

Depoe Bay Harbor Commission – Regular Meeting
Wednesday March 27, 2013 – 7:00 pm
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: J. Grant, M. Dowd, L. Goddard, L. Robison, R. Smolic, N. Achen
ABSENT: P. Robison
STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray, Port Clerk K. Vinson, Harbormaster Phil Shane

Chairman L. Robison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and established a quorum.

Approval of Minutes – January 30, 2013 Regular Meeting

MOTION: L. Goddard moved to approve the minutes as written. M. Dowd seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION – None

Chairman L. Robison said it was moved and seconded. Minutes approved.

AYES: J. Grant, M. Dowd, L. Goddard, L. Robison, R. Smolic, N. Achen

Correspondence –

Two e-mails were reviewed. One email from Ray Bucheger, Washington DC regarding the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund concerning dredging. The other e-mail was from Katherine Groth US Army Corps of Engineers inviting anyone from the City to meet with her at 4 PM on April 1st in Depoe Bay.

Public Input –

AJ Mattila had a meeting with Congressman Kurt Schrader today and talked with him about dredging. The report was it was a work in progress in Washington DC, it's a money thing.

L. Goddard reported that he got stuck in the mud trying to get to the fuel dock. AJ Mattila stated he had talked to everyone from the governor, senators, congressman and they are all aware of the issue. AJ Mattila has asked City planner Larry Lewis to work on getting the timber company to help with check dam cleanout/silt removal. The already limited salmon return on South Creek is being damaged severely.

Liaison Officer Report-

L. Robison reported that City Council is working on getting bids for the City park bridge.

AJ Mattila reported that at the COG meeting they offered \$75k for any project with a city match.

Harbormaster's Report –

P. Shane reported that there have been serious surges in the bay that have damaged the collars on Dock #4. He has been working on repairing them. P. Shane stated that he was concerned that Dock #1 would not be complete by the wooden boat show. The current boats on Dock #4 need to be moved to make room for the wooden boat show. P. Shane reported he was continuing work on the collars and getting ready for the season.

L. Robison asked if Phil had the pins for Dock #2. P. Shane stated he had pins for all the docks but needed help to install them. He also stated he would replace any missing pins tomorrow. L. Robison asked P. Shane about the flood gate at the seawall by Dock #4 and Phil reported that he sent pictures to ACE but no response them yet.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business –

A. STEP Biologist – Salmon Ladder and Silting Behind the Dam

L. Robison reported that the seals are destroying the salmon crop, fish are not using the fish ladder, and the biologist doesn't think fish ladder modifications will help. ACE used to clean out the silt from the dam, load it on a barge and haul it out. Now they say it is cheaper to let the silt run into the harbor then dredge the harbor.

B. Tsunami Marine Debris

No action at this time.

C. City Council Motions for Review and Recommendation

- Proposal to Amend Harbor Ordinance # 292

After much discussion and deliberation the following motion voted on and passed by the Harbor Commission:

MOTION: L. Goddard recommends to City Council to adopt paragraph (g) as submitted, with the change "...vessel owned, or controlled by the vessel owner/moorage use permit holder...", reference the time frame for repairs existing in the Ordinance, with an appeal process through the Harbor Commission and City Council on a case by case basis if the moorage holder needs additional time beyond the 90 days. M. Dowd seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None

Chairman L. Robison said it was moved and seconded. Motion approved.

AYES: J. Grant, M. Dowd, L. Goddard, R. Smolcic, N. Achen

ABSTAIN: L. Robison

- Electric Surcharge Fees

It was discussed that the electric surcharge be included in the moorage fees. Most other harbors do not meter the electric; they include electric in the moorage fee. It was also noted that not metering would benefit the charter boats but not necessarily the sport boats if the moorage rates were increased. Also mentioned the possible use of opt out of electric use with a lockbox.

MOTION: M. Dowd recommends to City Council that meters suck and we don't want to use them anymore. L. Goddard seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION-None

Chairman L. Robison said it was moved and seconded. Motion approved.

AYES: J. Grant, M. Dowd, L. Goddard, L. Robison, R. Smolcic, N. Achen

D. Discuss Upcoming Fiscal Year Budget 2013-14

One Commissioner suggested that the parking lot get striped and replace the benches on the sidewalk. Also replace or redesign the fish fillet table and add another fillet station at the north end of harbor. One Commissioner asked about hiring a private firm to dredge the harbor. L. Goddard explained that it would cost around \$250k and if the City once assumes the responsibility then ACE may expect the city to take over dredging permanently.

Commissioner Concerns – None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Lars Robison, Chairman

Kathy Vinson, Port Secretary