

Depoe Bay Harbor Commission – Regular Meeting  
Wednesday October 29, 2014 – 7:00 pm  
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: E. Harmon (arrived at 7:03 pm), L. Goddard, J. Grant, P. Robison, R. Smolcic, N. Achen  
STAFF: Port Clerk K. Vinson, Harbormaster P. Shane  
ABSENT: M. Metz  
Chairman J. Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and established a quorum.

### Approval of Minutes – June 25, 2014 Regular Meeting

DISCUSSION: None

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

AYES: E. Harmon, L. Goddard, J. Grant, P. Robison, R. Smolcic  
Minutes approved.

### III. Harbormaster's Report

P. Shane reported that the dredging in the harbor is almost complete and once complete the Army Corps of Engineering will do an inspection. P. Robison stated that the Corps will do a resounding and there usually are a few high spots to fix.

P. Shane also reported that the city crew plumbed a drainage ditch by the fish carcass dumpster that drains into the harbor lift station and it seems to help with the smell. P. Shane also reported that he was winterizing the docks, he is removing finger piers, dock# 2 & 3 have broken collars but he has replacements ready to install.

J. Grant asked P. Shane about the availability of moorage in the harbor. P. Shane stated he has been telling the people calling about moorage that there is none available for category B or C class boats. J. Grant stated this item may be on the next meeting agenda for the Harbor Commission to discuss.

### IV. Unfinished Business

#### A. Discussion on Fuel Rates

J. Grant stated that last meeting there was a lot of good public input regarding fuel rates. He also stated that he felt P. Murray did a good job of presenting accurate numbers showing that the City is not financially breaking even on selling fuel. J. Grant stated he did not want to take any action or make any recommendations at this time. He just wants to have a discussion about possible ways to work with the City on this issue. The consensus was to possibly add a service charge or add a percentage charge for credit card users instead of raising fuel prices. Also discussed were the current methods that people pay for fuel at the fuel dock (cash, check, credit card). P. Robison feels that newer figures from the last year should be crunched to see if the City is losing money on fuel.

### V. Public Comments

Lars Robison, 635 SE Collins, Depoe Bay. As a moorage holder he reported that on dock 2 there is a broken hanger on a pier and one almost sawed into. Cleats that have not been replaced at the end of DBHC 141029  
dock 2. P. Shane stated that the cleats have been replaced on dock 2 and the hangers are in the shop to get fixed. L. Robison asked what the plan was for the port leases. J. Grant stated that port leases are at the City Council level. L. Robison stated he would take it up with City Council. J. Grant stated that it was a valid concern and should be addressed.

L. Robison also suggested that there should be rules regarding taking checks at the fuel dock as a safeguard for the City. L. Robison reported that at South Beach Marina there is a difference in the fuel rates for credit card users and checks.

## VI. New Business

### A. Discussion on Invasive Species Boat Washing Facility

J. Grant stated that the Mayor is interested in getting an invasive species boat washing facility. The Mayor thinks the Oregon State Marine Board may have funds for this project. The City has been told there is a piece of property for sale that fronts Highway 101 and Shell Avenue. No price has been discussed at this time. It was suggested that the wash station should be closer to the boat launch area. Possibly use that piece of property for parking and sacrifice a few parking spaces at the boat launch area for a boat washing facility. It was also pointed out that there is a 10" pressure main sewer line on that piece of property which could present a problem. Some commissioners suggested a spot just off Shell Avenue on the right side just past South Forty Street that would work great as a boat wash area. E. Harmon stated that this was a great idea but where is the money going to come from. Just this past June 2014 (memo attached) the Oregon State Marine Board said that money may not be available for a couple of years to build another boat wash facility. Commissioners would like to know what the SMB's focus is on freshwater invasive species vs saltwater invasive species.

### B. Harbor Master Plan Advisory Committee

J. Grant asked if anybody was interested in participating in this committee. He noted that he had volunteered to be part of it. No other volunteers at this time (copy of project description attached to original of these minutes).

### C. Addendum to New Business-Commercial Boat Moorage

There have been numerous inquiries regarding moorage for the boats coming in to off load at the fish plant. Most that come in will want to stay overnight. Are we going to charge for transient moorage and where are they going to moor. One suggestion was the north side of dock 1, though not ideal because of the surge and the dock is lightweight for a commercial crab boat. A dock at the fish plant would only provide one moorage space and the cost would be considerable to place a dock there. It was also noted that the bar is closed much of the winter due to storms. All commissioners felt that the City needs to be welcoming and try to accommodate the commercial boats that come into the harbor.

## Commissioner Concerns

P. Robison reported that the seawall at the south end of the harbor and the tide gate need to be addressed. The seawall has cracks in it and is washing away and the parking lot is settling, about 2" this year. City Council needs to be made aware of the problem. P. Robison stated that we need to work on the infrastructure of the harbor.

L. Goddard agreed with P. Robison the tide gate issue needs to be addressed. The Army Corps of Engineering needs to be reminded that there is a problem here. They have been sent pictures of the seawall already. L. Goddard also was very interested in the pictures that Brady Weidner provided to the Harbor Commission. One picture of the harbor floor by the fuel dock before dredging and one picture  
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of the exposed pilings on dock 4 showing the need to work on infrastructure for the harbor (copy of pictures attached to original of these minutes). J. Grant stated that we need ACE to come here and look at the seawall and tide gate problems.

N. Achen brought up Rich Newton's letter regarding sport crabbers on dock 1 (copy attached to original of these minutes). The problem is that the crabbers are not maintaining their gear. They leave it unattended for a day or more. They put out so much line there is a real problem with possibly getting a propeller tangled in the line. Also they are moving private property around out of their way. Sometimes they throw pots out in a moorage space while the vessel is out to sea. Commissioners discussed getting

more signage regarding crab gear, possibly confiscating unattended crab gear or not allowing sport crabbing at all. It was decided no action to be taken at this time.

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

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J. Grant, Chairman

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Kathy Vinson, Port Secretary