

Depoe Bay Near-Shore Action Team
Regular Meeting - Thursday, March 23, 2006 – 6:00 pm
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Chair L. Goddard, R. Davilla, M. McGuirk, J. O'Brien, F. Robison, L. Robison,
J. Rose, V. Sovern

ABSENT: B. Fasciano, M. Grover, C. Newell, F.C. Robison, J. Tate, P. Taunton

STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray

Chairman Goddard called the meeting to order and established a quorum.

Approve Minutes: February 9, 2006 Regular Meeting

MOTION: O'Brien moved to approve the February 9, 2006 regular meeting minutes as written.
Davilla seconded the motion.

Goddard said it is moved and seconded and called for discussion. Rose commented he does not recall suggesting being a committee of one to work on communications.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Goddard, Davilla, McGuirk, O'Brien, F. Robson, L. Robison, V. Sovern

ABSTAIN: Rose

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Continue Reports from Working Groups – Socio-Economic Research Group

Goddard noted the receipt of a letter from Lincoln County Counsel advising the city the grant application for a socio-economic study was not successful. It was suggested to submit an application to the Siletz Tribal Grant Program which has a deadline date of May 10th. Sovern volunteered to work with O'Brien and McGuirk to rework the previous application for submission to this grant program.

Jack Brown, Sovern and McGuirk met with Ed, Eco-Source, who is with the group that conducted Port Orford's socio-economic study. He suggested NSAT become a non-profit foundation to take advantage of funding sources which may not currently be available. He advised that the Governor's Natural Resource Office should be in support of NSAT and this should be followed up. The study he'd like to see completed would cost \$25,000 to \$40,000. McGuirk feels there is work that can be done by NSAT members now, such as making contact with fishermen and preparing a mylar grid overlay. Goddard asked Sovern if she would follow-up on the non-profit foundation matter, which she agreed to do. Goddard will investigate funding options through Congresswoman Hooley's office. Jack Brown suggested checking with agencies such as ODFW or OPAC for funding of a template socio-economic study. It was suggested to develop and distribute a donation/information card in an effort to obtain donations from tourists. Discussion included placement locations, returns would indicate level of interest, provide at special events, and preparation. Sovern offered to design a card and bring a proof to the next meeting, maybe print in time for distribution by the boat show and crab feed at the end of April.

Rose said he has not been in contact with Jim Messina regarding printing the map since the last meeting but will follow-up.

NEW BUSINESS

Goddard, O'Brien and Rose have developed a draft letter to send to Governor Kulongoski regarding the establishment of National Marine Sanctuaries. Copies were distributed (copies attached to the original of these minutes) and reviewed. L. Robison left the meeting at 6:50 pm.

MOTION: Davilla moved to accept the draft letter. Rose seconded the motion.

Goddard said it was moved and seconded and called for discussion. Revisions to the letter were discussed at length. It was agreed to write a separate letter, with the Mayor's signature, to invite Governor Kulongoski to visit Depoe Bay during the boat show and crab feed. It was suggested to present the letter in a positive note and utilize bullets for emphasis.

VOTE: Motion failed.

NAYS: Davilla, Goddard, McGuirk, O'Brien, F. Robison, Rose, Sovern

MOTION: Sovern moved to accept the draft letter with changes discussed. Motion died due to lack of a second.

It was agreed to meet again to review a redraft of the letter on Thursday, March 29th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Community Hall due to City Hall being closed for renovations.

Determine Next Meeting Time and Date

I was agreed that NSAT will regularly meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Member and Public Comments

Jack Brown reviewed OPAC's process, noting the upcoming public hearings in May, advising NSAT members they need to be ready to provide their presentation at the hearings. Discussion followed on obtaining public input to NSAT as NSAT's statements are prepared. Local public hearings may be an option although time is short to prepare for OPAC's hearings.

Jack Brown presented his thoughts (overhead projector), suggesting a change in thinking to consider the near-shore as being a part of Depoe Bay, opposed to adjacent to Depoe Bay. Also, the practical experience of local fishermen has great value. He suggests Goddard develop a presentation along those lines for community groups, the Governor, OPAC and others. He noted that at the last OPAC meeting he argued for including "practice" with research data, and he believes it will be utilized as a factor as determinations are made. Brown was thanked for his efforts, involvement and assistance.

Goddard reported that ODFW wants to use Depoe Bay boats for an acoustic fish tagging program they will be conducting later this year. Black rockfish is probably the targeted species.

O'Brien said he'd like to see more boat captains involved in NSAT's work. Discussion followed on how to encourage involvement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


Loren Goddard, Chairman

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