

Aleutians East Borough
October 27, 2011
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mack called the October 27, 2011 Assembly meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the King Cove Borough building.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Stanley Mack	Present
Paul Gronholdt	Present
Carol Foster	Present
Marvin Mack	Present
Bill Cumberlidge	Present
Paul Schaack	Absent-Excused
Joe Bereskin, Sr.	Present
Justine Gundersen	Present

Advisory Members:

Tom Hoblet, False Pass	Present
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A quorum was present.

Others Present:

- Sharon Boyette, Administrator
- Roxann Newman, Finance Director
- Tina Anderson, Clerk
- Ernie Weiss, Resource Director
- Laura Tanis, Communications Manager
- Joe Levesque, AEB Attorney
- Mark Hickey, AEB lobbyist

Adoption of Agenda:

MOTION

Paul G. moved to adopt the agenda with the additions below and second by Marvin.

New Business - False Pass Utilities Contract for Professional Services over \$100,000.
Reports and Updates – Denby Lloyd, Aleutia and Area M Seiners Consultant

There were no objections MOTION PASSED.

Community Roll Call and Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Sand Point, King Cove, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon, Akutan, Anchorage office.

PRESENTATION

Joe Levesque, Social Media for Municipalities:

Joe Levesque provided a presentation on social media at the workshop. He suggested the Borough look to amend the employee handbook to include a social media policy.

Mayor Mack directed the AEB Attorney, Joe Levesque, to provide an amendment to the employee handbook to include a social media policy.

Minutes, August 31, 2011, October 17, 2011:

Carol moved to adopt the August 31, 2011 Minutes with the corrections below and second by Marvin.

Page 4, add italic phrase to sentence, "*if a helicopter option is selected* the plan is to purchase a helicopter".

Page 4, second sentence, replace Then with *AEB*.

Hearing no objections the minutes are APPROVED..

Carol moved to adopt the October 17, 2011 Minutes with correction below and second by Marvin.

Remove Ernie Weiss from Others Present, add *Anne Bailey*.

Hearing no objections the minutes are APPROVED.

Financial Report, August,

Carol moved to approve the August financial Report and second by Paul.

ROLL CALL

Marvin-yes, Joe-yes, Paul G.-yes, Carol-yes, Justine-yes, Bill-yes. Advisory: Tom-yes.

MOTION PASSED.

Financial Report, September:

Marvin moved to adopt the September financial Report and second by Carol.

Paul G. noted that the voters approved the new severance tax and asked when that would go into effect. AEB Attorney, Joe Levesque said the new tax went into effect once it passed. Purpose of the severance tax is to catch and tax any fish caught in our waters even if landed somewhere else. Also, severance tax is on other natural resources -- mining operations and gravel.

ROLL CALL

Paul G.-yes, Justine-yes, Bill-yes, Joe-yes, Marvin-yes, Casrol-yes. Advisory: Tom-yes.

MOTION PASSED.

Investment Report, August, September:

In packet.

Consent Agenda

- Resolution 12-07, supporting a city of Sand Point Denali Commission Transportation Program Waterfront Project grant application entitled: Robert E. Galovin Small Boat Harbor Renovation Project.

MOTION

Paul G. moved to adopt the Consent Agenda and second by Marvin.

ROLL CALL

Carol-yes, Bill-yes, Justine-yes, Paul G.-yes, Marvin-yes, Joe-yes. Advisory: Tom-yes.

MOTION PASSED.

ORDINANCES

Introduction Ordinance 12- 01, Amending the Permanent Fund appropriations:

MOTION

Bill moved to introduce and set for Public Hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.
Second by Marvin.

DISCUSSION

Paul G. requested an example at how it would affect the principle at a higher percentage. AEB Attorney, Joe Levesque said 8% is roughly 3 times the 3% allotted at this time. Paul G. said if Assembly wishes to amend the appropriation to 5% instead of 8%, when would be a good time to do that. Mr. Levesque suggested the first reading so public has time to review the amendment. Carol reiterated her understanding that the maximum amount would be 8% but do not have to go up to that percent. Mr. Levesque commented that if AEB had \$7M above the \$20M then Assembly should have access to more than \$600,000.

ROLL CALL

Marvin-yes, Justine-yes, Joe-yes, Bill-yes, Paul G.-yes, Carol-yes. Advisory: Tom-yes.

MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS

State of Alaska Redistricting:

Paul G. noted that the Assembly discussed Alaska's new redistricting plan and splitting Akutan away from the other AEB communities in the workshop.

MOTION

Paul G. moved to file amicus curiae and provide two witnesses for depositions and testifying at Fairbanks redistricting trial. Second by Marvin.

DISCUSSION

AEB Attorney, Joe Levesque, said a preliminary was submitted to the court with a list of five people from AEB to depose. List includes Joe Bereskin, Stanley Mack, Sharon Boyette,

Sam Cotton and another Assembly member. The list will be reduced down to two people. We will know in a week or two if depositions are to happen and a call for trial.

Carol said, if we go forward, we are agreeing that we don't like where they are putting us. Joe Levesque, for the record, said he heard Ernie Weiss' comment earlier of not wanting to start a war. However, thinks the map is an unconstitutional proclamation that splits the AEB. In 1992, a Supreme Court case ruling said that the division of the Aleutians was a violation. So, our issue is why would State of Alaska do that. The court may say it has to change because of requirements and that is the way it has to be done. However, currently, we have a law that says splitting the AEB up is unconstitutional.

Carol reiterated her understanding that AEB does not want Akutan to be split away from the rest of AEB. Mr. Levesque said yes and will distribute information to the Assembly when more is available. Carol feels Senator Hoffman has not done any harm and she has no problem staying in his district and does not support going with Kodiak senate district.

