

MINUTES
Marina Advisory Board
January 24, 2022
Warrenton City Hall – Commission Chambers
250 S Main
Warrenton, OR 97146

Chairperson Pam Ackley called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Marina Advisory Board Members Present: Chairperson Pam Ackley, Lylla Gaebel, Malcolm Cotte, Mike Balensifer

Staff Present: Harbormaster Jane Sweet, Marina Foreman Don Beck, Marina Office Assistant Jessica McDonald

Community Member Present: Jim Fowler

CONSENT CALENDAR

Meeting minutes from 11.15.2021 were presented by staff.

Lylla Gaebel made motion to approve minutes. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Introduced the new Marina Foreman Don Beck

Committee discussed Kevin Dunn's resignation. Pam had a couple people express interest in joining the committee. Lylla suggested outreach to the community to get even more applicant to present to the City Commission and Mike added to that saying maybe we could put out an announcement with the committee's preferences for the applicants. Preference could be given to community members with moorage, commercial experience, etc. Committee asked Jane to come up with criteria and email with them before posting.

Pam shared about her meeting with Major Henry Balensifer. Pam and Major Balensifer discussed the need for a joint work session with the City Commission and the Advisory Board, a walk the docks experience to evaluate the Marinas and what is needed. They also discussed the need for a dock maintenance plan that included a rating system for dock repairs and replacement. Committee agreed that a walk the docks should be a top priority followed by a joint session to prioritize and decide on direction for the marinas. Committee agreed everyone needed to have input before putting money into a profession master plan or continuing to discuss financial priorities, if that time/money may be better spent on the docks. Pam and Major Balensifer discussed an idea to add a fuel dock back to the Hammond Marina and suggested the committee look into the requirements or options as a possibly revenue source. They also discussed Jane and the committee making a plan for camping near Seafarer's Park and to flatten the dredge spoil area for more parking or camping. Henry was also in support of widening Lake Dr in Hammond to allow traffic to flow better. They discussed the idea of a fishing tournament as a possible revenue source. The recreational fishing pier in Hammond may need to be a cement pier instead of the sheet piles discussed in previous meetings because of the costs.

Jane shared an update on the Hammond Marina dredging project, she is waiting for the final soundings. One pile was lost during the dredging, Jane is working on an emergency permit to get

that repaired in the next couple months. If the piling isn't repaired B5 and B6 annual moorage holders may need to move.

Jane gave a quick update that the Warrenton Commercial Pier Design is almost completed with Hod at PBS engineering, and we should have it soon.

Jim Fowler introduced to the Committee; he is the new owner of Sturgeon Paul's which will now be named Big Game. He is advocating for more fishing opportunities on the lower Columbia River to increase tourism revenues in our area and hoping to build a good relationship with the advisory board and marinas.

Jane gave an update on the Oregon Marine Board grant; she must have engineered plans to apply for the grant and a line item in the budget. Looking to the committee for direction for grant application for next round of funding so she can put a line item in the budget now.

Committee discussed direction of where funds should be prioritized in the Hammond Marina, they suggested prioritizing leveling the dredge spoil area, lighting and cameras in parking lot and on docks, and addition restrooms or improving restrooms.

The Marina's Paystations will need to be replaced in the next couple months because the 2G is no longer going to be operating. They are going to be around \$13,000 each and there is 2 in Hammond and 1 in Warrenton.

Mike brought up the dry storage area behind Sturgeon Paul's and what it would take to get that area cleaned up, lots of old boats/vehicles that just need to be removed. Mike discussed rebuilding some of the dock slips as a part of a replacement plan for the aging infrastructure. Don has already started working on budget numbers and making plans to do this for some of the slips, Don and Jane are continuing to get information on the new criteria and working on rebuilding some of the docks. Pam suggested a adopt the dock program for donations to replace/repair docks.

Committee discussed a plan for next meeting. Next meeting moved to a monthly schedule until summer Malcolm suggested that if the walk the docks with commission couldn't happen, that next meeting this committee could walk the docks. Committee discussed that everyone should review both current masterplans for Warrenton and Hammond before the next meeting.

Next meeting set for February 28, 2022 at 2pm at the Warrenton Commission Chambers.

There being no further business for this meeting, Chairperson Pam Ackley adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully prepared and submitted by Jessica McDonald, Marina Office Assistant.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Pam Ackley, Marina Advisory Board Chairperson

Jane Sweet