

## **Port of Alsea Special Commission Special Meeting May 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Bishop called the meeting to order at 1:00.

**Commissioners Present:** President Rob Bishop, Vice-President Buster Pankey, Secretary/Treasurer Jan Power, Chuck Pavlik, and Joe Rohleder were present.

**Management and Staff:** Roxie Cuellar, Port Manager

### **Members of the Public and Media:**

### **I. NEW BUSINESS**

Cuellar informed the commissioners that the Port had not been awarded a grant from Travel Oregon for the ADA kayak launch or for rental boats for Dock of the Bay. Cuellar explained that the question for the commissioners was whether they wished to fund the ADA kayak launch from savings on bond measure projects or return to the original idea of a standard kayak launch. She said part of her job as port manager is to make recommendations to the board, but that she had mixed feelings about this decision.

She said on the one hand that the ADA kayak launch was popular with Janine Belleque at the Oregon State Marine Board but that OSMB had no funds to assist with it. She said that it was also a good thing to do for the disabled community. On the other hand, she said, it would cost the Port about \$40,000 – not a small sum.

Power felt the ADA platform could be a draw for kayakers because there are very few on the Oregon Coast. Cuellar mentioned that she had done a Google search and had found only one; that one was in Seaside. There was discussion that putting in the ADA kayak launch would be a good PR move with OSMB as well.

Pavlik mentioned that perhaps the Port could charge kayakers to launch to help pay for it. Cuellar said she had no way to enforce it. With a truck with an empty boat trailer, the Port could assume the boat had been launched and put a slip under the windshield wiper if the launch fee had not been paid. In contrast, lots of people had empty racks on the tops of their vehicles. Pankey suggested we could put a box at the top of the gangway indicating there is a fee to launch and hope that people paid. Power said that \$5.00 to launch is not unreasonable. Cuellar assured the board that she could make that happen. Rohleder moved to fund the ADA kayak launch from savings of the bond funds. Power seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**II. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, Bishop adjourned the meeting at 1:50.

ATTESTED:

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Rob Bishop, President

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Jan Power, Secretary / Treasurer