



Jim Hurst	Doug Albin	Michelle Norvell	Daniel Platt	Richard Shoemaker	Anna Neumann
Chairman	Vice Chairman	Commissioner	Commissioner	Commissioner	Harbormaster

**NOYO HARBOR COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING Minutes  
Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6 PM  
Fort Bragg Town Hall**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Jim Hurst at 6:00 PM

**ROLL CALL:** Present were Jim Hurst, Michelle Norvell (zoom), Richard Shoemaker (zoom), Daniel Platt, Doug Albin was absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dan Platt

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** none

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**MOTION:** Dan Platt moved to accept the items on the Consent Calendar. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard Shoemaker. Approved 3-0-2

Jim Jackson commented that Items 4 & 5 should be removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and receive an individual vote.

**MOTION:** Dan Platt moved that Items 4 & 5 be removed from the Consent Calendar and placed on the Conduct of Business, 987 to be discussed and receive an individual vote. 1<sup>st</sup> by Dan w0bvcx.0

**Platt. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard Shoemaker. Approved 3-0-2**

**Item 4: Resolution 2022-7 Abandonment of Captn Cook (Chen)** – Chen is happy to let the vessel go. He has started paying slip fee. He understands that the Vessel will become property of the Harbor.

A discussion was held on the contractor hired to carry out the destruction of vessels via the Save Grant. It would be best if the Contractor was Bonded, Licensed, and Insured for at least \$1 million with Noyo Harbor listed as additionally insured. It would also be best if that Contractor were hired for the life of the Save Grant.

**MOTION: Dan Platt moved that the Resolution for abandonment of the Captn Cook owned by Chen be approved. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard Shoemaker. Approved 4-0-1**

**Item 5: Resolution 2022-8 Abandonment of Empress (Cook)**

**MOTION: Dan Platt moved that the Resolution for abandonment of the Empress owned by Cook be approved. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard Shoemaker. Approved 4-0-1**

#### **CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Discussion of Icehouse:**

Senator Mike McGuire visited Noyo Harbor after hearing its need for an Icehouse and Fuel Dock. He would like to help the Harbor with ear-mark money. After Noyo Harbor has created a proposal for the Icehouse, Senator McGuire would like another meeting. Senator McGuire would also like to help with the creation of a Fuel Dock, but the project must be shovel ready.

Anna Neumann led a discussion on a possible buyout plan for the acquiring of the Icehouse. The icehouse business is owned by Alan Gibney, run by Scott Hockett, the property is owned by Schnaubelt and rented out at \$2000/month. The icehouse is not expected to make a profit. Anna explained that the Harbor is better equipped to operate the icehouse than a private individual because the Harbor is possibly able to get a 12% discount from PG&E and Water at cost from the City of Fort Bragg, and possible subsidy from either Sen. McGuire or another source.

Scott Hockett was present and was able to add information. The icehouse machinery needs approximately \$100,000 in upgrades. He added that the icehouse is critical to the fleet and without it the fishing industry would die in Fort Bragg Harbor. Richard Shoemaker added that once the fishing industry is gone it won't come back. Michelle Norvell also expressed support for this work.

Scott Hockett explained that the icehouse is not making a profit simply due to sales, and lack of fishing seasons. He added that icehouses in other ports are subsidized. He estimated that it would cost \$70-90 thousand dollars to keep the doors open. He estimated the losses to be \$8,000-10,000 annually. He also added that the icehouse donates to many community and private events.

Anna added that our Maintenance Person Bob is interested in learning the operation. Anna also believes that the Harbor could afford the loss and should buy the Noyo Ice business from Alan Gibney. She also believes we should reach out to the community and other programs for assistance. Anna believes that it is a short-term solution and a way to show Senator McGuire that we are willing to invest our own time and money to make the icehouse work. Anna added that Covid Relief Money could be used for funding and West Business Center would be helping with the plan. Anna is looking to the Harbor Commission for support to move forward since Senator McGuire would like to move towards this by October 2022. Anna has requested \$500,000 from Senator McGuire.

**MOTION: Richard Shoemaker moved to authorize the Harbormaster to work with the CSP Ad Hoc on a grant with Senator McGuire to develop a plan for the operation of the icehouse. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Platt. Approved 4-0-1**

- 2. Discussion on 2022/2023 Budget:** Richard Shoemaker left meeting 7:11 pm  
**MOTION: Dan Platt moved for the approval of the Budget. 2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Norvell. Approved 3-0-2**

- 3. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2002-9 Disbursement of Oil Spill Prevention and Response Grant (\$5,000):**

There is one year to spend the money, with no match. The grant will provide oil absorbent pads, booms and reimburse/replace used items.

**MOTION: Dan Platt moved to approve the Acceptance of Oil Spill Prevention and Response Grant. 2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Norvell. Approved 3-0-2**

- 4. Discussion on Ambulance Parking:**  
Michelle Norvell abstained from discussion because she owns the property on 301 N. Harbor Drive. This is not seen as a traffic problem for the Harbor. No Action Taken.

#### **STAFF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

### **District Office:**

Dixon Marine will begin installation of rub rails and cleats throughout the marina. Mindy Bacon, who works for the Coast Guard, would like to help us put on a safety seminar. She will be available to train on all safety equipment, evacuation, and emergency methods used on vessels. Englund Marine has offered to be present with equipment for sale that may need to be replaced on vessels. Fort Bragg Fire Department will be present to present proper use of fire extinguishers and have replacements available if needed. To draw more attendance, different incentives to offer are being discussed. This event will be held around the opening of crab season.

The Harbor presented the CSP fuel dock needs to the Coastal Commission and received positive feedback. Anna will be working with Sarah and the City of Fort Bragg on applying for the LCP Grant.

The Salmon Ocean Counsel will be random sampling entire salmon loads and would like to see every fish. Fishermen have concerns about needing to unload their entire catch if they are selling of their boats. A meeting is scheduled to discuss the situation and Anna will attend. Anna is ready to help either the Salmon Counsel or Fishermen if needed. The Salmon Counsel presently has a freezer for fish heads stored at the Harbor Office shop.

### **Attorney Report:**

The Charles Smith eviction will be in court this week. Mr. Smith passed away recently. It will proceed forward.

The after the fact tree removal is still pending. A new plan is being made with the planner.

**Matters from the Commissioners:** none

### **ADJOURNEMENT:**

**MOTION:** 7:45 PM Dan Platt moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting of Thursday August 11th at 6PM, 2022. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Norvell.