

**SCAPPOOSE BAY MARINE PARK  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 14, 2023**

The Scappoose Bay Marine Park Advisory Committee held its meeting at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, in person at the Port Office, 100 E Street, Columbia City, Oregon, with the following present:

**Advisory Committee:**

Howard Blumenthal - Secretary  
Jennifer Massey – Vice Chair  
Brandon Glass  
Mark Gunderson  
Brian Fawcett – Commissioner (phone)

**Staff:**

Miriam House  
Susan Tolleshaug  
Elizabeth Millager

**Guest:**

Bob Mathews  
Bill Mansheim  
Mike Jones  
Bud Rivers  
Andrew Bradley

**Call to Order**

The Scappoose Bay Marine Park Advisory Committee meeting called to order at 5:35 pm by Jennifer Massey and visitors introduced themselves.

**Andrew Bradley Bio**

Andrew Bradley, applicant for the Scappoose Bay Marine Park Advisory Committee, introduced himself. He lives in Warren Oregon and has been a tugboat captain for 15 years with Shaver. Community involvement is important to him, and he wants to give back to the present and future of the marina. He has been around water and fishing most of his life and can offer a good perspective and honest opinion.

**Approval of Minutes**

Howard Blumenthal moved, Mark Gunderson seconded a motion to adopt the January 3, 2023, minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

**a) Committee Membership: Andrew Bradly**

Howard Blumenthal moved, Mark Gunderson seconded a motion to accept Andrew Bradley's application for Scappoose Bay Marine Park Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**b) Dredging update**

Miriam House presented a power point.

**c) Marina improvement project**

Miriam House presented a power point.

**d) B-dock fingers**

Miriam reported we are still working on the plan to rebuild the fingers. We might be able to include them in the Marina improvement project.

**e) Boathouse address signs**

Blue tape has been placed on the boat houses at the spot to install. Tenants will be responsible for attaching them to their houseboats.

**New Business**

**a) Safety ladders and life rings**

Miriam House reported that we have installed a new safety ladder on the kayak dock and have ordered four more life rings installed on all the docks. She asked the tenants for their help to see if any other areas might need a new ladder or any other safety equipment. Safety is first

and we will provide whatever is necessary to accomplish this.

**b) Tree trimming**

Elizabeth Millager reported that tree care at the marina is scheduled for March 15-16. Low branches and leaning trees will be removed as a safety precaution. Sandwich board signs have been placed out at the Marina to notify visitors of potential interruptions to boat launch access.

**c) New Staff**

Miriam House reported that Randy Barnes is no longer employed with the Port of Columbia County. Clint Lukich is the new Facilities Maintenance Supervisor and Elizabeth Millager is the new Executive Assistant of Operations. We will also be hiring seasonal summer help for the marina.

**f) Fee increases for boat launch and day parking.**

Miriam House reported that it is time for every other year CPI rate increases. The marina is the top tourism destination in Columbia County, and it is a service to the community. We have done a survey of other marinas and our prices are exceptionally low. It was suggested to have a different price for residents and non-residents. Susan Tolleshaug said that it would be exceedingly difficult to prove if a person was a resident or non-resident, and our system is not set up to separate the fees. The committee was suggesting ways to create more income for improvements. Ideas given were to increase the fees, applying for grants and fund raisers. Brian Fawcett suggested we get a financial report for the total income the fees generate and how much we spend to decide how much more to make up for needed improvements.

**g) E. Advisory committee's comments and concerns**

Three events are scheduled at the marina: April 4<sup>th</sup> Governor's Conference on Tourism evening kayaking event with Next Adventure; April 8<sup>th</sup> St. Helens Little League will use our parking lot for opening day; and April 15<sup>th</sup> Scappoose Boosters Annual Spring Chinook Derby. Miriam reported we are having problems with people fishing in the marina. It is clearly marked as no fishing in the Port's DSL (Department of State Lands) leasehold and people are still fishing off the docks and the beach. The local sheriff's office cannot enforce Port rules without an ORS (Oregon Revised Statutes), so we will look at options that allow us to give citations.

**Public Comment**

Bob Matthews suggested we investigate making it a Sturgeon sanctuary. We will find out more about what that would mean to the marina.

**Commission reporting – April 12, 2023**

Brian Fawcett volunteered to report at the April 12<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

**Adjournment**

Jen Massey moved; Brandon Glass seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

**The next regular meeting is July 11, 2023, at 5:30pm.**

May 2, 2023 meeting was cancelled due to no quorum.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE THE MEETING  
ADJOURNED AT 6:30 pm.**

By   
Signature

  
Date Approved