ROLL CALL

Paul G.-yes, Joe-yes, Justine-yes, Marvin-yes, Bill-yes, Carol-yes. Advisory: Tom-yes. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Akutan/Akun Link:

Mayor Mack said a meeting needs to occur between Akutan and AEB to get on the same page in regards to the marine link. Paul G. said when you and the Administrator meet with Akutan and look at the Akutan Airport Co-sponsorship Agreement, he stressed the importance of time crunches for EA (Environmental Assessment) and for construction of an alternative transportation option so everything is ready when the airport opens.

The Administrator pointed out that if we stay with a hovercraft we don't have any more EA, this is only if we change options. Paul G. said both parties might think a change might be a better option, exploring some possibilities.

Joe pointed out to the Assembly that AEB is under an obligation with the co-sponsorship agreement and that all parties have to agree with any change, not only the AEB. Mayor Mack said that is true and the transportation link is solely AEB responsibility and believes other options can be explored.

AEB Attorney, Joe Levesque said he understands there is a co-sponsorship agreement and all parties have different obligations under that agreement. If any changes occur, all parties have to sign off on that, he believes that would be correct but does not have the agreement in front of him at this time.

Donation Policy Amendment:

MOTION

Paul G. moved to amend the donation policy to include the proposed form (in packet) and only two dates to submit donation requests – November 1 and May 1. Second by Joe.

ROLL CALL

Marvin-yes, Bill-yes, Carol-yes, Paul G.-yes, Joe-yes, Justine-yes. Advisory: Tom-yes.

MOTION PASSED

False Pass Utilities Contract for Professional Services:

MOTION

Bill moved to approve the False Pass Utilities Extension Contract for Professional Services and second by Carol.

DISCUSSION

The Administrator said this is a housekeeping item. We went out for competitive bidding for False Pass utilities extension for electricity for boats harbor floats. URS Alaska, LLC received the contract for design, permitting and bid documents. More money is needed for project but adding more money brings us over the \$100,000 benchmark by \$6,109, which requires Assembly approval.

ROLL CALL

Justine-yes, Joe-yes, Marvin-yes, Paul G.-yes, Carol-yes, Bill-yes. Advisory: Tom-yes.

MOTION PASSED

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Denby Lloyd, Aleutia and Area M Seiners Consultant:

Denby Lloyd said he is retired from State service and has taken a couple contracts, one brought him out to the region to design eligibility for Sand Point and King Cove fishermen who might want to utilize License Limitation Program licenses (LLP) that are becoming available to those who don't have an LLP. So, he is assisting Aleutia to design the criteria for the LLPs. He added that Aleutia held public meetings in Sand Point and King Cove to gather input from fishermen. Package will be sent to NMFS December 1 so LLPs can be on the water next year in January.

Mr. Lloyd said he is also working with Area M fishermen on the Western Alaska Salmon Stock Identification Program (WASSIP), which is the largest genetic stock study for salmon in the world. Program is looking at analytical of users in north and south fleets. All involved is a volatile mix and all trying to work together with ADF&G to come up with a genetic stock identification and what is the composition of mixed stock fisheries. AEB efforts through WASSIP advisory panel are valuable. A lot of issues are technical but one issue is that the genetics haven't proved as valuable or useful in discriminating small stocks. So, cannot do a good job with determining Bristol Bay area which has led to a defection of AYK group. Project might blow up publicly and it could mean that a \$10M study will be put on the shelf. So, AEB and Area M seiners have requested him to represent them on the project. Hopefully the study will be available at the next Area M Board of Fisheries meeting.

Paul G. asked if any of the Southeast District Mainland (SEDM) study is incorporated into the WASSIP. Mr. Lloyd said only the samples collected in the WASSIP years, which are 2005-2007 sockeyes, 2006-2008 chum. So, the new effort to get more SEDM sampling, are not included in WASSIP.

Justine said Nelson Lagoon has had depressed years, and asked if WASSIP has any information on that in the scientific study. Mr. Lloyd said Nelson Lagoon is in the study so he anticipates good information there. Justine asked when the study will be available to review. Mr. Lloyd said final report due next June.

Joe asked who would benefit from LLPs and what communities could qualify for them. Mr. Lloyd answered Western Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod, Community Quata Entity (CQE) communities, so Sand Point and King Cove and possibly one LLP in Cold Bay. Community Development Quota (CDQ) communities do not benefit.

Ernie Weiss Updates:

The Resource Director, Ernie Weiss, said the Pollock Acoustic Survey report has been slightly updated from the e-mailed version from Vidar Wespestad. Next week there will be a Right of First Refusal (ROFR) meeting on crab and hopefully a conclusion soon. Groundfish Plan Team meets November 14-17 during Pacific Marine Expo week.

Paul G. noted the AEB fisheries meeting on December 17th at 10:00 a.m. at the Silver Cloud hotel. He suggested the meeting should be structured with discussion items. Ernie and Laura will work on an agenda.

Donation Request, Challenge Life Program:

MOTION

Paul moved to approve the Challenge Life Program (basketball camp) donation of \$5,000. Second by Marvin.

ROLL CALL

Marvin-yes, Justine-yes, bill-yes, Paul G.-yes, Joe-yes, Carol-yes. Advisory: Tom-yes.

MOTION PASSED

Donation Request, City of King Cove 100th year anniversary celebration:

MOTION

Carol moved to approve a donation of \$1000 to the city of King Cove. Second by Marvin.

ROLL CALL

Paul G.-yes, Marvin-yes, Joe-yes, Bill-yes, Justine-yes, Carol-yes. Advisory: Tom-yes.

MOTION PASSED

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Paul G. requested a thorough report after the Mayor and Administrator meets with Joe Bereskin and attorneys on the Akun/Akutan marine link.

