

PORT OF NEWPORT MINUTES

October 15, 2018

Commission Special Meeting

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Agenda Item

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Time**
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Stewart Lamerdin called the Special Meeting of the Port of Newport Board of Commissioners to order at 12:00 pm at the South Beach Activities Room, 2120 SE Marine Science Drive, Newport, Oregon.

Commissioners Present: Walter Chuck (Pos. #1), Secretary/Treasurer; Sara Skamser (Pos. #2), Vice President; Stewart Lamerdin (Pos. #3), President; Jeff Lackey (Pos. #4); and Jim Burke (Pos. #5).

Management and Staff: Teri Dresler, Interim General Manager; Aaron Bretz, Director of Operations; Jim Durkee, NOAA Facilities Manager; and Karen Hewitt, Administrative Supervisor.

Members of the Public and Media: Fred Yeck; Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative (MTC); E Backus, Collaborative Fisheries Associates; Fred Yeck, Jr.; Jim Shaw; Jim Seavers; and Jim Cline.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

1:18

Fred Yeck commented that he was a long-time user of the Port facilities at the International Terminal, and that it was important for people to know more about how the commercial fishing industry was using that facility and what the industry brought to the community.

II. CONTRACT WITH BERGERABAM FOR THE PORT'S STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN

6:50

Dresler introduced the staff report and proposed contract. She explained the reasons for the increased scope of work from the original proposal, the staff review of the proposals submitted, and the reasons for recommending BergerABAM. Dresler said it was a priority to get this process moving forward, and there would be some flexibility as the process unfolded. She pointed out for transparency that the Port was also contracting with BergerABAM for the Rogue Seawall evaluation.

Lamerdin commented that while this Strategic Business Plan would encompass the whole Port, a deeper dive into the International Terminal would be valuable, along with recommendations from BergerABAM. Lackey said he appreciated the methodical selection, the broad scope of the proposal, and the focus on community outreach. Dresler clarified in response to Lackey's question that a product in four months would be preferred, but up to six months may be needed. Chuck added that he expected BergerABAM to do a good job this time, as they had done so with the last Strategic Business Plan. Skamser asked that some of the relationships between the Port properties and other businesses be clarified. Burke added that the completion of the plan was imperative for future grants.

Heather Mann commented on the use of the Terminal by large trawl vessels as a primary customer in recent years. She referred to a report previously submitted to the Commission (Feb. 27, 2018 Minutes) with suggestions about Terminal usage. Mann also commented that the Commercial Fishing Users Group Committee recommended moving forward with the Strategic Business Plan.

Ed Backus commented on the need to consider the Port properties importance as part of the Urban Renewal District when preparing the Strategic Business Plan, and asked that BergerABAM prepare a usable 20 – 30 page product that could be referred to.

A motion was made by Chuck and seconded by Burke to authorize the Interim General Manager to enter into a contract with BergerABAM to provide consulting services to update the 2013 Port of Newport Strategic Business Plan and Capital Facilities Plan not to exceed \$60,000. The motion passed 5 - 0.

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III. RONDYS LEASE ADDENDUM.....

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Dresler introduced the staff report and proposed Addendum to Lease. She explained that the agreement presented included a correction to a typographical error in Section 4, but the lease intent did not change. Dresler and Bretz both commented on the negotiations moving forward with Rondys regarding the gear storage area.

A motion was made by Lackey and seconded by Skamser to accept this edit to Section 4 and authorize the Interim General Manager to execute Rondys Addendum to Lease. The motion passed 5 – 0.

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IV. NOAA MOC-P DREDGING 2018-2019 CONTRACT

33:20

Bretz introduced the staff report and proposed contract. He said this was added to the Meeting Packet because the City plans to move a significant amount of material in the upcoming in-water work period and it would help to coordinate with the dredging. Bretz explained the review process and the reasons for recommending Bergerson Construction based on using the cutter head dredge. Durkee added that this type of equipment may be better able to cut the slope. Bretz responded to Skamser’s question about the Army Corps of Engineers response to the eel grass damage; he anticipated a response soon.

A motion was made by Burke and seconded by Chuck to authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract for maintenance dredging services with Bergerson Construction in the amount of \$439,350 for the NOAA MOC-P Wharf Maintenance Dredging 2108. The motion passed 5 – 0.

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V. PUBLIC COMMENT.....

38:00

Jim Shaw commented that he was a “user pay” individual and that use of the Terminal should pay for the bond, and that should be considered in the Strategic Business Plan.

Jim Seavers said he agreed with “user pay” but much of the bond paid for mitigation, and the fishermen were not responsible for that.

Heather Mann commented on the commercial fishing industry’s contribution to income at the terminal.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

43:06

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:43 pm.

ATTESTED:



Stewart Lamerdin, President



Walter Chuck, Secretary/Treasurer