

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 21, 2021 1:00 p.m. in the NBWA conference room and via Teleconference

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Vice-Chairman John Handler. Director Jim Hickey, and Director David Wilson were present. Chairmen Sims was excused. Director Owen Nicholson was unable to call in.

Also present was Manager Bruce Halverson, and Executive Assistant Keri Scott. Attorney, Scott Barbur, joined the meeting, in person, at 1:07 pm.

MINUTES

Director Hickey made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Wilson and passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Director Wilson made a motion to approve the financial report for the month ending February 28, 2021. The motion was seconded by Director Hickey and passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

MANAGER'S REPORT

Levee Maintenance: The no net rise study results came back on the 12th and it was determined that our project will not affect the Nehalem River. We will move forward and complete the application for the project itself and with any luck, we will get the approvals early to do the first 500' this summer. We are waiting to hear if the no net rise study will be good for the next five years like was discussed at the last meeting we had with the County, the Army Corps, the Port of Nehalem, and Sunset Drainage District. Jack Thayer of Sunset Drainage District, and Dave DeVault of the Port of Nehalem will hand deliver the application with the no net rise study results prepared by West Consultants to Sarah Absner at Tillamook County. Packets are also prepared for the Army Corps, and DSL. The Army Corps will expedite the process once the application has been approved.

Botts Marsh Project: We had an onsite meeting on April 9th with the developer, the engineer, the City of Wheeler, and a representative from Big River regarding the two laterals for the hotel and the fish processing place. They talked like they were going to move along and start soon but Wheeler does not meet about the project until April 22nd. The results of that meeting might halt the project. We are waiting to hear what the results of the meeting was.

New Classification to our Irrigation: We applied to change our irrigation classification to a D from a C. DEQ had to review our request to determine if it would be a slight modification to the permit or if it would be a major change. The difference being a slight modification would be a fee of \$1,350 and a major change could be as high as \$25,000. We got lucky and the dart landed on the \$1,350. The change request has been accepted by DEQ and is now in the 60-90 day public review period.

River Gauge: Nothing new to report as of this moment. Waiting on a reply from USGS.

Budget Meeting: The budget committee meeting is set for May 5th at 7:00 pm. As of now, it will be in person with a virtual option. Depending on the Tillamook County Covid Risk level, the meeting may have to be completely virtual.

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BOARD COMMENTS


Scott Barbur enquired about the sewer system and the general workings of the agency. Scott asked about his role and what the expectations are for an attorney of NBWA.

The Budget Committee meeting is May 5th at 7:00. The next regular Board meeting is May 19th at 1:00 pm. The Budget Hearing is June 17th at 7:00 pm with the regular June meeting following immediately after. All meetings are currently scheduled for in-person with virtual attendance options dependent on the Tillamook County Covid risk levels

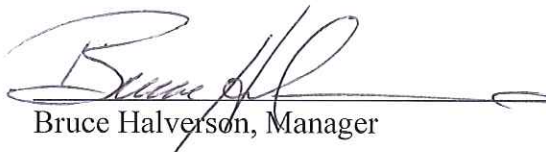
PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public present.

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Handler adjourned the teleconference meeting at 1:33 pm



John Handler, Vice-Chairman



Bruce Halverson, Manager