

Depoe Bay Harbor Commission – Regular Meeting
Wednesday May 28, 2014 – 7:00 pm
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: E. Harmon, M. Metz, J. Grant, P. Robison, N. Achen
STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray, Port Clerk K. Vinson, Harbormaster P. Shane
ABSENT: L. Goddard, R. Smolcic
Chairman J. Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and established a quorum.

Approval of Minutes – April 30, 2014 Regular Meeting

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION: P. Robison moved to approve the minutes as written. E. Harmon seconded the motion.
J. Grant said it was moved and seconded.

AYES: E. Harmon, M. Metz, J. Grant, P. Robison, N. Achen
Minutes approved.

III. Correspondence

P. Murray reviewed emails from Ray Bucheger. WRRDA Negotiations Complete – Oregon Ports Come Away as Winners. Congress passed first water infrastructure bill in seven years.

J. Grant stated that we need to keep an eye on funding for projects, stay in contact with congressmen.

IV. Public Input- None

V. Liaison Officer Report-None

Harbormaster's Report

P. Shane reported he was working on cleaning up the fish cleaning station and eliminating the odor.

P. Shane said every harbor has the same problem with dumpsters and odor. P. Robison stated he just picked up parts to underground the drain today.

P. Shane stated he had 8 Class A slips to assign next week and one Class B, no Class C slips available.

P. Shane reported that Brady has asked him to video the pilings on dock 1; he'll use a "go" camera.

P. Shane also stated that he was selling a lot of fuel with halibut fishing.

Unfinished Business

A. City Council Assignment-Matters of Harbor Finance

J. Grants stated that he takes direction from the Mayor and the City Council President. They would like to see the harbor more revenue neutral. They will continue to pursue grants for special projects.

Ongoing maintenance and labor expenses are unavoidable.

J. Grant referred to the handout he brought regarding mooring rates for other ports in 2013(see attached). He began to compare those moorage rates to the City's rates starting with 40' boats. Overall the City's moorage rates are a little low in comparison. J. Grant stated that if he were to recommend an increase it would be small. P. Robison stated that there is already in place a 3% increase every year. N. Achen stated that Newport rates are higher but they include electric; add in a moorage holder's electric and they are probably comparable. E. Harmon stated that the smaller size boats in Class A seems to be

charged less than other ports, the bigger boats are charged about the same. P. Robison stated that all the other ports have services that we don't have. J. Grant said the Harbor Commission needs to make a list of amenities they would like and apply for grant funding. M. Metz stated that more parking is needed for the harbor. J. Grant said that if the Harbor Commission is going to consider raising rates, would be Category A only. J. Grant stated that he would be going to City Council eventually over this, after more Harbor Commission discussion and review of facts. Harbor Commission will make a recommendation to City Council, is the Harbor Commission ready to do this? E. Harmon stated not until we have added amenities, and then discuss increasing moorage rates. J. Grant said as long as there are boats on the waiting list, there is a demand. Depoe Bay is strategically located, it's "location, location, location" direct access to the ocean people want to be here.

M. Metz asked P. Murray what the annual income from the port leases were and is City Council reimbursing the harbor for this. P. Murray replied that the annual income was around \$7000 to \$8000 a year and yes, every year there is a transfer of funds from the general fund to the harbor fund.

J. Grant asked the commissioners to take the rate sheets home and review for discussion at the next meeting and be ready to make a motion and vote to raise moorage rates or not. P. Robison suggested that they go back to side-tying. J. Grant stated they would pay the same rate as tied to a dock. P. Shane stated that a lot of people don't know what side-tying means. J. Grant said he would figure out how to move this forward.

Next discussion on raising launch fees: Currently the harbor receives \$5900 a year from the State Marine Board MAP program, plus about \$2000 a year from launch fee donations. N. Achen stated that there should be a charge for carcass disposal and use of the fish cleaning station. P. Murray said she would look into the possibility of having fees/donation for service with the State Marine Board. J. Grant said if envelopes were provided, sticker on vehicle to prove paid. P. Murray stated that the current system has very minimal (administrative) overhead/staff time, changing will increase that significantly. Discussion of \$10 fee or \$5 fee: N. Achen stated that a sign saying "Launch Fee is Strictly Enforced" should be posted. P. Robison asked if they proceeded with this and it didn't work could they go back and retain grant fund. J. Grant is in favor of going to max fee, still retain grant funds. \$5 and 25% of grant funds. M. Metz felt we should ask USCG Auxiliary to keep tally of launchings.

P. Robison suggested a Port District be formed. J. Grant said that would take a vote of the people and likely not pass. We need to find out what the process is and what needs to be done; City Council would need to be affable to the idea. Would we rejoin the Port of Newport? P. Robison suggested forming their own port district.

MOTION: N. Achen moved to recommend to City Council to raise launch fee to \$5 with additional signage and better ways to enforce payments. E. Harmon seconded the motion.

J. Grant stated moved and seconded.

AYES: E. Harmon, J. Grant, N. Achen

ABSTAIN: M. Metz

NAY: P. Robison

Motion passed.

New Business -None

Commissioner Concerns -None

P. Robison stated he did not appreciate statements made by the Chair last meeting about his involvement with the charter boat business. J. Grant stated that people get involved in public process for a lot of personal reasons. Last meeting J. Grant felt very pushed back on every issue, thought maybe DBHC

personal interest was behind it, may not be.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

J. Grant, Chairman

Kathy Vinson, Port Secretary