstration live tank system (\$17,000).

Commissioners discussed possible collaboration with local schools, workforce partners, and existing seafood businesses within the Port district. No action was taken at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**SOUTH JETTY:** Staff reported that work related to the South Jetty repair project is ongoing and rock placement activities continue as equipment becomes available.

Staff also reported conflicts between construction crews and local clam divers. A meeting will be facilitated with vessel operators to reduce conflict and ensure safe operations.

**GRANTS:** Staff reported ongoing work with the Tillamook County Brownfield Program regarding the demolition of the Red Building. Environmental analysis and permitting assistance may significantly reduce demolition costs.

The City of Garibaldi has received grant funding to pave 7th Street leading into the Port. Engineering work is expected this spring.

Staff also discussed multiple grant opportunities including PIDP, EDA disaster relief funding, hazard mitigation funding for erosion, and planning grants to evaluate future uses of Port properties.

**DREDGE:** Staff reported that preparation of a new dredge permit application is underway. A survey of the boat basin is required for the permit package.

Motion by Browning, second by Barnett, to approve Purchase Order No. 2026-084 for approximately \$7,000 for survey work required for dredge permitting. Motion carried 3 – 0.

### **ORDINANCE 15 DISCUSSION:**

This item was presented for **second reading**. Staff reviewed revisions made following Commissioner Barnett’s comments (attached to January 14 minutes), including updates to definitions, moorage agreements, waiting list procedures, and provisions addressing extenuating circumstances.

One item under discussion involved the response timeframe for slip waiting list notifications. Staff explained that the existing 72-hour response window allows the Port to efficiently process assignments and avoid administrative delays.

Additional clarifications may be added to ensure applicants understand the timing of waiting list notifications.

No final action was taken during this reading.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **OREGON COAST CRAB ASSOCIATION (OCCA).**

Browning gave an overview of the petition presented to Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) by Oceana and Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) and how that might affect the Dungeness crab fishery. Saindon noted that there is a draft support letter in the commission packet. Browning noted was able to present this information at the SDAO conference at the ports caucus meeting. River ports are concerned about salmon and want to support the ocean fisheries. Letters of support must be in by February 16. Browning noted also need consensus from the commission to speak as an elected official. Barnett noted in favor of consensus approval. Consensus to have letter changed to include commission signature.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Jepson noted working on the RV park, sweeping parking lots, filled potholes, conducted first burn of the year. Had complaint about non-burnables in the burn piles and staff replied to address concerns. Browning asked about crab pots. Put on pause, will be getting rid of them. Derelict gear going to charity drive. Working on Quonset hut, fixed grading outside the hut, patching roof and finishing up restroom and office.

Coon noted attendance at SDAO conference, noted the classes this year were good and gave great information. Coon noted banking information update. Port is supporting FishHer commercial fishermen’s appreciation.

Saindon noted disappointed in Port’s caucus meeting.

Tillamook Estuaries lease extension is coming up in June.

Mill has moved two loads of product since November.

## COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Barnett: Noted attendance to SDAO conference, attended classes that commission required. Had a good time and able to stock his aquarium.

Browning: will plan on attending SDAO conference next year. Was able to compile good information from networking. Folkema asked about OPPA.

Cavitt: All restaurants booked for Valentines Day, expects a busy weekend. Jacquie Roar coming in on Friday. AED's being purchased. Discussion about R-Sanitary and solutions.


Folkema: Asked about manager eval, will put on the April agenda. Great jobs on grants and planning grants.

Saindon wanted to note Maciel finished financial education program.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Valerie Folkema, President



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Kelly Barnett, Secretary/Treasurer