

**OREGON INTERNATIONAL PORT OF COOS BAY
CHARLESTON MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
12:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2018
Charleston Marina RV Park, Recreation Room**

ATTENDANCE

Advisory Members: Lou Leberti; Will Smith; Kyle Cox; Margery Whitmer; and Michael Armstrong.

Port Staff: John Buckley, Harbormaster; Cheryl Charitar, Charleston Office Administrator; and Amrha Wimer, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Ed Fleming; Kara Lincoln; Kathleen Hornstuen; Paul Merz; Mike Hague; Otar Overacker; Jim Arbuckle, and Willie Shorb.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Lou Leberti called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Approval of January 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion by Michael Armstrong (Second by Margery Whitmer), the Charleston Advisory Committee Members voted to approve the January 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes. **Motion Passed.**

4. FINANCIAL DATA REVIEW

Harbormaster John Buckley reviewed the financial data for Charleston Operations. Charleston had a rough season due to bottom fisheries being closed early. There was a lot of insurance-based damage that required money of the Charleston account but can't be reclaimed until next year. Also, the dredge season required temporary staff which was an additional cost. The Port does get reimbursed for the temporary staff and the dredge crew wages gets covered by the benefiting port.

5. PROPOSED CHARLESTON MARINA 2018-19 RATE SCHEDULE

Harbormaster John Buckley reviewed the proposed Charleston Marina rate schedule. He stated the only changes being made are items highlighted. Moorage rates (excluding less than 15 ft) are not changing. The cost of ice will increase. This service is a loss for the Port; however, the Port wants

to keep the price down. Long term vessel storage in shipyard, boat travel lift and storage unit rates will increase.

6. NEW ISSUES/PROJECTS

Harbormaster John Buckley stated the Port received a grant from the Oregon State Marine Board to repair the launch ramp docks. It will be a mild fix because it would be around \$600,000 to replace the docks so the Charleston Project Manager came up with a plan to use \$39,000 to repair.

A crow bar was used to get into the shower door at the inner basin and caused damage to several doors. It is in contract to get fixed next month.

The Port received a grant from Special Districts Insurance Services to purchase a crane for the back of a truck to help lift fish carcasses and to purchase emergency escape breathing devices for the ice plant.

DEQ is putting onerous requirements on the wash water for processing plants. The Marina will also be required to chop up fish waste into one-inch pieces to be disposed in the water.

The Fisherman Memorial has been repaired with the exception of adding some paint and post caps.

Password protected WiFi is now available in the RV Park and only for RV Park customers. The rates at the RV Park were increased to cover the cost.

There has not yet been any interest from other Ports or Marinas to utilize the state owned dredge this next dredge season, so the Charleston Marina plans to dredge 10,000 cubic yards, which is the maximum amount the permit will allow through the US Army Corps of Engineers. The focus will be on high spots around the marina and near the fuel dock. The disposal site will be the flow lane.

Mr. Buckley is planning to budget for the replacement of 20 pilings this next fiscal year. He would like to replace 20 pilings each year until all the bad ones have been replaced.

Mr. Buckley is planning to budget for the replacement of 20 pedestals with new stainless steel pedestals. Each cost \$900.

Maintenance staff will move into Building 30 and the current space will return back to storage units except for the very end which will remain a shop.

7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON FACILITIES MAINTENANCE NEEDS

Covered under New Issues and Projects.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Willie Shorb stated there is not a place to work on trolling poles in the Marina. Mr. Buckley stated that G & H dock can be used and there should not be any boats tied up there. Mr. Buckley stated he will look into a better solution.

Kathleen Hornstuen wanted to thank Ken Ware Chevrolet and Jordan Cove for helping pay for the repairs to the Fisherman's Memorial fencing and the Port for their work. Mrs. Hornstuen also stated the Fisherman's Memorial committee is looking for new officers. It meets once a month for about 6-7 months a year to plan for the memorial and the blessing of the fleet.

Kara Lincoln wanted to confirm farmers may pick up fish waste. Mr. Buckley stated farmers are more than welcome to take the fish waste. Mrs. Lincoln stated there is inconsistency between staff and Mr. Buckley. Mr. Buckley stated she should talk to him directly.

Ms. Lincoln wanted to know the process if someone is found on a boat that should not be there. Mr. Buckley stated the Port can make contact with the person on the boat if it is known that they are not supposed to be there. If the person is dangerous, the Sherriff will be contacted to remove the individual. The Port does not know most of the time if an individual is not wanted on a boat. Ms. Lincoln clarified she was referring to individuals that are stealing. She then asked if the cameras worked at the end of the docks. Mr. Buckley stated there are no cameras at the end of the dock but only on the buildings and they are working. Ms. Lincoln asked what the process is for the three boats that were recently broken into. Mr. Buckley stated the cameras are working; however, people are wearing hoodies and covering their faces. He stated if people see anything to please call.

Ms. Lincoln asked if there was any information about the fecal problem in the men's bathroom near Betty's Kay. Mr. Buckley stated it has been an ongoing issue and one guy has been arrested in the past. Security is aware of it but trying to figure out who is doing it. Mr. Buckley asked if anyone sees anything to please report it.

Ms. Lincoln stated the person living on I-24 is not cleaning up after his dog.

Ed Fleming stated he has a concern regarding the aluminum ramps on D, E, F, G, H, & I docks. The non-skid texture is wearing away and making them more slippery. He stated he has fallen along with others and feel there is a design flaw that should be addressed by the manufacturer. Mr. Fleming would like the Port to look into making the ramps safer.

Paul Merz stated the ice needs to be available when needed and not two days out. Mr. Merz would like to see a closer schedule (20 minutes vs 30 minutes slots). Mrs. Charitar stated the Port has tried in the past to lower the time slots, but it created backups and vessels couldn't complete in time. She stated if staff gets ahead of schedule, they call the next boat to come earlier. Mr. Merz would like the Port to consider finding another solution to the ice schedule.

Kathleen Hornstuen said the Oyster Feed will be held on April 28th at Oregon Institute of Marine Biology.

Ms. Lincoln asked if it is legal for dumpster diving. Mr. Buckley stated the Port does not allow dumpster diving or the dumping of trash if the dumper does not have a lease or is not a customer. Mr. Buckley stated it is always helpful to report such activities to the Port.

Mr. Merz wanted permission to dump a couple trash bags every couple months from the Coos River Step Hatchery. He had permission in the past (about 15 years ago) but wanted permission again.

9. COMMITTEE COMMENT

Lou Leberti stated he believes Charleston gets analyzed a lot more than any other department and doesn't believe Charleston has a good representation from the Commissioners. Paul Merz agrees that there is no support from the Port Commission or state government for Charleston.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Charleston Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18, 2018.

11. ADJOURN

Lou Leberti adjourned the meeting at 1:09 p.m.