

Aleutians East Borough  
October 19, 2009  
1:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mack called the October 19, 2009 Assembly meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. by teleconference in each community.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Stanley Mack	Present
Paul Gronholdt	Present
Carol Foster	Present
Marvin Mack	Present
Ken McHugh	Present
Paul Schaack	Present
Joe Bereskin, Sr.	Present
Ernie Weiss	Present

Advisory Members:

Tom Hoblet, False Pass	Absent - Excused
Justine Gundersen, Nelson Lagoon	Absent - Excused

A quorum was present.

Others Present:

Sharon Boyette, Administrator  
Tina Anderson, Clerk  
Roxann Newman, Finance Director  
Clark Corbridge, Administrator Assistant  
Laura Tanis, Communications Manager  
Ted Meyer, Community Development Director

Agenda Additions:

Izembek Refuge, Cold Bay access issue, Assembly comments

Approval of agenda:

Joe moved to approve the agenda and second by Carol. There were no objections motion passed.

Community Roll Call and Public Comment on Agenda Items:

City of Sand Point Administrator, Paul Day, said there is only \$2.4M to be divided amongst applicants, which is not much. Sand Point Council directed him to apply for a water & sewer project to new harbor. If AEB decides to also apply for a CDBG grant, it would not be favorable to look at two projects from the same region. He encourages the AEB to support the Sand Point application instead of apply for a project of its own.

The Administrator asked if this would benefit the proposed new seafood facility. Paul Day added that whether a seafood facility went in or not sewer and water is needed in the new harbor.

Certification of the October 6, 2009 Regular Election:

Assembly

Seat C: No one received in excess of 40% of votes cast. A run-off is necessary between Paul Gronholdt and Brenda Wilson

Seat D: Justine Gundersen

School Board

Seat A: Glen Gardner, Jr.

Seat D: Nanette Johnson

Seat F: Demetri Tcheripanoff

MOTION

Ernie moved to approve the October 6, 2009 Regular Election Results and second by Ken.

ROLL CALL

Joe-yes, Ernie-yes, Marvin-yes, Ken-yes, Carol-yes, Paul S.-yes, Paul G.-yes. Passed.

(Ernie is no longer an Assembly member. A quorum is still present.)

Financial Report, September 2009:

The Administrator reviewed saying expenditures and revenues are on task. Page 7 shows new revenue line item, MMS, which is new MMS grant using most of money to pay Northern Economics for EIS project. There is also a \$25,000 for an energy grant project. Page 8 shows \$23,000 grant to Aleutia marketing. Page 13, Cold Bay terminal lease is at 93% of budgeted amount due to FAA mistake having sent us a check for six months lease. The hovercraft is over spent on supplies as a result of the new rubber needed. Insurance cost is also high due to additional costs, which was anticipated.

Marvin received a call for a skiff charter for someone doing core rock sampling. Clark said Twin Peaks is doing some rock sampling, which is a minor expense. Marvin said using a skiff this time of the year is unsafe and hopes the hovercraft is available instead. Since he does receive the calls when vessel charters are needed he would appreciate a heads up on these types of projects. Mayor Mack would like to be made aware also.

ROLL CALL

Paul S.-yes, Paul G.-yes, Carol-yes, Marvin-yes, Joe-yes, Ken-yes. Passed.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 10-04, Community Development Block Grant options:

MOTION

Paul G. moved to approve Resolution 10-04 option to support the Sand Point water and sewer project to the new harbor and Second by Ken.

Marvin felt it would be best to support the Sand Point application. Mayor Mack pointed out by approving this resolution the other option to apply for a CDBG goes away.

ROLL CALL

Joe-yes, Carol-yes, Marvin-yes, Paul G.-yes, Paul S.-yes, Ken-yes. Passed.

RESOLUTION 10-05, Calling for a run-off election November 10, 2009, appointing election judges and a canvass committee:

MOTION:

Joe moved to approve Resolution 10-05 and second by Carol.

ROLL CALL

Marvin-yes, Paul G.-yes, Ken-yes, Joe-yes, Paul S.-yes, Carol-yes. Passed.

Members Absences from meetings:

The Clerk explained that the AEB attorney pointed out that the minutes do not show excused or unexcused for Assembly members. The Clerk explained she has only put absent or present because the code doesn't clarify what is an excuse and what is not an excuse. However, suggested that if a member calls the clerk with a reason why they can not attend then excused. Mayor Mack agreed. Ken asked, in regards to procedure, if a vacancy would require a special election. The Clerk answered that a vacancy is filled by appointment until the next regular election. Ken requested a letter be sent to a member prior to a seat being made vacant.

