

PORT OF NEWPORT MINUTES

January 2, 2019

Commission Special Meeting

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Agenda Item

Audio Time

I. CALL TO ORDER.....

0:00

Commission President Stewart Lamerdin called the Regular Commission Meeting of the Port of Newport Board of Commissioners to order at 12:00 pm at the Yaquina Bay Yacht Club, 750 SE Bay Blvd, Newport, Oregon. He reminded those in attendance of the public comment periods and the comment forms available to address a specific agenda item.

Commissioners Present: Walter Chuck (Pos. #1), Secretary/Treasurer; Sara Skamser (Pos. #2), Vice President; Stewart Lamerdin (Pos. #3), President; Jeff Lackey (Pos. #4); and Jim Burke (Pos. #5).

Management and Staff: Teri Dresler, Interim General Manager; Aaron Bretz, Director of Operations; and Karen Hewitt, Administrative Supervisor.

Members of the Public and Media: T. Burchett, ILWU; Y. Fogarty, ILWU; B. Cuder; B. Forsman, ILWU; R. Johnston; K. Johnston; David Olsen; E. Corder, ILWU; Judi Mehrens, ILWU; Mary Botkin, ILWU; Steve Beck; Keith Kaminski, ILWU; Jim Cline, Rogue; John Moody, Pacific Seafood; Josh Hulsey, Pacific Seafood; Wayde Dudley; Barb Dudley; Barrett Tower, ILWU; Mike Storey, F/V Pegasus; Cheryl Harle, Boss FM Radio; Doug Cooper, Hampton Lumber; Jim Seavers, F/V Seeker, F/V Miss Sue; Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative (MTC); Mark Cooper, F/V Perseverance, F/V Predator, F/V Pacific, F/V Leslie Lee; Gil Sylvia, OSU; Bud Shoemake, Port of Toledo; Patti Ferry, Newport Chamber of Commerce; Kaety Jacobson, Lincoln County Commission; Pat Ruddiman, ILWU; Tracy Burchett, ILWU; Rex Capri; Lisa Lackey; Casey Cooper, F/V Pacific, F/V Leslie Lee, F/V Predator; Dean Fleck, Englund Marine; Kurt Cochran, F/V Marathon, F/V New Life, F/V Bay Islander; Kimberlie Cochran, F/V Marathon, F/V New Life, F/V Bay Islander; and David Dahle, Boss Radio 100.7.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

1:08

Mary Botkin spoke about House Bill 2284 and the intent to expand operations at the Terminal.

Judy Mehrens said she is working with Botkin, and spoke more about the bill and its supporters.

David Olsen spoke about Newport as a fishing port and community.

III. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – REPRESENTATIVE DAVID GOMBERG

8:25

Lamerdin introduced Gomberg, who was invited to address the process and procedure related to the proposed House Bill 2284. Gomberg said he had conversation with several people in the room, but he was here to share this information publically. He provided notes, appended to the minutes, which summarized his comments. Gomberg said it was very early in the legislative process, but this proposed bill should come as no surprise. He added the issue in Salem is the investment of

Terry Thompson commented on changes in the fishing industry.

Cheryl Harle asked the Commission to consider hiring Terry Thompson as a General Manager Pro Tem.

Yale Fogarty, longshoreman and lifelong resident, said he had worked with the Port to make the Terminal a multi-use facility and was not anti-fishing. He mentioned the value of shipping dollars to the Port and jobs to the community. The proposed bill was intended to create leadership at the Port.

Kurt Cochran, fisherman, asked the Commission to take its time to come to a decision, and consider that what impacts the fishing industry will impact other businesses.

Rick Beasley asked about pressure on Gomberg from Portland to get trucks off the road and from agriculture for shipping. Lamerdin encouraged Beasley to talk to Bretz and Dresler after the meeting.

Mike Storey, commercial fisherman spoke about the money brought in by fishing at the terminal in response to Fogarty's comments about shipping dollars, and said he had reservations about Salem making decisions for Newport.

Terry Thompson commented that PACWAVE's future use of the Terminal should also be part of the discussion.

David Gomberg encouraged the Commission to focus on moving forward.

Steve Beck suggested the Port build on what it does well and attract more of that business.

Heather Mann commented that there are not enough docks and it was unrealistic to expect the Terminal revenues to pay for the Port. She said she wanted to see shipping that would work together with fishing. She said the bill undermined what has recently happened at the Port.

Rex Capri, commercial fisherman and Newport resident, commented that the Port belongs to the citizens of the district who approved debt to build the Terminal, and the best interests of all of those citizens should be first and foremost.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

1:42:52

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

ATTESTED:

Stewart Lamerdin, President ~~Pro Tem~~

Walter Chuck, Secretary/Treasurer ~~Pro Tem~~