

Depoe Bay Near-Shore Action Team
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 21, 2007 – 6:00 pm
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Chair L. Goddard, R. Davilla, M. Fitzpatrick, J. O'Brien, L. Robison, V. Sovern (arrived 6:07 pm, departed 6:59 pm), G. Snyder (upon appointment),
Advisory Committee members: J. Brown, C. Newell

ABSENT: B. Fasciano, M. Grover

STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray

Chairman Goddard called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:06 pm.

Approve Minutes: May 17, 2007 Regular Meeting and June 13, 2007 Special Meeting

MOTION: Robison moved to approve the minutes as presented. O'Brien seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Davilla, Fitzpatrick, Goddard, O'Brien, Robison

ABSTAIN: Sovern

Goddard revised the order of agenda items to begin with New Business- Interview Applicants for Vacant Position as the first order of business, noting that two applications have been received (Grant Snyder and Jerome Grant). O'Brien reported that Mr. Grant is withdrawing his application. Grant Snyder, owner/operator of Wiggins Towboat Co, 655 Collins St., was present for interview.

MOTION: Sovern moved to appoint Snyder to NSAT. O'Brien seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Davilla, Fitzpatrick, Goddard, O'Brien, Robison, Sovern

Snyder was welcomed and invited to take his seat.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Socio-Economic Study The Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Grant Program is accepting funding applications, the City Council will be considering two projects at the July 2nd regular council meeting, 1) the socio-economic study and 2) construction of finger piers on the public docks. Discussion ensued regarding the unsuccessful application to fund the socio-economic study last year and the harbor infrastructure needs. It was suggested that the state should do the study as part of the process in mandating MPAs, possibly a grad student could do the work. NOAA is working on a study with OSU Marine Resources Program. Newell offered to contact the program director. NSAT could do a sample study for review with local fishermen/business persons to encourage participation in gathering data for a complete study. It was suggested that a subcommittee work on the study. Sovern said she had to leave and asked everyone to review the draft logo letterhead (copy attached to the original of these minutes). She'll work with Grover on a redraft and she offered to participate in a workgroup to develop points to be addressed in the socio-economic study. It was agreed to inform the council that NSAT supports submitting application to Lincoln County for funding of finger pier construction and requests consideration of any available funds the city may have for the study.

Western Groundfish Conference Goddard said he will investigate registration for the conference and said the DVD will be part of the NSAT presentation.

DVD Editing/ Rewrite There are a few minor refinements left to do on the DVD. Newell said she is experienced on conference presentations and offered her assistance.

Letthead/Logo Discussed previously, prior to Sovern's departure.

NEW BUSINESS

Briefing on June 15 Meeting with OCZMA Goddard, Fitzpatrick and O'Brien attended the meeting. Bill Bradbury, member of Oregon Land Board, spoke passionately on the subject of marine protected areas. OPAC's job is to process input on establishment of MPAs. Depoe Bay and Port Orford were well received at the meeting. Goddard referred to the June 14 memo from OCZMA (copy attached to the original of these minutes) regarding funding support for production of a film to counteract "Common Ground – Oregon's Ocean", which some feel gives a slanted view of ocean circumstances. It was noted the "Common Ground" film is generally accepted as a balanced view and is widely distributed. J. Brown will have more information on OCZMA's film proposal after next week's OCZMA meeting.

MOTION: Fitzpatrick moved to create a workgroup to take advantage of those with experience to define points for drafting a letter of support for the OCZMA film. O'Brien seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed

AYES: Davilla, Fitzpatrick, Goddard, O'Brien, Robison, Snyder

Those asked to serve on the workgroup are; Fitzpatrick, Newell, O'Brien, L. Robison, and B. Robison. They will meet on Sunday at 4:30 pm at Dockside Charter office.

Member Comments

Goddard said the Biannual Coastal Conference will be on July 21st, Brewing Solutions to Coastal Issues is the conference lead.

It was agreed to discuss attending the Heceta Head Conference at the next meeting.

J. Brown requested input to take to the OPAC meeting on June 29th. O'Brien will provide Brown with the talking points from Goddard's presentation to OCZMA on June 15th.

O'Brien said when he spoke with Jerome Grant, Mr. Grant withdrew his application in support of Snyder's application.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Loren Goddard, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder