

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback called the Aleutians East Borough Assembly meeting to order at the Anchorage office and by teleconference in each community on February 13, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback	Present
Chris Babcock	Present
Carol Foster	Present
Warren Wilson	Present
Josephine Shangin	Present
Paul Gronholdt	Present
Brenda Wilson	Present
Denise Mobeck	Present

**Advisory Members:**

Dailey Schaack, Cold Bay	Present
Samantha McNeley, Nelson Lagoon	Present
Tom Hoblet, False Pass	Present
Justin Mobeck, Student Representative	Present

A quorum was present.

**Staff Present:**

Roxann Newman, Finance Director  
Jacki Brandell, Assistant Finance Director  
Tina Anderson, Clerk  
Anne Bailey, Administrator  
Mary Tesche, Assistant Administrator  
Ernie Weiss, Resource Director  
Charlotte Levy, Assistant Resource Director  
Glennora Dushkin, Administrative Assistant  
Laura Tanis, Communications Director  
Emil Mobeck, Maintenance Director

**Adoption of the Agenda:**

Agenda changes:

Remove from Consent Agenda, Resolution 20-47 and Resolution 20-50.

**MOTION**

CHRIS moved to adopt the agenda with the changes and second by JOSEPHINE.

Hearing no more, the agenda is adopted.

**Conflict of Interests:**

Mayor Osterback asked for any potential **Conflict of Interests** to discuss. There were none.

**Community Roll Call and Public Comments on Agenda Items:**

The communities of Sand Point, King Cove, False Pass, Akutan and the Anchorage office were participating by teleconference. Also broadcast on KSDP radio.

Public Comments: None

Minutes, January 9, 2020 Assembly Meeting Minutes:

**MOTION**

BRENDA moved to approve the January 9, 2020 Minutes. Second by DENISE.

There were no objections.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Financial Report – December:

**MOTION**

WARREN moved to approve the December Financial Report and second by DENISE.

Administrator compared past years total local raw fish tax in the month of December, showing status quo with prior years. December, 2019, \$2.2M; December 2018, \$2.5M; December 2017, \$2.5M; December 2016, \$2.1M. Everything is tracking along well. Possible mid-year budget revision to address medical insurance costs.

Fund 22, reflects half way through the fiscal year, only 34% of the budgeted amount expended. Cost will be less than past years.

PAUL suggested monitoring the monthly raw fish tax due to the concern of declining fisheries.

**ROLL CALL**

YEAS: Warren, Denise, Brenda, Carol, Paul, Josephine, Chris. Advisory: Tom, Samantha, Dailey.

NAY: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

November Investment Report: In packet.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Resolution 20-48, relating to disposal of surplus, obsolete, or unneeded supplies.
- Resolution 20-49, authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with DOWL to provide project management services for deferred maintenance at the King Cove School in an Amount not to exceed \$70,000.
- Resolution 20-52, authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a contract with DOWL to perform a reconnaissance site visit and erosion assessment of the conditions at Delta Creek in an amount not to exceed \$18,000.

**MOTION**

PAUL moved to approve the Consent Agenda and second by DENISE.

The Administrator reviewed the Consent Agenda. Resolution 20-48 is disposal of office machines and equipment no longer needed.

Resolution 20-49 authorize the Mayor to negotiate a contract with DOWL for project management services for deferred maintenance for King Cove School, not to exceed \$70,000. 2018 survey identified architectural, mechanical, electrical, and control work that needs to be done. \$70,000 allows for contingencies.

Resolution 20-52, allows DOWL to do a reconnaissance site visit and erosion assessment at Delta Creek, which has been prone to flooding and may cause road erosion.

**ROLL CALL**

YEAS: Josephine, Denise, Carol, Warren, Brenda, Chris, Paul. Advisory: Dailey, Samantha, Justin, Tom.

NAY: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 20-47, Assembly approving the projects and initiatives identified on the Borough Strategic Plan.

**MOTION**

CHRIS moved to approve Resolution 20-47 and second by BRENDA.

**DISCUSSION**

Paul feels that our staff is able to generate projects and initiatives in-house with similar results.

Mayor Osterback appreciates Professional Growth Systems, to help us think outside the box. Feels it assists us in doing our job better.

CHRIS said Mayor Osterback, as an Assembly Member, wanted to do planning and to have a more transparent AEB. Planning gives a better understanding of the goals and the charts makes it easier to understand how to achieve the goals.

Mayor Osterback said he enjoys the process and feels it keeps staff and Assembly on track.

**ROLL CALL**

YEAS: Chris, Paul, Carol, Josephine, Denise, Warren, Brenda, Advisory: Samantha, Dailey, Tom. Justin.

NAY: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution 20-50, Assembly supporting Western Gulf of Alaska fishermen's request for Fishery Disaster Assistance in the 2020 WGOA Pacific Cod Federal Fishery.

