Aleutians East Borough
October 10, 2013
3:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Mack called the October 10, 2013 Assembly meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. by teleconference in each community.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Stanley Mack	Present
Paul Gronholdt	Present
Carol Foster	Present
Marvin Mack	Absent-Excused
Bill Cumberlidge	Present
Ken McHugh	Absent-Excused
Joe Bereskin, Sr.	Absent-Excused
Brenda Wilson	Present

Advisory Members:

Nikki Hoblet, False Pass	Present
Harold Kremer III, Cold Bay	Absent-Excused
Justine Gundersen, Nelson Lagoon	Absent-Excused

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:
- Rick Gifford, Administrator
- Ernie Weiss, Resource Director
- Laura Tanis, Communications Manager
- Roxann Newman, Finance Director
- Anne Bailey, Community Development Coordinator
- Tina Anderson, Clerk
- Sam Cotton, AEB Fisheries Consultant

Adoption of Agenda:
Bill moved to adopt the agenda and second by Carol.

Community Roll Call and Public Comments on Agenda Items:
The communities of Sand Point, King Cove, False Pass and the Anchorage office were present. There were no public comments.

Minutes, September 18, 2013:

Brenda moved to approve the September 18, 2013 Minutes and second by Bill. Hearing no objections the Minutes are approved as presented.

Financial Report, September 2013:

MOTION

Carol moved to adopt the September Financial Report and second by Brenda.

DISCUSSION

The Finance Director said everything is going good. The Administrator added that we are three months into the fiscal year at 25% of budget and everything is tracking along very well. The Finance Director said the audit fieldwork has been completed and she requested a draft be presented to the Assembly in November and final in December.

Paul noted that the hovercraft has only made one trip this month so far due to weather.

ROLL CALL

Paul-yes, Carol-yes, Brenda-yes, Bill-yes. Advisory: Nikki-yes. MOTION PASSED.

Public Hearing Ordinance 14-02, Amending Title 2, Chapter 2.04.040, Compensation of Assembly Members:

MOTION

Brenda moved to adopt Ordinance 14-02 and second by Bill.

DISCUSSION

Paul said in comparing the amount the AEB compensates the Assembly now for internet access and the meeting fee increase, they are about the same and will be easier for staff. Brenda feels it is more of a housekeeping issue, this will simplify things, the finance office will no longer have Assembly member internet bills to pay on different dates.

Mayor Mack opened for Public Hearing. Hearing none Public Hearing closed.

ROLL CALL

Brenda-yes, Carol-yes, Bill-yes, Paul-yes. Advisory: Nikki-yes. MOTION PASSED.

Presentation by Brenda Wilson on the Affordable Healthcare Act (Obamacare) - Learn how the healthcare law affects you:

Brenda Wilson, Outreach and Enrollment Coordinator for Eastern Aleutian Tribe, said the public is having difficulty getting on the healthcare.gov website to get the Alaska Native exemption form filled out. She is helping people get through on the phone and internet to utilize the system. She said people who already have health care coverage will be exempted. She cautioned people to beware of fraud, do not give out personal information to someone who calls you. Personal information should only be given if you call them. If you are over the age of 65 you do not have to access government healthcare since you are

already currently in the healthcare system. Alaska Native and American Indians although access is difficult right now, you will be able to go in and get exempted, not being penalized on taxes when you provide that exemption number the rest of your life. She said young adults, young fishermen, people who have children that don't belong in the tribal system will need coverage and will benefit from it. If you qualify for native coverage, you will need a BIA card. She will have a booth at the Aleut Corporation annual meeting with available computers to fill out the necessary forms. Tribal enrollment forms, Medicare and Medicaid forms will also be available. You will be required to belong to a federally recognized tribe or native corporation to qualify for the exemption. Medicare people are already in system, Medicaid people are encouraged to go into healthcare.gov system to get the lowest premium and may be eligible for free or reduced. Pregnant women, fetus counts as a person and will need to enroll in the system.

She is scheduling community meetings in King Cove and Sand Point after Aleut Corporation Annual meeting in October and can be contacted at (907)497-2311, cell (907)727-5075. At this time, she is the only certified application counselor in AEB to assist with this program.

