

**COOS COUNTY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**7:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 30, 2025**

Port of Coos Bay Conference Room, 125 Central Avenue, Suite 230, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Agency Board Members:**

Todd Goergen, At Large (Chair); Elise Hamner, Port Commissioner; Kyle Stevens, Port Commissioner; Jessica Engelke, City of North Bend; Matt Hamilton, City of North Bend; Lucinda DiNovo, City of Coos Bay; Joe Benetti, City of Coos Bay; John Sweet, Coos County; and Drew Farmer, Coos County.

**Guests:**

Lanelle Comstock, Port Staff; Megan Richardson, Port Staff; Matt Friesen, Port Staff; Ray Dwire, Port Staff; and Krystal Karcher, Port Staff.

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Todd Goergen called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

**2. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

**3. CONSENT ITEMS**

**A. Approval of March 27, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and March 31, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes**

Todd Goergen stated that he recalled from the Special meeting that Elaine Howard had said what was anticipated would not require a major plan amendment and stated that the Special meeting minutes should be modified to reflect that.

Upon a motion by Elise Hamner (second by Drew Farmer), the Agency Board Members voted to approve the March 27, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the March 31, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes, as presented. **Motion Passed Unanimously.** (Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Engelke, Farmer, Goergen, Hamilton, Hamner, Stevens, and Sweet. Nays: None.)

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Engineering Study for Transpacific Parkway Renewal**

John Sweet stated the first step towards a major rebuild of the Transpacific Parkway is to initiate an engineering study. This study will look at the causeway and right hand turn lane onto Highway 101,

repairing the riprap on the causeway, and redoing the road from the highway to an endpoint near Southport. Mr. Sweet stated he would like to recommend that the Agency fund the study, and the County Road Department handle it, bringing their recommendation to the Agency as to how to move forward. Todd Goergen asked if Port staff would be directed to put the RFP together. Mr. Sweet stated the County Road Department can do this; they are familiar with the process and with the road.

Joe Benetti asked how much there is in the Agency fund and how much is generated each year. Megan Richardson confirmed it is approximately \$2.8 million in the fund, and about \$437,000 per year.

Mr. Sweet stated the Agency would need to provide guidance on how far to extend the northern boundary of the work. Elise Hamner asked if the study could include an alternative option to the end of the road, as this provides access for recreational users of the North Spit.

Mr. Benetti asked about the timeframe. Ms. Richardson asked for budget planning purposes whether this project would be issued for construction during the upcoming budget year. Mr. Goergen confirmed that is the intent to.

Upon a motion by Kyle Stevens (second by Drew Farmer), the Agency Board Members voted to direct the County to move forward with putting together an RFP for an engineering study to determine what it would cost to restore the North Spit road. **Motion Passed Unanimously.** (Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Engelke, Farmer, Goergen, Hamilton, Hamner, Stevens, and Sweet. Nays: None.)

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**6. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be the Budget Committee meeting in May.

**7. OTHER/ADJOURN**

Chair Todd Goergen adjourned the meeting at 7:49 a.m.