REPORTS & UPDATES

Akutan Airport:

Joe felt there is a discussion of a bail out in regards to the transportation link to proposed airport. He said the Environmental Assessment (EA) shows the hovercraft providing the transportation link. He hopes that the Administrator and the Mayor look at all alternatives. The Administrator said she has concerns that the hovercraft won't work. Because of the boat harbor we now have another option so should also look at that option. Joe said our operation will be different. He has concerns that if we have to build a dock it will delay the project. He suggested including someone from Akutan when discussing the transportation link. The Administrator said in the agreement AEB has taken responsibility for the marine link. Knowing what we know about the hovercraft, it would be more costly than King Cove and taking into the mix as well is the cost involved with a hovercraft. It is the Borough's responsibility and should look at different options. The Mayor said when it becomes an Assembly decision he hopes to have the best option available for Akutan.

Marvin said he hopes there is a good option that the Assembly can also look at and that the Assembly opinion will be considered, not like the option thrown at us in King Cove.

North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC):

AEB Consultant, Sam Cotten said there are some important subjects coming up at the next NPFMC meeting December 7. A very important issue on agenda for final action is pacific cod sector split. There is opportunity to make adjustments to the sectors. Among sectors are long liners 10-17% allocation and catcher processors up to 20-25% allocation, which do not

contribute much support to local communities for tax revenues or harbors and local economy. A significant portion of the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) can be allocated to catcher processors offshore. He suggested harbor masters collect data on vessels that come into the harbors showing which vessels provide community support. He said different gear groups represented in our communities, trawl and pot, will break down between the two gear types. The large and small vessels can also be split, you can have a sure thing on 20% for small boats or compete with the full 40% with large boats. Trawlers could see if it might be in their best interest to have a vessel size split also. Trawlers are in favor of 1995 to calculate the percentage, however, Council isn't likely to go back to 1995 and freezer long liners are against that option. He hopes to get the local leaders and fishermen involved in this meeting. There are also other issues, but the sector split is the one that will be decided. Marvin asked what the vessel size split for the 20% and 40% option would be. Sam said 60 feet and under. Sam said the CDQ groups have invested or own some catcher processors so they are not anxious to shut that down. He added that there has been a lot of concern about Bering Sea CDQ money coming over and competing with Pacific fishermen, which needs to be addressed. He has spoken to Tom Hoblet, a CDQ community, and hopes he also attends the meeting. Sam said his effort at the meeting will go toward reducing amount going to catcher processor vessels to ensure more to the onshore communities. He stressed the importance of getting participation at this meeting. Marvin said in regards to the CDQ program the AEB supported the program, however, they were suppose to fish in the Bering Sea side and not compete on the Pacific side. Paul G. said the Council has requested a 30 day public hearing. He feels it would be useful for Mayor Mack, the Administrator and Sam to draft resolutions to support our position before December 7. Sam said he had an opportunity to spend time with Senator Begich to discuss onshore/offshore. Senator Begich asked if the AEB has an official position so, a resolution would be helpful. Marvin asked whether the offshore/onshore issue could mean more fish delivered onshore. Sam said if allocated to a catcher processor it won't come ashore, but if allocated to vessels it will be delivered onshore.

Izembek Refuge Wilderness access issue:

Paul G. said there are concerns on interpretation of Pintail road and who has access. USFWS has restricted some roads to access. He feels it is incumbent on Assembly to research and make sure they do not get away with this. He would like to see it in writing on what USFWS is interpreting and feels we should be protecting AEB residents interests. Mayor Mack said they have signs that prohibit access. In the past, they were not prohibited. Izembek Refuge Manager, Nancy Huffman, brought a letter to King Cove that she read, but would not provide copies. The letter stated one road is only accessible by Cold Bay, King Cove and False Pass hunters only. He informed her that Sand Point residents also use that area. Ms. Huffman retrieved all her copies of the letter. The Assembly should take a position and put forth a resolution to get an answer to this dilemma. They said if you are a resident from Cold Bay and transferred a resident from Sand Point you could be arrested. Greg Seikanic in Washington D.C. said it has been resolved, but there is no resolution on this. It is cumbersome having gone into an area and now there are signs saying Sand Point or someone else can not use it. Marvin supports the resolution also. Marvin also added that he personally saw where and how they did the Emperor Geese count. He is completely disappointed at how the pilot conducted the survey. He is appalled that they are more worried about the roads instead of the actions done on the survey. Mayor Mack suggested staying involved adding that decisions should be made in the best interest of all the residents in the area.

**Assembly Retreat:**

The Administrator said Assembly members should have received a questionnaire so please respond to that e-mail. Mayor Mack said the theme is *where have we been, where are we today and where would you like to be*

Carol requested a copy of the results from the last planning session.

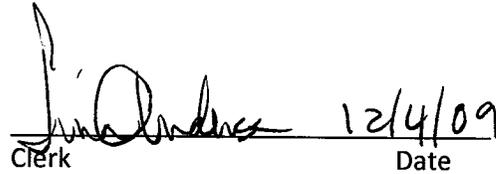
**NEXT MEETING**

- November 23 Special Assembly meeting for certification of the November 10, 2009 run-off election.
- December 4 Assembly meeting by teleconference in each community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Paul G. moved to adjourn and second by Carol. Hearing no objections the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

  
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Mayor Date

  
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Clerk Date