**MOTION**

BRENDA moved to approve Resolution 20-50 and second by WARREN.

**AMENDMENT**

PAUL moved to amend the fourth WHEREAS, to include "and communities", after Western Gulf of Alaska fishermen. Second by DENISE

**ROLL CALL ON AMENDMENT**

YEAS: Carol, Warren, Chris, Paul, Denise, Brenda, Josephine. Advisory: Justin, Samantha, Dailey, Tom.

NAY: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ROLL CALL ON MAIN MOTION**

YEAS: Brenda, Josephine, Chris, Carol, Paul, Warren, Denise,. Advisory: Dailey, Tom Justin, Samantha.

NAY: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution 20-51, authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a contract with Heko Services, Inc. for the Nelson Lagoon Dock Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,110,000 and to appropriate \$300,000 from the Borough's Alaska Municipal League Investment Pool (AMLIP) portfolio to complete the project.

**MOTION**

BRENDA moved to approve Resolution 20-51 and second by CHRIS.

Administrator reviewed saying, Resolution 20-51 authorizes the mayor to negotiate and execute a contract for Nelson Lagoon Dock Project in an amount not to exceed \$1.11M. Nelson Lagoon relies heavily on their dock. Dock constructed in 1995, with additions in 2003. Moffatt and Nichol were hired to do inspections and determined the dock to be in poor condition needing repairs. In 2019 AEB entered into contract with Moffatt for project management, administration and quality control. Moffatt provided drafted bid documents and cost estimate of \$965,000. The project went out to bid December, 2019; pre-bid meeting, January 27, 2020; January 29 opened the bid, only one received from Heko Services for \$1,090,000. Moffatt determined that Heko is a responsible bidder and recommends to accept.

\$1,110,000 allows an amount for contingencies. Work will need to be completed between May 21 and July 31. AEB has \$873,000 available in Fund 20, Nelson Lagoon Dock Repairs line item and will require \$300,000 from AMLIP.

**ROLL CALL**

YEAS: Josephine, Denise, Carol, Warren, Brenda, Chris, Paul. Advisory: Samantha, Justin, Tom, Dailey.

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

## REPORTS AND UPDATES

### **Administrator's Report in packet. Highlights below:**

#### Nelson Lagoon Dock:

Repair contract just approved, and will move forward with that project.

#### Cold Bay Terminal:

The Ravn and Grant subleases were approved by the State of AK on January 23. No move in date determined yet.

#### Legislative Priorities:

State priorities are implementation of a broad-based state tax, which AEB has passed two resolutions supporting an income tax. Legislature is making an effort to put back in both School Bond Debt Reimbursement Program and Harbor Bond Debt Reimbursement Program. Other priorities are King Cove/Cold Bay road, Cold Bay dock funding, False Pass airport, fish advocacy, limited entry permit, Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program, Alaska Marine Highway System, airline service in the region, and removal of an old building in Cold Bay.

Federal priorities are King Cove/Cold Bay road, fisheries items, Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes, Essential Air Service, Akun dock & breakwater, Sand Point and Akutan harbor floats, WRDA bill in regards to False Pass harbor litigation.

Efforts on ferry system comments was effective. May have up to five Aleutian Chain ferries this summer.

Mayor Osterback said on limited entry permit work in Juneau. Talked to numerous legislators, chair of fisheries committee, and lobbyist for Cordova fishermen and United Fishermen of Alaska. May have a Senate and House sponsor for a limited entry bill. It is moving forward, and has been well received.

### **Assistant Administrator Report in packet. Highlights below:**

#### False Pass harbor House:

AEB involved in the design phase. Contractor, LCG and has completed a design that has been distributed to AEB and city of False Pass for comments, due February 7.

#### Sand Point School Grant:

Held a meeting with all involved to coordinate tasks.

#### Cold Bay Clinic:

January 22, we entered into a contract the LCG to provide oversee services for the project. Coordination meeting was held January 29. LCG started to draft building permit documents, which will take around one month to receive.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed by EAT, AEB and the City of Cold Bay, addressing each party responsibilities.

PAUL asked when the project will go out to bid. Tesche said, if DOT permitting goes well, will go out to bid in March, construction contract before the Assembly in April.

PAUL asked to receive a copy of the executed MOU. The Clerk will e-mail the executed MOU to the Assembly.

**Communications Director Report in packet. Highlights below:**

DRAFT Ferry Schedule:

Laura Tanis stressed the importance of entities and individuals to comment on the draft ferry schedule. SWAMC also requested comments be sent to them to submit all comments accumulated. The budget sub-committee voted to put some money back into the AMHS. The clerk will e-mail the link to the Assembly.

