

Aleutians East Borough
March 14, 2013
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mack called the March 14, 2013 Assembly meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the 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, Cold Bay	Present
Justine Gundersen, Nelson Lagoon	Present

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:

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

Adoption of Agenda:

MOTION

Paul moved to adopt the agenda with the following change:

New Business, CCI Automated Technologies Contract for Sand Point School Heating System.

Second by Bill. There were no objections, MOTION PASSED.

COMMUNITY ROLL CALL AND PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

All communities were present.

City of King Cove Mayor, Henry Mack, noted his appreciation to Assembly for support of sending participation to Board of Fisheries meeting. He also noted appreciation with the group that attended the Washington D.C. trip on the access project to Cold Bay and thanked Laura Tanis for her work in bringing it up to the media. Without AEB dedication, we wouldn't be this far along. AEB Mayor Mack said the King Cove young people that attended the Washington D.C. trip really stepped up and did a great job also.

Minutes, February 19, 2013:

MOTION

Brenda moved to adopt the February 19, 2013 Minutes and second by Ken. Hearing no objections minutes are approved as presented.

Financial Report, February 2013:

MOTION

Brenda moved to approve the February Financial Report and second by Bill. Hearing no objections the financial report is approved.

Investment Report, February 2013:

Sent to Assembly by e-mail. No comments.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 13-20, Assembly requesting the State of Alaska to extend the lapse date for the FY2009 King Cove Access appropriation and to amend the appropriation to require no local match:

MOTION

Carol moved to adopt with the amendment and second by Brenda.

Amendment to 6th WHEREAS:

...and if it is not approved, the AEB would use grant funds for either/both: 1) partially fund any subsequent and prudent technical research and legal actions in response to this action; and 2) to determine an alternative access and implement it; and

DISCUSSION

The Administrator said AEB received a \$2M grant to build the 11.9 miles of road to NE Corner. The money was to be matched with the \$2M AEB Bond, however, federal stimulus money was used. So, most of that money is still available. The 5-year grant lapses June 30 and Resolution 13-20 is a request to extend the grant for a road extension to Cold Bay if approved or to look at alternatives if that doesn't happen.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Ordinance 13-05, Amending the FY 2013 budget:

MOTION

Brenda moved to adopt Ordinance 13-05 and second by Bill.

DISCUSSION

Paul said we discussed adding \$50,000 expense to the budget for a contract to repair and upgrade the Sand Point School heating system, which is 25% of proposed contract. He asked where it would go on the budget. The Administrator said Fund 41, Maintenance Reserve has about \$287,000 in revenue having only spent \$54,000. He feels there is adequate funding to pay that 25% in Fund 41 and will review with the Finance Director.

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION

Paul said budget incorporates some of the additional expenditures for hovercraft. Feels AEB has to come to terms on how much money is being spent on the hovercraft link in Akutan. He added that, at the workshop, staff assured the Assembly they are working on a solution. Mayor Mack said he hopes to have a real concrete proposal before the Assembly soon.

ROLL CALL

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

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

CCI Automated Technologies for Sand Point School Heating System Contract:

MOTION

Bill moved to accept the CCI Automated Technologies Contract for Sand Point School Heating System and second by Ken.

DISCUSSION

Paul said he had an opportunity to tour the heating system at the Sand Point School with school maintenance, Bob Nyberg, who is doing an excellent job at the school. After tour, he feels all recommended upgrades are necessary and will support.

ROLL CALL

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

AEBSD FY2014 Contribution Request – Discussion item:

Mayor Mack said we received the School Districts FY14 contribution request. This is a discussion item at this time since AEB FY14 budget is yet to be developed.

Paul said AEBSD Superintendent, Tim Stathis, gave a thorough report to the Assembly at the workshop. AEB normal procedure is to put budget forward during the next couple meetings. He added in the Superintendent's report, enrollment concerns in small sites and large sites were also addressed.

The Superintendent asked for an indication or a statement at this time stating that this is the cost of doing business and to acknowledge that you understand the issues on the table about why the School District faces this deficit. He asked the Assembly if they support the idea that the small school sites need to remain open. He said if the schools make count and generates revenue, the School District would give back money to AEB. If no statement, he asked if this is an item that will be on the table as a yea or nay. Mayor Mack said AEB has not seen a complete breakdown of the budget in order to evaluate the contribution to the School District. We will be evaluating our revenue stream and expenditures including contribution to the School District this coming week. Paul said, in the past, the Assembly has always worked with the School District to meet their needs and does not see anything different this year. The Assembly will review the School District needs as well as the other budget items that AEB has. He feels with confidence that the Assembly will support the School District as much as they can.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Reports in packet.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

City of King Cove Administrator, Gary Hennigh, reiterated City of King Cove Mayor Henry Mack's appreciation for support of AEB in the trip to Washington D.C. Next Tuesday is the earliest Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar can make his decision and hopes he makes it before he leaves office in two weeks. He said that the effectiveness of the group in dealing with lots of media was a success due to Laura Tanis, Communications Manager. She made a huge effort to get the group to deal with media people, which helped deliver our message to media. He thanked Mayor Stanley Mack and acknowledged that King Cove would not be where we are if we were not a part of AEB.

