

**PORT OF GOLD BEACH
MINUTES
Regular Meeting Feb. 19, 2009**

Present:

**Milt Walker, President
Clay Dalrymple, Commissioner
Charles Riddle, Secretary,
Bill McNair, Commissioner**

Absent:

Moe Johnson

**Errol Roberts, Manager
Jeff Kemp, Port Accountant**

The meeting was called to order by President Milt Walker, the roll was called and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited;

According to the agenda, Mark Lottis was to present information regarding the Sea Lion Abatement Program; however, he said their meeting attendance had been low, so he would come to a future meeting.

Accounts payable were reviewed and the **January 20, 2009 payables were approved by consensus on motion of Clay Dalrymple, seconded by Charles Riddle. The payables for February 5, 2009, were approved by consensus after motion by Dalrymple and second by Bill McNair.**

The accounts receivable were reviewed with some discussion of certain debts turned over to collections. President Walker commented that he was pleased with the manager's efforts to keep the accounts receivable up to date.

The financial/budget report was given by Jeff Kemp. He did some comparisons of year to date compared to last year at this time. Huntley Park income is up by \$4000 for camping fees and firewood sales are up \$3500 over last year at this time. Everything else is near to budgeted amounts.

Approval of Minutes: **The minutes for the regular meeting of January 15, 2009, were approved by consensus upon the motion of Bill McNair and seconded by Clay Dalrymple with Charles Riddle abstaining because he had not attended the meeting. The minutes for the special session on January 30, 2009, were approved by consensus upon motion of Charles Riddle, seconded by Clay Dalrymple.**

Under Old Business, the proposed Ordinance was presented by the manager and will be adopted at the March meeting. The review and/or adopt for

manager's benefits, sick leave, comp. time and vacation time were discussed, but it was determined it is not yet ready for adoption, that it needs more review and discussion. Bill McNair said that when the work is completed, he would want a letter of review from special districts to make sure that everything is fine from the insurance point of view.

New Business: The Weinberg Lease was discussed and since Mr. Weinberg was in attendance, the commissioners signed his lease. Tony Jakacky, part owner of the currently leased building, suggested that the Port adopt some less cumbersome process for their leases. The commissioners agreed that more work needs to be done, but feels they have come a long way already.

Lottis Lease. Manager Roberts discussed what is incorporated in the lease. There will be land, building, dock and ramp, fish cleaning station, etc. After discussion, it was determined that there were some changes that should be made regarding lessee/lessor responsibilities and it would be presented at the next meeting.

Manager's Report, Core Task Review. Manager Roberts discussed the docks that are in production, using proceeds from the insurance payoff (\$362,500) for the storm damage. He will also be using additional FEMA money at some point.

He also discussed the repairs on the high dock, saying he had received yet another form, a "Request for Payment." The environmental assessment has been done and it is all approved and he hopes this will be the last step. The bid packets are ready and he is ready to publish just as soon as he is positive the Port will be getting the money.

Manager Roberts said he put in a request for \$448,000 from the stimulus package, asking for that amount to build a new building and shop. He also asked for a security camera at the airport and for watching the river mouth at a cost of \$48,000. He has no idea if there is any chance of receiving funding, but thinks it may be worth the effort.

He reported he may have someone interested in the space upstairs. It is a tough market. The commissioners discussed costs of "build out" for lessees.

The fish cleaning station repairs are done and President Walker commented on how well done they are and commended the staff.

Roberts talked about repair of access roads on the upriver lands and wants that added to the Core Task list. He will contact several small equipment operators in the area to get an idea of what it might cost. Commissioner McNair pointed out that there are funds in the Capital Improvement Fund that could be used.

In response to a question from Charles Riddle, Roberts reported that the jetty repair cost \$59,000, plus the port got some extra rock. FEMA paid \$45,000, so the port's cost is about \$15,000.

Roberts said the risk assessment people were here from the insurance company and went through the port area and Huntley Park as they do annually.

Manager Roberts said there are two positions open on the budget committee. He has just attended a budget law class and learned that as long as the Port has made best faith attempts to fill the position, the budget committee can do their business without the lay people/commissioners ratio required. He has advertised in the Curry County Reporter and wants a record made of the fact that he has been making his best efforts and has been unable to fill either of the positions.

Milt Walker said he has been to Huntley Park while the danger-tree logging was going on and he has been amazed at the work Cliff Childers and Chuck Prichard as volunteers. He said it is hard, dangerous work and they have been invaluable. He wants the Port to recognize their efforts.

Audience Comments: Margie Roberts asked a question regarding the budget meeting scheduled for the next night and Sue Johnson remarked on the good deal that a prior prospective lessee for space in the cannery building was getting at another facility in town.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Milt Walker, Board President

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Charles Riddle, Board Secretary