Brenda said the Indian Health Service Act is protected since compacted so if you have an exemption, you will not be affected in any way.

Alvin asked if people that have health insurance now have to sign something to verify they are covered to avoid a fine. Brenda said there is an employee coverage tool to fill out (in packet). If your insurance does not have to cover certain things that Obamacare requires, you will have to go to healthcare.gov and sign up for those. She added that AEB insurance covers all the points that Obamacare requires. If fully covered, then you need to fill out form stating that.

REPORTS AND UPDATES
Reports are in packet.

NPFMC:
Resource Director, Ernie Weiss, said at the NPFMC trawl by-catch management set forth a new structure that is attached to his report in packet. Also, the observer motion included changing how tenders are included. Plenty of public comments on both sides.

Crab Fisheries:
There is no Tanner crab season this coming year on south side of the Alaska Peninsula. AEB did contribute $50,000 to the ground fish crab survey, which should help.

Alaska Young Fishermen's Summit: AEB is giving two students the opportunity to attend.

Board of Fisheries:

Fisheries Consultant, Sam Cotton, reviewed the Board of Fisheries Board Members adding that he and the Resource Director had some face time with some of the Board Members, educating new Board members on cod issues.

Ernie said all AEB communities agreed on a proposal for a new in-state waters Bering Sea Pacific cod fishery. Some in Bering Sea might consider it a disadvantage, but our fleet feels it might spread the fleet out some.

Hovercraft Operations:
Administrator reviewed September hovercraft operation saying it operated 16 days in September, 13 days of bad weather and other days didn't need to operate, Grant doesn't operate on Sundays. Hauled 163 passengers; 14,282 lbs. of cargo and mail, 11 vehicles or 4-wheelers, one charter and 4,225 gallons of fuel to Dept. of Transportation. Total net revenue for fiscal year so far is $87,346. He added that the hovercraft has been operating over a year since September 1.

Helicopter Contract:
Helicopter service should be a $1M savings and possibly more, moving forward to get approval on co-sponsorship agreement with State of Alaska and city of Akutan. AEB has also been working out details of operation with Maritime Helicopters. The environmental concerns are less with helicopter than with hovercraft. Maritime had to complete forms with FAA, but all is coming together and hope to have contract before the Assembly soon.

Washington D.C. Trip-September 24-27:
The Administrator and Mayor Mack traveled to Washington D.C. with city of King Cove and King Cove Corp. Met with the Alaska Congressional Delegation to follow up on King Cove road project and follow up with the Secretary of Interior in getting a positive decision on the land exchange/road.

They also met with U.S. Dept. of Transportation to discuss possibilities in receiving a subsidy from Essential Air Service for Akutan. Also met with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on several projects. The Corps has yet to file the WRDA Bill for appropriations for funding to the Corps. Hope to get a breakwater and dock funded to run a conventional boat back and forth to make Akutan/Akun link more affordable and more affective. Also talked about the King Cove harbor tidal surge problem that hasn't been fixed yet. Also visited with NOAA and discussed several issues on fish.

Sea lion issue: Mayor Mack said they met with NMFS. A meeting with the representative for our area in Seattle is being scheduled during the Marine Expo to discuss the sea lion activity areas. There is concern about sea lions within 300 meters of boat harbor which can shut down harbor projects.

Resource Permit System Draft: Anne said the Planning Commission/Assembly workshop was successful and beneficial to her and Consultant Susan Harvey. We went through most of the

draft, will meet again on October 15 to finish and get final comments. If you have comments or changes on code, please submit by October 18.

Cold Bay clinic: Anne met on September 23 with the clinic design team. 95% of design is complete. Cost to construct new clinic will be $4.8M so trying to find the funding for that.

Marine Fish Expo: Laura reviewed the November 20-22 Marine Expo plans for the booth and schedules.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS
Bill congratulated the newly elected Assembly members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME
Special Assembly meeting October 14 to certify the Regular Election and next regular meeting November 6th.

ADJOURNMENT
Paul moved to adjourn and second by Bill. Hearing no more the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Stanley Mack
Mayor Date

Clerk 11/6/13
Date