

Depoe Bay Harbor Commission – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 30, 2009 – 7:00 pm
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: R. Davilla, S. Hausotter, L. Robison, P. Robison,
ABSENT: J. Wahl, D. Couch, L. Steidle
STAFF: Recorder P. Murray, Port Clerk K. Vinson, Harbormaster P. Shane

Chairman L. Robison called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and established a quorum.

Approval of Minutes – June 24, 2009 Regular Meeting

MOTION: R. Davilla moved to approve the minutes as written. P. Robison seconded the motion.

Discussion - None

Chairman L. Robison said it was moved and seconded. Minutes approved, (no vote)

Correspondence – None

Public Input – None

Harbormaster’s Report –The Harbormaster reported that it was a very busy summer with fueling. All finger piers off of Dock #4. He is taking out finger piers as people take their boats out for the winter. As the finger piers are removed Phil will start maintenance such as new collars and rub rails. L. Robison commented that hinge pins are in need of maintenance. P. Shane stated that he can now weld on the dock due to G. Walls fabrication.

Pogo reported that the dredging is going well. They have stopped at this time to get parts for machinery that broke down, but plan to be up and running tomorrow.

S. Hausotter brought up the issue of the fire lane in the parking lot. P. Shane stated that the Fire Chief, Josh Williams, is not happy with people parking in the fire lane. The Chief would like realignment of the parking to leave a fire lane open. S. Hausotter suggested if the fire lane were striped per fire code, it would stop people from parking illegally in the fire lane.

MOTION: P. Robison moved to have Harbormaster invite Chief Josh Williams to come down and mark fire lane in the port parking lot. S. Hausotter seconded the motion.

Discussion – None

VOTE: Motion passed, all ayes

P. Shane reported he did a water test regarding the fuel truck and 40 gallons of fuel in the hose. P. Shane used 55 gallon drum of water and dumped it and tracked it to where it went. All of the water went into the vault with the electric wires instead of the drain. S. Hausotter stated that we need to come up with a new plan for containment instead of the drain. P. Shane stated he could raise a ring around electric vault that would create a bump but keep fluids from flowing into vault and should go to drain instead. P. Shane said he would meet with Terry Owings tomorrow and discuss the safety issue of the electric vault.

S. Hausotter stated he needed to finalize the “Spill Prevention Control And Countermeasure Plan with Terry Owings, then present to City Council. The plan also needs an engineer stamp to finalize it.

Unfinished Business – Definition of Commercial Vessel

S. Hausotter reported he had contacted the State Marine Board and asked for their definition of a “commercial vessel” and found their definition to be quite different from ours. The whole commercial aspect is quite unregulated and anyone can get a commercial permit.

S. Hausotter stated that we needed to have a much narrower definition than the State Marine Boards. L. Robison stated that a commercial boat should be a revenue producing vessel, a commercial fishing vessel with landing permits. The goal is to keep working boats in the harbor; it's good for the harbor's economy. P. Robison stated that a vessel that produces revenue and is licensed by the state and the city for fishing. S. Hausotter stated that the definition needs to be very specific "boats that fish", do we want storefront boats? R. Davilla stated that if a boat catches and sells it would be okay, reseller has to catch own product. S. Hausotter restated "a licensed commercial fishing vessel, both state and city licensed selling own catch" as a definition for commercial. S. Hausotter stated he would research to see if it will hold against the different levels of commercial permits at the state level. L. Robison asked that the "city license" requirement be deleted since some commercial boats don't need a city license. The key is a "vessel catches fish for revenue." S. Hausotter asked if they could reschedule till next meeting in October 2009 and he would research further and bring back more information. All the Commissioners agreed.

Review of "Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan" Status – Discussed in the Harbormasters' report.

New Business- Review Commission Membership

L. Robison stated he would talk to both Commissioners J. Wahl and D. Couch about attending meetings. It was noted that recently appointed commissioner Larry Steidle had passed away last week.

Winter Finger Pier Removal - Discussed in Harbormasters' report

Winter Harbor Maintenance Projects –

S. Hausotter stated that the Harbor Commission should come up with a list of priorities for the Harbormaster and provide to Terry Owings for his review and approval. L. Robison suggested a "dock walk" with the Harbormaster to generate a list.

Commissioner Concerns –

S. Hausotter said he would like to reschedule the November meeting to another night. All commissioners agreed to discuss it during the next meeting in October 2009.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Lars Robison, Chairman

Kathy Vinson, Port Secretary