

PORT OF GOLD BEACH MINUTES

Regular Meeting May 19, 2011

Present:

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

Absent:

Errol Roberts, Manager
Jeff Kemp, Port Accountant

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Milt Walker, the roll was called and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, being led by Charles Riddle.

REVIEW AND APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: The accounts payable for April 20, 2011, were reviewed by the commission with few questions. **Motion was made by Lawrence Johnson and seconded by Charles Riddle to approve accounts payable and motion passed 5-0.**

The accounts payable for May 5, 2011, were reviewed and upon **Motion of Charles Riddle, seconded by Lawrence Johnson, to approve the accounts payable and motion passed 5-0.**

REVIEW ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE: The board studied the accounts receivable for some time and questioned Manager Roberts as to the progress on the Hanson account. The tenant has passed away and the manager has not been able to negotiate with the spouse. No payments on the lease are being made.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET REPORT: Port Accountant, Jeff Kemp was present and gave his report. Everything seems to be mostly consistent with the budget. The auditor's statement was up to \$16,550 this year, which was a few hundred dollar increase in fees from the previous year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the meeting of April 21, 2011, were read and approved upon the **Motion of Charles Riddle, seconded by Bill McNair to approve the minutes for the April 22, 2011 meeting. Milt Walker and Lawrence Johnson abstained as neither of them were present. Motion was passed 3-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: Port Manager Roberts has been approached by a lessee of the Port who asked the board to consider a temporary abatement of the escalations in the lease rates. Some discussion ensued regarding conflicts of interest. Both McNair and Riddle declared a potential conflict of interest (they are also leasing space from the Port of Gold Beach) and the discussion continued. It was the feeling of the Board that no action would be taken and the current rate of escalation would continue.

During the discussion it was said that all the expenses of the Port are rising every year and they are in no condition to be cutting back on their lease rates.

NEW BUSINESS: Port Manager Errol Roberts led the discussion regarding a master business plan for Huntley Park. It is felt by the Board that they should be working on one now and it will be put on next month's agenda. McNair said it is already in the strategic plan for the Port; that there will be a business plan for Huntley Park, so a plan must be developed.

HUNTLEY PARK: Cliff reported on plans and activities at the park, including moving the handicapped space. There will be some demolition of the old shacks and sheds and he will then be able to use the current water and electricity to make one spot with those amenities and he would be able to judge how much it was desired by campers. The sign at the entrance to the park is being upgraded and he might put some solar lights on it to make it more noticeable at night. Cliff invited everyone to drive through the park and see the improvements. Cliff said the business in the store is starting to pick up and he said he has ordered Grays Harbor Green Label Anchovies and some night crawlers to be available for the bank fishermen and the local gravel bars.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Port Manager Roberts reported on the repairs of the damage from the recent Tsunami. He has wood docks repaired and a verbal agreement with the ACOE to drive 18 pilings. FEMA will reimburse a portion of the money.

The new C Dock will arrive June 1.

Geri Kendall has plans to do a catering business from the Cannery Building.

The Cannery Building paving will start next week if the weather permits. It will be a 2 inch overlay and re-stripping. This will use the remainder of the HUD monies.

He made mention of the June meeting to adopt the budget.

Roberts said that Curry Sportfishing wants to return to the past practice of hiring the operator of the sea lion hazing boat as a Port employee. There was discussion that the employee will be expected to follow the Port Employee's Manual just like all the other employees. This move is necessary because the government has determined that because of the type of explosive used in the bombs, the person using them has to be an employee of the agency. The issue of liability was raised and Bill McNair said Curry Sportfishing would just put the Port as an additional insured'

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Lawrence Johnson: asked for thoughts of Debbie Collins for the loss of her grandfather who died recently, and for the loss of Shirley Walker, wife of Commissioner Milt Walker, who was taken by cancer. The entire commissioner's were in agreement.

Bill McNair: Saying Shirley had been a friend of the Port for years while she was working at City Hall and had helped the Port in many ways. He also said he has been approached by a fisherman asking if there could be lower rates for launching and docking space for disabled veterans.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. by Lawrence Johnson, seconded by Bill McNair, passed 5-0