

April 16th, 2026, Minutes
Port of Alsea Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting
365 Port Street, Waldport OR 97394

Date: April 16th, 2026

Location: Port Office, Waldport, Oregon

Called to Order: 2:00pm by Chair Rob Bishop

Attendees:

- Rob Bishop - Board Chair
- Joe Rohleder - Vice Chair
- George Gray - Commissioner
- Dean O'Byrne - Port Manager

Quorum: Established - all commissioners present

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Rob Bishop, A roll call confirmed a quorum. Rob B. called the meeting to order.

Public Comment: No Public was present at he meeting.

Consent Calendar: The minutes from the March 19th, 2025, meeting were read and approved. Rohleder moved to approve the consent calendar. Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed.

1. **Port of Alsea Resolution Numbers 16-04-26**

This resolution elects to apply recreational immunity under ORS 105.682 and ORS 105.668. Rohleder moved to adopt Resolution 16-04-26. Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. **Resolution Number 04162026**

This resolution adopts an official mission statement. The new mission statement reads: "The mission of the Port of Alsea is to promote the business development potential of the port district, assets, and to preserve, protect, and promote the ecological, recreational, and economic resources of the Alsea and Yachats river system and the interests of those who enjoy them." Rohleder moved to approve Resolution 04162026. Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. **Manager's Report**

Pothole Repair

O'Byrne reported on a new asphalt patch product that hardens with water. This product is available by the pallet for \$2,200-\$2,400, including delivery of 36 buckets, which is more than enough for current needs. It has an 11-month shelf life. Equipment rental for application is estimated at \$300-\$400. O'Byrne suggested the project could be completed for under \$3,000, creating a permanent patch. He noted frequent complaints and vehicle damage due to the potholes. Bishop moved to use Aquaphalt for road repairs. Rohleder seconded the motion. The motion passed.

QuickBooks Access

O'Byrne's access to QuickBooks was delayed from April 3rd until April 9th, further hindered by a lack of internet access until April 10th due to a storm. He will need to rebuild financial data from a March 31st backup, making it a impossibility to confidently provide accurate March financials for this meeting. He will present March financials at the next meeting. Bishop has been kept informed of these issues.

Mobile Fish Market

O'Byrne met with a mobile fish market operator from Toledo whom built a 34-foot fish processing trailer, equipped with a flash freezer and vacuum packing capabilities. Service she will provide include fish cleaning and processing, and also sells fish tacos and other items. O'Byrne proposed allowing her to set up at the port for free during the summer, rotating between the Dock of the Bay near the sidewalk area and the red storage area for two weeks each month. This would be a value-added asset for the port, enhancing services for fishermen and crabbers.

High School Incubator Program

O'Byrne met with the high school principal to discuss the coffee van incubator program. Both agreed there is not enough time to launch this year, but it is a good idea for next year. The principal is leaving the district but will pass the idea to her replacement. The schools CTE Marketing program could market the coffee truck, using it as a real-world learning experience.

Commercial Truck Traffic

O'Byrne has stopped large commercial trucks from traveling in front of the office and Salty Dog. This decision came after multiple complaints about large trucks causing congestion and anxiety for drivers, as well as concern that heavy trucks worsen potholes. He contacted several local dispatchers such as (Dahl, Bigfoot, US foods), all of which had no issues with rerouting their drivers.

4. **Action Items: Board Appointments**

Two applications were received for board vacancies. The board discussed appointing both applicants. O'Byrne noted the need for fresh ideas and perspective which these new board members bring to the board. Both appointed individuals would need to run for election in 2027. Bishop stated Mark Orozco has strong experience in grant writing and working with schools. Gray moved to appoint both applicants to the board. Bishop seconded the motion, adding a condition that the board could change its meeting schedule to accommodate their availability. The motion passed.

5. **Board Member SDAO Training**

O'Byrne discussed the requirement for new board members to complete SDAO training within a year. Since the next local SDAO training in Newport is not until February, O'Byrne offered an online Vector program, which the port already subscribes to, and SDAO website videos for board meeting training. All current board members agreed to complete SDAO online training within 60 days. New members will be encouraged to read the handbook and watch SDAO videos.

6. **ADA Raised Platform in Robinson Park**

O'Byrne reported on a request for a raised platform in Robinson Park for wheelchair access to improve views. He noted the existing access has satisfactory sidewalks. The board deemed this a low priority for now, given other pressing projects like the Dock of the Bay roof.

7. **Commissioner Comments**

Joe Rohleder reported that the Governor vetoed the public meeting request bill. He also noted he received a reminder from SDAO to file his conflict of interest form, which he has now completed. He mentioned a previous fine for delayed filing. Rob Bishop had no further comments. George Gray suggested the board continue to attend chamber meetings to increase community engagement. O'Byrne agreed and noted he has attended two breakfasts.

8. **Adjournment**

Bishop adjourned the meeting at 2:58 PM.

ATTESTED TO:



Rob Bishop, Board Chair Date



Joe Rohleder, Vice Chair Date