

Aleutians East Borough  
April 22, 2013  
3:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mack called the April 22, 2013 Assembly meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. at the Cold Bay Community building and by teleconference in other communities.

ROLL CALL

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

Advisory Members:

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

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:

Rick Gifford, Administrator  
Roxann Newman, Financial Director  
Tina Anderson, Clerk  
Ernie Weiss, Resource Director  
Laura Tanis, Communications Manager  
Anne Bailey, Community Development Coordinator

Adoption of Agenda:

MOTION

Brenda moved to adopt the agenda as presented and second by Ken. There were no objections, MOTION PASSED.

PRESENTATION

Veteran's Association-Outreach Program:

Sharon Strutz-Norton, Rural Health Outreach, said they are doing outreach in the communities. 70,000 vets are in Alaska, only 30,000 have signed up for services. They have signed with 26 native corporations and also working with health care entities to service both native and non-native vets for benefits. They are doing outreach to encourage vets to enroll and provide information on what they have to offer and what they can reimburse.

Chad Pomelow, U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs Anchorage Regional Office Manager, said there is a large population of Vietnam Vets in the region. He said the VA benefit requirements are changing allowing vets to qualify for more reimbursement and benefits.

**COMMUNITY ROLL CALL AND PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

Communities present were False Pass, Sand Point and Cold Bay. There were no public comments.

Minutes, March 15, 2013:

**MOTION**

Brenda moved to adopt the March 15, 2013 Minutes and second by Ken. Hearing no objections the minutes are approved.

March Financial Report:

**MOTION**

Brenda moved to adopt the March financial Report and second by Ken.

**ROLL CALL**

Marvin-yes, Brenda-yes, Bill-yes, Paul-yes, Carol-yes, Ken-yes. Advisory: Justine-yes, Harold-yes. **MOTION PASSED.**

Investment Report, March:

In packet.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Resolution 13-21, Honoring U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka for his years of support for the Izembek Refuge Land Exchange and Road.
- Resolution 13-22, Supporting the appointment of Duncan Fields to NPFMC.
- Introduction Ordinance 13-07, authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute a tidelands lease within Alaska Tidelands Survey No. 1161 for construction, operation and maintenance of a dock at False Pass Harbor.

**MOTION**

Paul moved to adopt the consent Agenda and second by Marvin.

**ROLL CALL**

Carol-yes, Paul-yes, Bill-yes, Marvin-yes, Ken-yes, Brenda-yes. Advisory: Harold-yes, Justine-yes. MOTION PASSED.

## ORDINANCES

Introduction, Ordinance 13-06, FY14 Budget:

### MOTION

Brenda moved to approve for Public Hearing at the next Assembly meeting and second by Bill.

### DISCUSSION

Paul said there was a good discussion on budget during workshop. At Public Hearing in May he anticipates having additional discussion and additional information that the Administrator brought up in his monthly report and hopes to make good decisions at that time.

### ROLL CALL

Paul-yes, Marvin-yes, Ken-yes, Brenda-yes, bill-yes, Carol-yes. Advisory: Justine-yes, Harold-yes. MOTION PASSED.

## REPORTS AND UPDATES

In packet.

## ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Harold said there is interest in shipping fresh product out of Cold Bay and it was mentioned that what would really help the process is a breakwater as the AEB is aware the dock has received a lot of damage over the year. City is working diligently along with the Community Development Coordinator to get it repaired. He was told a floating breakwater might be doable for a fast action but ultimately Cold Bay would like a breakwater, however, that might not protect the large vessel that wants to come in. He asked AEB to support the city in putting some sort of breakwater in.

Dawn Lyons, Cold Bay Administrator, said Cold Bay asked for sponsorship a couple years ago and will be addressing again. The request was for a small boat harbor study. Mayor Mack said there were three areas identified in a study. Skunk Hollow, Nurse Lagoon and the other a permanent breakwater off the dock. Skunk Hollow receives too much fresh water, Nurse Lagoon is wildlife habitat with endangered Steller's eiders. A breakwater at the dock would be cost prohibited because of the depth. He is inclined to support something on behalf of the city, however, is not going to tell the city of Cold Bay what they should have and suggested the Council do some research on viable options so something can be done in the future.

Mayor Mack said he has not heard from the entity involved in the fresh crab venture adding that a lot of research needs to be done to make it work. Don't know where the crab is coming from, who is going to process it and how it is going to be shipped. He said Mr. Gary Ferguson did

