

OREGON INTERNATIONAL PORT OF COOS BAY
Coos Bay, Oregon

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, May 7, 2009

11:30 a.m. in the Port's Commission Chambers
125 Central Ave, Suite 230, Coos Bay OR 97420

ATTENDANCE:

Commission: David Kronsteiner, President attended in person; and Commissioners Caddy McKeown, Vice President, Dan Smith, Secretary, Brady Scott, Treasurer and Jerry Hampel attended by phone conference.

Staff: Jeffrey Bishop, Executive Director; Mike Gaul, Deputy Executive Director; Donna Nichols, Director of Finance and Administration; Mike Stebbins, Port Counsel; Andrea Wall, Executive Assistant. Martin Callery and Aaron Simons were absent.

Media and Guests: None

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and he asked Ms. Nichols to briefly go over the contracts being considered.

She said that this meeting is to obtain approval of the Railroad Funding Agreement – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Project Name: Coos Bay Rail Line Tunnel Repair, Key No. 16560.

Ms. Nichols said that the contract is the standard Blue Back ODOT contract for the \$2.5 million stimulus money for Tunnel Repair. Martin Callery has been working on getting this packet together and Mike Stebbins, Port Counsel has reviewed it.

Mr. Bishop added that the State removed the provision which allowed them to retain 10% of the funds. The “no benefit to company” statement was also removed; it was needed to support private companies. He continued and said there was discussion as to whether FRA standards or Federal Highway Standards would be used and it was decided Federal Highway Standards would be used. Mr. Bishop said that this would require some NEPA work and ODOT’s tribal liaison will do that work for us.

Upon a motion by Commissioner McKeown (second by Commissioner Smith) the Board of Commissioners approved the Railroad Funding Agreement – American Recover and Reinvestment Act of 2009 unanimously.

Discussion: Commissioner McKeown asked Mr. Bishop if this contract would preclude the Port from going after other money. He said no.

Commissioner McKeown asked how soon we can start spending. Ms. Nichols said that we were on the fast track and construction must start by June 18th. She continued and said the Martin Callery has been working with HDR and they have a list of contractors and projects so they can move fast. Mike Gaul added that we would be following the normal public contracting rules.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioners McKeown and Smith both said they would not be in town for the May 21st meeting due to previous engagements.

Commissioners Scott and Hampel thought they would both be available so we would still have a quorum.

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 21, 2009

ADJOURN: The Special Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

By: _____
David Kronsteiner, President

By: _____
Dan Smith, Secretary