

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback called the Aleutians East Borough Assembly meeting to order by teleconference in each community on July 14, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Advisory Members:

Dailey Schaack, Cold Bay	Present
Samantha McNeley, Nelson Lagoon	Absent
Tom Hoblet, False Pass	Absent

Quorum was present.

Staff Present:

Anne Bailey, Administrator
Talia Jean-Louis, Assistant Administrator
Laura Tanis, Communications Director
Ernie Weiss, Natural Resources Director
Charlotte Levy, Natural Resources Assist. Director
Glennora Dushkin, Administrative Clerk
Jacki Brandell, Acting Finance Director
Beverly Ann Rosete, Borough Clerk

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

PAUL move to amend the Agenda with additions to New Business.

- Trident Seafoods operation in Akutan
- Staff work at home policy - discussion

CHRIS made an amendment to move Resolution 23-02 from Consent Agenda to the Resolution.

Hearing no objections, the Agenda will stand as Amended.

COMMUNITY ROLL CALL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

There were no public comments.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Osterback asked for any potential **Conflict of Interests** to discuss. There were no conflicts on agenda items.

PRESENTATION:

GCI – Jenifer Nelson

The project is on schedule and in progress. The undersea cable has left British Columbia and is in transit on Intrepid, the fiber-laying vessel, scheduled to arrive in Unalaska on July 23rd. The main line cable will be connected to a beach manhole in Unalaska and will work its way back towards Kodiak. Unalaska will come online by the end of this year. The service that this project will provide will be urban level plan. The first community that will become online will be Unalaska, we really wanted Akutan to turn shortly thereafter. We have all the materials for Akutan built in Dutch Harbor ready to go. Permitting with the city is in process and waiting for one final permit for easement for the shore route. The crew was in Sand Point laying out fiber and currently in King Cove right now. They will be back in April to lay out fiber to the home built. Services will be coming online to Sand Point and King Cove in Nov-Dec 2023. Permission from landowner is going to be requested to put the fiber directly to homeowners. This doesn't mean homeowners are required to get the service but will ensure that the house or business will be wired and ready to go when it turns live. Then the work will continue in Chignik Bay and Larsen Bay. We are a subgrantee on an NTIA tribal broadband application with the Native Village of Port Lions and in that application is a proposal to add the communities of Cold Bay and False Pass with the same fiber to home build connecting them to the main line. This is still under review. They were supposed to make the award announcement last December. It is taking a long time with that application really pushing hard to get that across the finish line and have it approved so we can roll in those other communities with this project. With the addition of these communities, every community along that fiber route will be connected.

Mayor Osterback asked if this is going to be wi-fi or an antenna that need to be put up and if we have to sign up to get the fiber optic to homes.

Jenifer said this will be fiber optic to your home and you will have modem to distribute this signal. There will be permission that will be required for GCI to bring the fiber to your house. It doesn't obligate you to get the service.

Mayor Osterback asked how to get the permission?

Jenifer said they will have people on the ground, several ways, like mail out informational packets with permission form, from the website you can sign up, community meetings, people knocking on doors.

PAUL said that some communities between Unalaska and Kodiak have entered into an agreement for GCI to access across property and asked if any of our cities are involved and will be entering into agreements?

Jenifer said in some cases where they need to cross properties owned by the city or village corporations; we need to get those easement approval. In some cases, there has been negotiations with property owner to access those easements. If there is a fee, those are not included in the \$25M. the grant money can only cover certain expenses and easement is not part of it.

PAUL asked if there is a hook up fee that goes with the hook-up of fiber optic.

Jenifer said there is not a fee to have your house wired. We just need your permission.

PAUL asked if this project will be compatible with wi-fi calling.

Jenifer said yes as long as your phone is capable of wi-fi calling since there will be a strong wi-fi signal after this project is completed.

PAUL asked if GCI has a partnership with any other carrier for when travelling in the lower 48.

Jenifer said GCI is partnered with T-Mobile.

BRENDA asked when will the construction in King Cove will be?

Jenifer said King Cove will be operational by end 2023. King Cove and Sand Point will have about the same time frame, end of 2023.

CHRIS asked if there will be an option for video streaming with the programs that GCI has right now?

Jenifer said Yukon tv will be a product GCI will offer.

CAROL asked if GCI would fix the Yukon channel

Jenifer said GCI is doing a lot of efforts into working out the Yukon channel

DAILEY asked when GCI expects to hear about adding False Pass and Cold Bay to the route

Jenifer said they are working on getting application for grants approved and the latest will be Aug/Sept. Approximate timeline is 2024 but could be sooner than that.

MINUTES

May 12, 2022, Assembly Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2022, Assembly Special Meeting Minutes

MOTION

BRENDA moved to accept the May 12, 2022 Assembly Meeting Minutes and May 26, 2022 Assembly Special Meeting Minutes and second by CHRIS.

Hearing no corrections, it will stand as WRITTEN.

FINANCIAL REPORT

April 2022 Financial Report and May 2022 Financial Report

MOTION

BRENDA made a motion to bring both Financial Reports on the floor and second by DENISE.

Administrator Bailey there is nothing major to report. The raw fish tax we are at \$4.6M which is more than what we anticipated back in 2021. Everything is tracking along fine. There are few things in here that are

with Other Revenue which is larger than what we anticipated and that includes payments for Cold Bay Dock repairs that we had paid back from insurance company and things we were anticipated to work on and were expended somewhere else in the budget, so it should balance out in Revenue and Expenditures.

PAUL asked why USFWS Lands is more than what we budgeted

Administrator Bailey said we don't know what the FWS will give us until they give it to us. We used the 5-year average to come up with \$15,000 last May.

PAUL asked why there is a big jump in the Other Revenue Line Item

Administrator Bailey said that includes payment from insurance company for the Cold Bay Dock Repairs and things like that, so we have gotten some money from the insurance company and then we expended it in Miscellaneous account in Expenditures.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Paul, Chris, Denise, Carol, Brenda
Nays: Dailey
None

MOTION CARRIED

INVESTMENT REPORT

APCM April 2022 and May 2022 Investment Report in the packet

PAUL pointed out that the investment is down about \$5M.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 23-01, Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate and Execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the Aleutians East Borough and the City of King Cove Regarding Maintenance of the King Cove Access Road During Fiscal Year 2023

MOTION

PAUL made a motion to approve Resolution 23-01 and second by CAROL

Administrator Bailey said between the FY17 and FY22 the Borough and the City of King Cove agreed that the City will accept responsibility for performing regular maintenance services for the King Cove Access Road. The Borough authorized the City to use a Borough-owned grader and excavator to assist with the maintenance of the Road, permitted the City to also use the grader/excavator to perform maintenance on other roads owned solely by the City and paid the City \$99,000.00 per fiscal year to conduct maintenance of the Road. We would like to continue that in FY2023, to once again accept the duty to perform regular maintenance services for the Road during Fiscal Year 2023

Resolution 23-05, Assembly accepting the financial statements, required supplementary information, supplementary information, and single audit reports for year ended June 30, 2021

Administrator Bailey said that AEB hired BDO to audit the financial statements for FY2021. BDO has completed the audit for FY2021 and, in their opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the

business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information as of June 30, 2021. The audit required a few journal entry adjustments and no restatements. There was one material weakness and two significant deficiencies. We are in the process of correcting them with the Corrective Action Plan which is outlined Memorandum.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Brenda, Chris, Denise, Paul, Carol
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 23-02, Authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the Aleutians East Borough and the City of King Cove regarding the reimbursement of expenses associated with the King Cove Access Project for FY 2023

MOTION

CHRIS made a motion to approve Resolution 23-02 and second by BRENDA

CHRIS made a motion to amend the current resolution to include City of King Cove's request for additional \$25,000 to cover Mark Hickey's Fees as technical consultant, second by BRENDA

PAUL said he doesn't have a problem supporting the original motion but won't support the amendment.

Mayor Osterback commented that when the resolution was written, it covered the Borough's participation along with our lobbyist involvement as far as the King Cove/Cold Bay Road. This \$25,000 is above and beyond what we look at as our responsibility as a Borough.

