

# Port of Brownsville

## Newsletter February 2022

### RCO Grant



Starting in the fall of 2020 the Port of Brownsville decided to go after competitive grant funding through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

IPM Williams is currently researching options to install an electronic kiosk for the boat ramp and guest moorage that will be located where the paper envelope station is now. We hope to get this in the works very soon

**New 2022 Tide Books are now available !!**

### Camera Project

IPM Williams has collected 2 bids for placing a cameral system in the main parking lot. 5 vendors were contacted but only two came through with bids. As is the standard for Port protocol, we will try to gather a third bid before making any decisions

### New Revision to 2022 Tariffs

At the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting the commission voted and passed a new tariff. We realize this has resulted in significant increases in the cost of mooring at the Port. Some most frequently asked questions are:

Q: What is the 2.4% Credit Card fee?

A: Starting February 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a 2.4% fee for any debit/credit card transactions. The port has traditionally absorbed these charges but will no longer be able to do that. You can make your payments by check, cash, or direct bank payment without the fee.

Q: Do these increases only effect some of the slips or is it across the marina?

A: This is a marina wide increase. All customers received these increases.

Q: Why didn't we get prior notice?

A: The tariff was not finalized until the meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The office staff had a very short period of time to implement the changes.

Q: Will we see another large increase like this next year?

A: We can not predict the future, however, we do not expect to have to make such a large increase for 2023.

## Clarity of Payment schedule: A very frequently misunderstood policy

All moorage payments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month. Payments are considered delinquent if received after the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please keep in mind that we must receive the payment on the 15<sup>th</sup> or sooner to avoid late fees.

Payments that arrive on the 15<sup>th</sup> that land on a weekend will be processed on the following Monday and be considered on time.

If you use auto-pay through your bank, please realize that just because the bank drafts the check on the 12<sup>th</sup>, it may be several days before it is mailed and received by the Port. Please plan for your bank to process the payment appropriately so we will receive it before late fees apply.

The Port Office continues to be closed to the public. Office personnel will still be working and are available via email or phone. If you need assistance at the office, please use the radio by the door or politely knock on the door. If staff is available, we will come to you. We will limit visitors to invite only, one person at a time.

Fuel hours will remain from Tuesday – Saturday 8:30AM – 4:30PM.

Office staff is available Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

### Commissioners' Meeting:

The regularly scheduled meeting **will be February 16 at 6:00 P.M.**

The meeting will be hosted using Zoom. Meeting ID: 895 9977 8244 PW: 469820

To Access by phone, dial 1-253-215-8782 and follow the instructions to enter the meeting. Please keep your device muted as repeated interruptions may result in your removal from the meeting.