

**PORT OF GOLD BEACH
MINUTES
August 20, 2009
Regular Meeting**

Present:

Absent:

Milt Walker, President
Moe Johnson, Vice-President
Larry Prestininzi, Commissioner
Charles Riddle, Secretary,
Bill McNair, Commissioner

Errol Roberts, Manager
Jeff Kemp, Port Accountant

The meeting was called to order by President Milt Walker at 7:00 p.m., the roll was called and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The accounts payables were reviewed for July 20, 2009 and **approved by motion of Moe Johnson, second by Bill McNair, vote was 4-0 by consensus.** (Charles Riddle was not yet present when this vote was taken, hence the 4-0 vote. He did arrive before the next motion.)

The accounts payable were then reviewed for August 5, 2009, with **Motion to approve by Bill McNair and seconded by Moe Johnson, passed by consensus 5-0.**

The accounts receivable were then examined and the commissioners agreed that they had never seen them looking as good as they do now.

Jeff Kemp gave his financial/budget report on the start of the new fiscal year budget. There were no large differences and his budget memo (attached as "A") explained things very well.

Under old business, President Walker discussed the fact that the fish cleaning station has a sign near it with fees and it has the Port of Gold Beach on it. He said he remembers that the Port Commissioners were emphatic about not having the Port's name involved with anything regarding the charges for the use of the fish cleaning station. People in the community are under the impression the charges are made by the Port, when, in fact, the charges are made by Curry Sportfishing. Commissioner Prestininzi said he has been questioned about that several times. Roberts said that if anyone else approaches any of them, ask them to come to the Port and talk to him. He also said the fish disposal is actually by order of DEQ and the money is going to Curry Sportfishing for the

refrigerated truck and to haul off the fish bodies and debris. Manager Roberts will take care of changing the sign immediately so that the Port's name is not on it.

The Van Kampen business proposal was rejected.

The Padda-lok expansion will be at the south end of the building. Roberts will be working on an addendum to the lease.

Regarding the Weinberg/Gillespie contract, the deal fell through. The Port has spent over \$1239.50 for the lease preparation and will bill Mr. Weinberg for that amount. There is also the matter of the signed lease for 5 years from August 1, 2009. The lease has no escape clause but there is a default clause and an abandonment clause. There is some difficulty because there is still an existing lease for the property with Sheriff John, who has been paying the lease. It was determined that Manager Roberts will work with the Port's attorney in handling this matter.

The Huntley Park Manager's Report was on the agenda, but Charlie was not in attendance and Manager Roberts made a brief report.

New Business. Commissioner Riddle discussed the possibility of posting more information on the Port's web site. In the spirit of public information and transparency, he would like to see the budget, the ordinances, the Port's Mission Statement, and financial reports posted on the site. President Walker requested this matter be put on the agenda for the September meeting, as it was not on the agenda for this month. Roberts will research any costs associated with posting the additional information.

Riddle also proposed that the Port try to make good progress on its Strategic Plan, perhaps by each commissioner taking one segment of the Port's operations and making headway on it.

Under the Manager's Report, Roberts reported that good progress has been made on the docks with some new finger slips being added. One dock was broken down into two parts and the new concrete walk 8 ft. by 104 ft. will be here next Tuesday.

He reported that the high dock repair is about half finished.

Roberts believes that the FAA has accepted the Ingress/Egress Agreements as being grandfathered in, as he has not heard from them.

He explained the drop in the bank account is because money was spent on the high dock project. The \$169,000 just came in from HUD and was directly deposited into the Port's account.

Roberts reported that he met with Senator Jeff Merkley and Senator Ron Wyden's field representatives. He is optimistic about getting substantial funds from several agencies and said there might be some stimulus funds available. Roberts is looking to Homeland Security for funds to purchase cameras that will watch the airport, dock areas, etc.

Roberts has purchased a 1993 Ford Tempo for a rental car and will be selling the Dodge.

Commissioner's Reports:

Bill McNair spoke about the OECDD study group. He said it appears they are breaking OECDD down into individual compartments and reported on their future plans.

Larry Prestininzi reported that on the 8th of August, a fish derby was held and his involvement was, in part, to let the sponsors use his business property, Lex's Landing, to have their Derby. He was approached by many people who were fishing that day who stated that Don Pedro, the driver of the sea-lion hazing boat, came by them and told them that no money from this derby was going to the sea-lion abatement program. He used filthy language and told people who were not even in the derby. One of the commissioner's could verify this, as he was also approached by Don Pedro, driving the sea-lion hazing boat and was told the same thing. The commission is upset about this activity as their name is so closely tied to the Sea Lion Control program. The Port contributes a lot of the money collected from boat launch fees and has turned the fish cleaning station over to them so they can collect fees there. It was determined that Bill McNair will speak with Mark Lottis and Don Pedro, making it clear that this is totally inappropriate behavior and the Port will disassociate themselves in every way from Curry Sportfishing if this behavior is ever repeated.

Meeting resumed in an executive session after a short break.

Motion to adjourn was made by Johnson, seconded by Riddle and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25, by consensus, 5-0.

ATTEST:

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Milt Walker, Board President

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Charles Riddle, Board Secretary