CAROL asked if where the funds is coming from

Administrator Bailey said it will come out of the Hover Craft sale proceeds that will be contributed to the King Cove Road Project and is already designated in Fund 20.

CAROL said so it is already budgeted and not coming out of our pockets.

Mayor Osterback said it is not budgeted until we pass it. It is a money just sitting there are part of the fund.

DENISE asked how much is in the Hover Craft Budget right now.

Administrator Bailey said \$420,772.09, and said we just paid the FY2022 expenses for last year's commitment which is about \$86,000, so there is about \$ 330,000 left.

ROLL CALL on the amendment

Yeas: Brenda, Chris, Advisory: Dailey

Nay: Denise, Paul, Carol

AMENDMENT FAILS

ROLL CALL - MAIN MOTION

Yeas: Denise, Carol, Chris, Paul, Brenda, Advisory: Dailey

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 23-03, Approving the Aleutians East Borough Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Program Allocations in the amount of \$648,173

MOTION

CAROL made a motion to approve Resolution 23-03 and second by DENISE

Administrator Bailey said in 2021, the U.S. Treasury launched the American Rescue Plan's State and Local Fiscal Recover Funds (SLFRF), which provided the resources needed for state and local governments to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The AEB is allotted to receive \$648,173 in SLFRF funding. In Sept 2021, first funding was received \$324,086.50 and second funding will be in Sept 2022 in the amount of \$324,086.50. Administration reviewed the rules for eligible expenses with four main categories: Replace lost public sector revenue, Respond to the far-reaching public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic, Provide premium pay for essential workers, and Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. After meeting with AML, the following projects meet the SLFRF funding requirements: King Cove School Pipe Corrosion about \$110,000 project cost, King Cove School Water Corrosivity Issue, Sand Point School Pool Repairs about \$250,000 project cost, and Cold Bay Terminal Chairs about \$15,000 project cost. If money remains, the Borough has other maintenance needs that qualify, which will be discussed with the Assembly prior to appropriating the funds.

PAUL asked how many different funds are there for Corona virus

Administrator Bailey said there are two funding sources from the government, **CARES ACT** which the AEB already fully expended and closed out, and the **ARPA Funds** where the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds came from (SLFRF).

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Brenda, Chris, Carol, Paul, Denise, Advisory: Dailey

Nay: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 23-04, Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate and Execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Aleutians East Borough and the Aleutians East Borough School District regarding maintenance of school facilities.

MOTION

DENISE made a motion to approve Resolution 23-04 and second by CAROL

Administrator Bailey said The Aleutians East Borough owns the school facilities, and the School District operates them. Maintenance is required to keep the schools operational and safe. This Memorandum of Understanding provides guidance for the efficient maintenance of school facilities and reduces any potential conflicts which may arise from a division of responsibilities.

In the packet, there is an overview of Borough, School and Joint responsibilities but in essence the Borough is responsible for major maintenance for capital projects costing over \$25,000. Any major repair or replacement, changes or addition to safety systems, and structural changes to facilities to meet regulatory requirements. The School District is responsible for any routine maintenance costing less than \$25,000, such as minor plumbing or window breakage, things of that nature, annual inspections. Joint responsibilities include the conduct of school facilities, completion of AMLJIA facility Self inspection Checklist and Report to the Borough identifying work projects that need to be done. We currently do not have this in writing, and this is part of the Strategic Plan to have this in place.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Denise, Carol, Paul, Brenda, Chris, Advisory: Dailey

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 23-06, Approving the Appointment of the Aleutians East Borough Finance Director

MOTION

CAROL made a motion to approve Resolution 23-06 and second by CHRIS

Administrator Bailey said that the Borough has a Finance Department, the head of which is the Finance Director. The Aleutians East Borough Municipal Code (AEBMC) Section 2.29 outlines the appointment – term and the duties of the Finance Director. Per the code, the Finance Director shall be appointed by the Mayor, and shall serve at the Mayor’s pleasure. Borough Administration advertised the Borough Finance Director position and applications were due June 20, 2022. The Mayor and Administrator conducted an interview with Jacki Brandell, who has been serving as the Borough’s Acting Finance Director since March 2022. Ms. Brandell meets the requirements of the Borough Finance Director position. Administration recommends hiring Ms. Brandell as the Finance Director. Included in the packet is the terms and condition of the employment.

