

COOS BAY HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Port Commission Chambers, 125 Central Ave, Suite 230, Coos Bay, Or 97420

1. Call Meeting to Order: Pat Goll called meeting to order at 1300hrs to start with item #3. Hugo Hernandez was voted in as Chair in place of George Wales, who has not been able to attend meetings.
2. Introduction of Attendees: Rick Adamek was unable to attend the meeting along with Pete Billeter. Jesse Wallace, Jill Lazo, Dave Snyder, Noel Jones all attended virtually.
3. Re-evaluation of Board Members: It is under discussion if Pete Billeter would still like to be part of the Board, or if he will be able to attend later meetings. MacKenzie will reach out to Pete to discuss if we will be holding the position for him.
4. Update on Dredging: Ray Dwire spoke on this item. The Unified Dredging Permit has been filed. Terms of agreement have been sent out. Terminal 1 will not partake in dredging for this permit term. If that is to change, they will amend the permit at that time. Rick Lilienthal asked that local fisherman are given a heads up when the dredging will begin and also asked if the dredge can be dumped in a different zone. In previous years, the dredgers dumped the sediment in zone F which turned the seafloor to concrete and broke a lot of pots and new line. Ray said he will let the Corps of Engineers know and will do his best to get a timeline and communicate that with the fisherman.
5. PCIP/North Spit Container Project/GP Prospects: Currently have a company interested in GP property and doing their due diligence, but the Port of Coos Bay cannot speak further on this item, at this time. PCIP project is going well. The last grant for permitting and planning is set up. None of that will be going to the railroad bridge. The Port of Coos Bay insists they are looking at all options for grants for the Railroad Bridge, they just have not found any that are available. Noel Jones mentioned a grant that is available through DOT Maritime Administration that may be worth applying for. Information on this will be sent to MacKenzie to distribute to Ray.
6. CBRC Updates: Doug Eberlein spoke on this item and presented a PowerPoint about upgrades to the boat CBRC bought. Doug worked hard to try to get financing for the boat since it is necessary for CBRC operations but unfortunately did not have any luck. The \$86,000 spent on the boat had to come directly from CBRC operational funds, which is already limited. The only way CBRC makes money is by the agreement per boat, which just went up to \$2,800.

7. **Open Discussion:** Regional HSC Conference is in Newport in July. Pat went last year and found the conference to be beneficial. We will definitely have some board members go again this year, especially since it's closer than last year. Rick Lilienthal asked Ray Dwire when the Port of Coos Bay will be able to put the "cheese grater" on the walkway on dock F. Rick himself, and others have fallen on this dock, especially when the tide is low. It's extremely dangerous and you cannot get safely down during low tide. Rick had a fall on the dock last year that he still has back pain from. Ray says the Port is working on getting money for the upgrades to the dock. On the same note, Todd Krost mentioned that the dock for the Coos Bay Pilots is also in need of repair; N dock of B dock. There are electrical wires hanging in the water and dock pilings in need of repair. Todd has had to make repairs himself to keep the dock operational. Ray says they are looking into grants but says it is very hard to get grants for existing structures. Currently the port has no grant writer, the load is shared between members of the Port of Coos Bay, but they are doing their best to find grants to upgrade and repair the docks. There is currently a grant the Port is waiting on for shipyard improvement which they will know more about in August. Todd also brought up the lights on the North Bend Bridge, left inbound side, being out. It was discussed among the group that this would fall under DOT to fix. Jill Larzo said that since this is a safety concern, Todd could either email her or call command center to discuss the issue. Jesse Wallace also mentioned that if we have an immediate safety concern like this in the future, please feel free to reach out to him directly so we can get the concern taken care of before the next harbor safety committee meeting.

8. **Next Meeting Date, Time, Place:** Next date to be decided upon. Sometime after the Regional HSC Conference.

9. **Adjourn:** Meeting ended at 1345hrs.