Report on Ravn flights to/from Communities:

White Paper will include the number of processor people in and out of region, commercial recreational guide operators, Eastern Aleutian Tribes estimation of missed medical appointments.

False Pass Airport White Paper:

Researching information surrounding False Pass airport. Reviewing the past Environmental Assessment done in 2008, and the False Pass Airport Master Plan, from 2004.

In-the-Loop: Distributed January 24, highlights in packet report.

**Natural Resources Director Report in packet. Highlights below:**

International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC):

IPHC met in Anchorage. Area and poundage comparison chart is in packet report for 2017 through 2020. Area 3B on South Peninsula is the only area poundage increased. Proposal to eliminate the "Closed Area" on northern shores of AEB, from Cape Strogonof to Cape Sarichef. They don't allow directed halibut fishing but trawlers take by-catch from there.

North Pacific Fisheries Management Council:

Ernie Weiss said this is his final year on the Advisory Panel, will be termed out in December. Assembly may want to consider making recommendations to the AP. He has stepped down as chair and nominated Angel Drobniak of APICDA as AP Chair and a unanimous confirmation.

Mayor Osterback submitted a letter recommending keeping sideboards on CGOA Rockfish Program. He and Assembly Member Paul Gronholdt testified on behalf, but was not successful. Final Council action, sideboards and sunset date removed.

Bering Sea/Aleutian Island cod fish will be discussed the rest of the year at NPFMC and possible sideboards will need to be considered.

Alaska Board of Fisheries: January 11 was a meeting in Kodiak. Paying close attention to Board of Fisheries meetings.

Land Resource Issues:

Working on unfinished business on Sandy River and Bear Lake land selection surveys.

State of Alaska Pre-Season Teleconference:

Hosting the South Peninsula Pot P-Cod teleconference meeting February 27 or 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Natural Resources Assistant Director Report in packet. Levy is out of town, Weiss providing highlights:**

Pacific Cod Tagging Study:

Charlotte Levy is working with Alaska Fisheries Science Center. The P-cod tagging study project, due to federal funding and timeline, has been postponed until 2021.

WGOA Trawl Electronic Monitoring (EM) Project:

Workshop in Seattle this week. Since Levy is not able to attend, Beth Stewart with Pacific Fishermen's Coalition will represent the WGOA EM Project.

Kelp Mariculture:

Attended an Alaska Mariculture Workshop in Kodiak, January 21-25.

**Maintenance Director Report. Report not in packet:**

Cold Bay Terminal:

Spent two weeks in January in Cold Bay to finish work, ticket counters, conveyor belt and 40 seats. Everything looks good in the terminal, ready for airlines to move in.

Sand Point School:

Pool fan is working but needs a thorough cleaning. Helping at the Sand Point School with maintenance until the School District fills the vacant maintenance position.

Site Travel:

Planning to schedule trips to Akutan and King Cove. Also, working on summer list of projects.

OSHA Compliance Requirements:

All safety items have arrived and working on compliance plan for facilities.

**MAYOR'S UPDATE**

Mayor Osterback said he talked to Peter Pan Seafoods regarding an article in the newspaper about Peter Pan. Peter Pan said the article was from an unknown source, they have no comment and plan to conduct business as usual.

**ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

PAUL said SWAMC will be a good conference, draft agenda is online.

PAUL said because Peter Pan Seafoods, like other processors, is an important seafood company for our tax base and fishermen, feels it is a good idea to invite Peter Pan to talk to the Assembly, to publicly state what may or may not be happening.

Mayor Osterback said he did talk to Peter Pan and they said, at this time, no comments. Maybe by next Assembly meeting they will want to make comments.

DAILEY supports inviting Peter Pan. Company important to the region.

DAILEY said, in regards to Cold Bay, thanked everyone for all the work on the Cold Bay terminal. She is also excited about the new clinic construction in the works. She hopes they work something out on the old school building. She also said the Cold Bay Administrator, Angela Engelkes, is talking to Dept of Transportation about removing an old building flying apart during windstorms, making it unsafe.

CHRIS suggested having one of our next meetings in Cold Bay. Bailey said she is hoping to do the March meeting in Cold Bay but may not happen since airlines are not moved in yet. Suggests having a meeting there after the airlines are moved in, to do a grand opening.

TOM thanked staff and Assembly for all the support in False Pass.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

City of Sand Point Administrator, Jordan Keeler, asked to be included in any AEB discussions with Ravn. The city has suffered through some terrible service affecting people financially and otherwise.

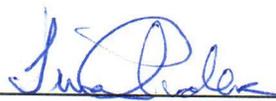
#### NEXT MEETING DATE

March 12, 2020.

#### ADJOURNMENT

DENISE moved to adjourn. Hearing no more the meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Alvin D. Osterback

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Tina Anderson, Clerk

Date: 3/12/20