CAROL asked how many applications were received.

Mayor Osterback said only one application was received and it was from Ms. Brandell

CAROL commented that she was taken back with the last paragraph in the job requirements “in lieu of the above.” Did not realize that is in pretty much on all the job applications. And since she is hired today, isn’t it her probation should start on the date of hire?

Mayor Osterback said that Ms. Brandell has been Acting Finance Director longer than 90 days. Anne and I did the interview with her and since now that this position shifted from administrator to working under

the Mayor, I am comfortable with it. Another thing, since this position works under the Mayor, the Mayor can appoint but I felt that is it good to have the consent of the Assembly.

CAROL asked how come it shifted under the Administrator to Mayor? Was this position under the Administrator before?

Mayor Osterback said it is because of conflict in ordinances.

Administrator Bailey said, a couple of years ago, an ordinance was made that we shift who the Finance Director serves under.

Mayor Osterback said that although there was an ordinance that passed, the former Finance Director worked the Administrator, and we have the blessing of the Assembly that we will leave it like that until there is a new Finance Director then make the change.

PAUL said we should have a preliminary discussion from experts to start getting the Assembly and Administration prepare training session perhaps this fall.

Mayor Osterback said we have this discussion in one of our Assembly meetings. The contracted party wanted to waited till they are about 2/3 done before they give it to the Assembly.

Administrator Bailey said we are literally in the very beginning phases with questionnaires. Then we are looking at load the tables and transferring the data, then the pre-live stage which the staff who will be using it will be trained then we should be able to roll out Report at the time. So, it is quite a wait out. When we are there and I do not have a timeline because it is contingent of how long each stage will be.

BRENDA said that most of the jobs and business that she worked with it is traditional to void the 90 probationary period especially when someone is the acting person, and they jump into that job.. And if it is more than 90 days, I don't really recall in my 20 years plus of working with business that they have not waved the probationary period.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Carol, Brenda, Chris, Denise, Paul, Advisory: Dailey

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 23-07, Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with Evolution Pools and Spas Inc. to perform maintenance on the Sand Point Pool in the amount not to exceed \$280,030

MOTION

DENISE made a motion to approve Resolution 23-07 and second by CAROL

Administrator Bailey said that Borough owns the Sand Point Pool and is responsible for major maintenance of the facility. TMI conducted an inspection of the pool and determined that the pool is losing a substantial amount of water daily due to leaks within the facility. And as discussed earlier they are not sure where the water is going. Evolution Pools provided a proposal that listed all the work they will provide. The quote that was in here decrease to \$ 250,024 because we are using the Sand Filter

Filtration System. Administration recommends adding an additional authorization of \$25,000 (~10%) due to inflation. It will be a lumpsum contract with a little over \$250,000.

Mayor Osterback said that he supports this resolution. One of the questions that was raised during the workshop was why we need to do this portion if we are doing to put a new liner in. Whether we put a new liner in now or wait 10-15 years to put the liner, the work with this \$250,000 takes care of the infrastructure of the pool so that must be done one way or the other. We need the pool up and running because this brings kids from other communities. And since we are surrounded by waters it is important that kids learn to swim.

PAUL will support the fixing the plumbing, gutter, the filtration system and putting off the decision on the liner until we know a little more. Maybe going to bid again if we have to change the liner because there are different ways of doing it probably and it still going to cost money. I don't think it will cost as much as it did, but the important part is the education of the kids in the region, and I will support the cap of \$280,000 with the understanding that we are not going to decide on the liner till the next meeting.

Mayor Osterback said that if this passes the liner project itself has a high value that definitely will go to bid. We always do when we talk about large sums of money.

DENISE asked if when are they going to start the work for the gutters if the resolution passed today

Administrator Bailey said end of August. There is a supply chain of issue, so they decided to go with the Sand Filtration system rather than the other one because it is readily available. If we give the approval to them tomorrow, they will go ahead and order stuff.

