

OREGON INTERNATIONAL PORT OF COOS BAY

Coos Bay, Oregon

EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING

3:00 p.m., Monday, December 23, 2019

Port Commission Chambers, 125 Central Avenue, Suite 230, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

ATTENDANCE

Commission:

David Kronsteiner, President; Brianna Hanson, Treasurer; Bob Garcia, Secretary; and James Martin, Commissioner.

Staff:

John Burns, Chief Executive Officer; Lanelle Comstock, Chief Administrative Officer; Brandon Collura, Charleston Harbormaster; and Mike Stebbins, Port Legal Counsel.

Media & Guests:

Nick Edwards, F/V Carter Jon; and Brian McLarrin, Pacific Seafood.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Kronsteiner called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PORT STAFF

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nick Edwards stated there are 15 shrimp boats fishing for Pacific Seafood during the summer. There is also the tuna, salmon, and albacore fleet to consider. Each of these vessels requires a significant amount of ice. Mr. Edwards stated people from Newport and Brookings travel to Charleston to get ice when they run out there. Getting ice from one of these other facilities to Charleston would be challenging, if it is even available in the summer.

Brian McLarrin of Pacific Seafood added that vessels have already been calling to inquire about access to ice. Revenue will be lost, not just from the ice sales but also the product itself. The fishing fleet needs the ability to obtain ice locally or may need to relocate elsewhere.

President Kronsteiner asked when the shrimping and salmon seasons start. Mr. Edwards stated vessels are looking to start fishing around the first of April, for both shrimp and salmon. There are also the bottom fishing vessels that will need ice. Hallmark Fisheries has been able to provide some ice but they have a limited quantity available and will need to supply their own vessels.

4. ACTION ITEMS/REPORTS

A. 2019Res20: Ice Plant Declaration of Emergency

On Friday, December 20, at approximately 7:45 a.m., as Port maintenance staff were making daily rounds of marina facilities, staff thought they saw flames within the Charleston Ice Plant building. Staff immediately followed all emergency response protocol to deenergize the electricity and evacuate

the building and immediate area. The appropriate authorities and emergency response teams were promptly notified and quickly arrived on scene.

Authorities quickly confirmed the Charleston Ice Plant was on fire. At 10 a.m., the Plant was declared a total constructive loss following the direction of local fire departments and the Regional Hazmat division. Under the guidance of local authorities, Port staff determined the best course of action was to let the Charleston Ice Plant fire run its course while first responders remained on standby. The Charleston Ice Plant fire was finally extinguished later in the afternoon.

Port staff immediately contacted the Port's insurance providers to discuss the next steps to provide temporary ice making operations, demolition/debris removal, and restoration/rebuilding. Under the guidance of Special Districts Association of Oregon, the Port's property insurance provider, the Port must immediately start any necessary emergency actions to mitigate loss to the Port and the community's fishing fleet.

Port Procurement Rule Sections 4.6 and 8.3 allows the Port Board of Commissioners, acting in its role as the Local Contract Review Board, to declare the existence of an emergency and authorize entry into emergency public improvement contracts in amounts exceeding \$200,000.00.

Commissioner Hanson asked the extent of damage to the dock. John Burns stated there are sections of the dock that were impacted by the fire, but the extent is not known at this time. The building was a total loss, and due to the damage of the structure beneath the building, it is possible the entire pier will need to be removed.

Commissioner Hanson asked the timeline for repairs. Mr. Burns stated the immediate need is securing the site and bringing resources in to prevent any access to the facility. That is being mobilized at this time. Insurance adjustors will need to inspect the site, which could then take several weeks to obtain approval for demolition. During that time, Port staff will look at any action needed to mitigate any possible additional damage to the environment or neighboring properties. Mr. Burns stated that Port staff have already begun work to identify an interim solution, which will move forward in conjunction with the demolition process and long-term reconstruction. Commissioner Hanson asked the source of funding. Mr. Burns confirmed the building was completely covered by insurance.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Martin (second by Commissioner Garcia), the Board of Commissioners motioned to adopt Resolution 2019Res20 declaring an emergency exists as a result of a fire that completely destroyed the Charleston Marina Ice Plant on December 20, 2019, and to facilitate emergency actions to secure, stabilize and replace the Charleston Marina Ice Plant. This resolution is being adopted in conformance with Oregon Public Contracting Statute ORS 279C dealing with the emergency exception to the competitive bid requirements. **Motion Passed.**

5. **OTHER**

6. **COMMISSION COMMENTS**

7. **NEXT MEETING DATE** – Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 6:30pm.

8. **ADJOURN**

President Kronsteiner adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.