

Aleutians East Borough
January 10, 2013
4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mack called the January 10, 2013 Assembly meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. by teleconference in each community.

ROLL CALL

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

Advisory Members:

Nikki Hoblet, False Pass	Present
Harold Kremer III	Present
Justine Gundersen	Present

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:

Rick Gifford, Administrator
Roxann Newman, Finance Director
Tina Anderson, Clerk
Ernie Weiss, Resource Director
Laura Tanis, Communications Manager

Adoption of Agenda:

AGENDA ADDITION

Paul moved to add Resolution 13-17, Supporting the Appointment of Larry Edfelt to the Alaska Board of Fisheries and second by Carol. Hearing no objections motion is approved.

MOTION

Ken moved to adopt agenda and second by Bill. Hearing no objections motion passed.

Community Roll Call and Public Comments on Agenda Items:

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

Minutes, December 18, 2012:

MOTION

Brenda moved to approve the December 18, 2012 Minutes and second by Carol. Hearing no objections minutes are approved.

Financial Report, December:

MOTION

Brenda moved to adopt the December Financial Report and second by Bill.

Finance Director said everything is tracking along fine. Under Other, Misc. Expense, there is a \$85,326 expenditure. She explained it is for FY 12 PERS salary caused by changes in the rules made by legislature in 2008. This is the amount AEB is required to pay for this year. She said we never know what it is going to be so difficult to budget. She added that an amendment will be done during the mid-year budget revision.

ROLL CALL

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 13-16, Supporting Comments to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council Regarding Western Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Management Proposals:

MOTION

Paul moved to adopt Resolution 13-16 with changes on last WHEREAS and on THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to add, and Central Gulf. Second by Bill.

DISCUSSION

Paul said there is a desire to work with the Central. The Resource Director reviewed the resolution adding that it is important to show that we are concerned with the Central Gulf as well as the Western Gulf. Kodiak has been meeting and he has been meeting with some of the groups there. Council will take up some proposals so it is appropriate.

ROLL CALL

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

Resolution 13-17, Supporting the appointment of Larry Edfelt to the Alaska Board of Fisheries:

MOTION

Carol moved to accept and second by Bill.

DISCUSSION

Paul said Larry Edfelt was on the Board of Fisheries before and everyone respects the job he did last time. Good for the State of Alaska if the Governor decides to appoint him. Joe said he does not know Edfelt and asked if there are other names submitted. Mayor Mack said a sports fishermen from Cordova but not sure what his name is. Joe feels a fisherman better than a sports fisherman. Mayor Mack added that Edfelt worked for ADF&G and served on the Board of Fisheries for years.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Ordinance 13-04, amending Title 6, Chapter 6.04, Section 6.04.041, Subsection (F), Investments Purpose and Limitations of the Borough Code of Ordinances:

MOTION

Joe moved to adopt Ordinance 13-04 and second by Ken.

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

ROLL CALL

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

AEB Code, Title 3, Section 3.02.100, Assembly Approval of Contracts – Discussion only:

Paul felt that the allowable amount without Assembly approval is high considering the size of AEB. Other municipalities have different dollar limits the Administrator can spend without Assembly approval, Kodiak has a \$25,000 limit and feels that amount could be reasonable.

Mayor Mack said he and the Assembly are scattered come June, July, August. A lot of things happen during that time when we start doing our repairs and maintenance. There are times when we have had to expend \$80,000. If we reduce that, we may stifle projects. He would be inclined to leave it as it is.

Bill does not have a problem with any of it as long as the Assembly has been kept in the loop, informing Assembly of large contracts.

Brenda was concerned that having a limit too low might increase the amount of meetings necessary and does not support a lower limit.

MOTION

Paul moved to introduce an ordinance at the next meeting to lower the contract limit to \$25,000 without Assembly approval (Title 2, Section 3.02.100). Second by Ken.

DISCUSSION

Paul feels our budget is tight this year and tighter in the future and it doesn't take very long to have a teleconference. He supports having a lower limit with good discussion.

Joe and Marvin agree with Mayor Mack and support leaving limit at \$100,000.

ROLL CALL

Paul-yes, Ken-no, Carol-no, Marvin-no, Bill-no, Joe-no, Brenda-no. Advisory: Nikki-no, Harold-no, Justine-no. MOTION FAILED.

Board of Fisheries Attendance:

Mayor Mack suggested sending ten people to Board of Fisheries meeting.

Paul asked the Finance Director how many the budget will allow. The Finance Director said 10 people is fine.

MOTION

Paul moved to authorize sending ten to the Board of Fisheries meeting in February and names to be authorized by the Mayor for approval. Second by Bill.

Mayor Mack said he will distribute attendees amongst communities and gear types and also propose to meet regarding the proposals.

ROLL CALL

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

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Reports are in packet.

Hovercraft Update: The Administrator said the hovercraft was expecting to transport 200 passengers. He said the hovercraft transported 180 just the other day, but because of weather has been limited. Ken said on Sunday we got 120 passengers over to Akutan, on Wednesday 80 passengers adding that it is a question of weather permitting.

NPFMC: February 4 – 11 in Portland, Oregon.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Ken commended the Communications Manager for her efforts on the crisis communications plan. Tanis said she is still in the beginning stages and the plan will address how communications are released.

Paul recommended that the Mayor and Weiss follow the redistricting development. Hopefully we can join other communities and have our own map and be ahead as it develops.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Day, City of Sand Point Administrator, thanked AEB for the small boat harbor construction project funding. City is ready to put the project out to bid next week. Refurbishing small boat harbor design is complete and should have contractor on board around April or May. Will start working on a transfer soon. Project revenues are \$5M from State of Alaska, \$3M city revenue and \$2M from AEB. Legislative priorities for the city are to refurbish the city dock and water/ sewer lines to new boat harbor. There is a potential for another seafood processor in Sand Point and the city is in the process of leasing property to them in the new harbor. Regardless of whether they show up or not it is a step in the right direction. We will also seek more money for paving projects. The revenue we do have for paving will not accomplish what we need done so no paving until 2014. He felt Brechan Enterprises did a good job paving around the school, improving the property. Qagen Tayagungin Tribe is also working towards getting funding to pave the harbor road.

Gary Hennigh, City of King Cove Manager, said King Cove supports the Sand Point rehabilitation project. In that same spirit, may be looking for extra funding for King Cove's hydro project. He pointed out the issue of the swell coming into the new harbor. The Corps of

