

**PORT OF GOLD BEACH
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING 6:30 P.M.
March 5, 2008**

Present:

Absent:

**Lawrence Johnson, President
Milt Walker, Vice-President
Clay Dalrymple, Commissioner
Charles Riddle, Secretary,
Bill McNair, Commissioner**

Errol Roberts, Interim Manager

The meeting was called to order by President Moe Johnson, the roll was called and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bill McNair.

Charles Riddle gave a report to the board on Cannery building 2nd floor lease rates. See Attached. Interim Manager Roberts was directed to check on how much rent was being paid on Unit H and see if there should be some monies paid to the port from any profit.

The board discussed a proposal from South Coast Community Resource Center for lease of office space on the 2nd floor and Charles will follow up with the representative. There will also be work done by Charles and Errol for a lease to Walt Harold to move from one space to larger quarters on the 2nd floor. There was also some discussion about using Suite E for a conference room.

Bill McNair moved to work up a lease policy for prospective tenants on the 2nd floor of the Cannery building following the recommendations in the handout provided by Charles Riddle, Seconded by Milt Walker, Passed 5-0 by Commissioners Walker, Johnson, Dalrymple, McNair and Riddle.

Criteria and deadlines and the manager position were discussed. It was suggested by Charles Riddle to discuss what would be desirable in a candidate and then use those criteria for selecting the manager. Milt Walker stated he felt the salary we are offering will not bring many top-end candidates and felt the board should hire from within. Bill McNair suggested that the board draft a list (from former lists) of manager expectations and he and Charles volunteered to get together and draft that document for future use.

After some discussion, **Milt Walker moved to hire Errol Roberts as an at-will employee as Port of Gold Beach Manager, retroactive to March 1, 2008, at the current budgeted amount of \$36,000 per year with benefit package to begin on May 1, 2008. Seconded by Clay Dalrymple and approved 5-0 by Commissioners Riddle, Dalrymple, Walker, Johnson and McNair.**

Bill McNair feels the four coastal ports should lobby for better representation from the Oregon Ports Group such as the service David Cheramy provides free to the port.

Manager Errol Roberts reminded the board that the Army Corps of Engineers representatives will be at the port at 11:30 a.m. on March 12, for discussion regarding the port jetties and dredging.

Bill McNair handed out a revised airport plan, revised March 5, 2008 by himself, Charles and Errol, to allow for airport expansion. It was approved by consensus to pursue the idea of the expansion plan. See attached.

A letter from Colleen Combs was read into the record and the manager was directed to respond. See attached.

Audience Comments: Roy Kochel stated that he feels the board has come a long ways and made a very good choice hiring Errol Roberts as manager. Jim Freedman commented on the process of talking early about condemning or buying out lease holders so it wouldn't come as a surprise.

ATTEST:

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Lawrence Johnson, Board President

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Charles Riddle, Board Secretary