Mayor Osterback commented that if this passes, we may want to contact them again to have another inspection, make sure there is no more damaged done to the liner before August.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Denise, Paul, Carol, Brenda, Chris,
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 23-08, Authorizing the mayor to Negotiate and execute an Agreement with Robertson Monagle and Eastaugh to provide legal representation for the King Cove Road in an amount not to exceed \$86,125

MOTION

CAROL made a motion to approve Resolution 23-08 and second by DENISE

Administrator Bailey said that RME is requesting authority and funding to provide legal representation for the King Cove Road in an amount not to exceed \$86,125. The request letter was in the packet. This will be a contractual compliance and funding relationship for this work will be between the Borough and RME and the legal and technical tasks conducted will represent the King Cove – Cold Bay Group, which consists of the Aleutians East Borough, KCC, Agdaagux Tribe, Native Village of Belkofski, City of King Cove and City of Cold Bay. There are three scenarios they are foreseeing listed in the packet. In April 2022, Secretary Haaland concluded a trip to King Cove but has not announced her position in the Land Exchange. If the

Secretary announces her full public support, it might eliminate the need for numbers two and three if scenarios. The scope of work and cost estimate was listed in the packet. The cost for these services is \$86,125. The Borough would enter into a not to exceed agreement; therefore, the Borough will not pay for services that are not rendered by RME.

PAUL commented that the current administration has not formally made a commitment on the King Cove Road however we have two house representatives coming along, perhaps the senate may or may not be changed. I think it may or may not appropriate for the administration to organize a small delegation after November sometime to talk to people we need to talk to and reinforce because we have to give some education to new people involve and King Cove is an important part of that and work with them.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Chris, Paul, Carol, Denise, Brenda,
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Strategic Plan – Quarter 1 Update

Administrator Bailey said the Strategic Plan Update Q1 is in the packet. This is from March 1, 2022, to May 2022. There is a chart showing all the bubbles that are filled in and quite a bit has been completed in the first quarter. This is a living document so thing can move around, and I wanted to commend all the staff for all the hard work for getting these priorities completed.

- Trident - Akutan

PAUL said Trident is looking for some changes however the tax revenue from Akutan is probably 50% of the Borough's income. A month ago, when I was in Sitka, I talked to a Trident representative making it clear I was talking on behalf of myself on what options Trident was considering. I don't think they completely made up their minds about I think it is important to keep the line of communication. They've been a good partner with us, and we should be ahead of the curve and communicating with them and continue to do a successful relationship.

Administrator Bailey said the Borough has met with Trident to discuss what is occurring or might occur in Akutan. They still don't have a decision at this point. They will have an update at the August meeting but right now they are still in the process of doing a feasibility study and they don't have any commitment either they are staying or going. Aug 18th we should be able to have an update to you I am hoping that somebody will be in Sand Point or here in Anchorage office to have a verbal presentation but if not, we will have something in writing.

Mayor Osterback commented that he and Anne met with Joe with Trident and their staff last Thursday trying to keep the lines of communication open as you said but they are not saying too much yet. We informed them that we are going to have a meeting in Sand Point, and they thought it would be a good time to inform the Assembly as far as wherever they are at because they want the working relationship

of Assembly, Borough and City of Akutan. They bought property at Captain's Bay will be building a big dock, but they said no matter what they do they have to build a dock there. We are still hoping that everything gets worked out and they stay with us because it is going to be a big change.

- Anchorage staff working from home vs office

PAUL said that the Borough sort of has a work at home policy, I thought it was important to the Assembly to talk about it. I always think that working in the office if possible is better for the Borough and better for the employees and has been asked from time to time about people are working in the office yet

CAROL commented that she's been asked too by some people if the Borough is open for business or not.

Mayor Osterback said that is something he and Anne can talk about. I know she got plans on so many days in a week that it's mandatory days in a week where staff must be in the office for face-to-face meetings. We've been talking about it for quite a while, but this pandemic is going up and down.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Administrator's Report in packet. Highlights below:

Cold Bay Dock

The Aleutians East Borough has contracted Moffatt & Nichol for the Cold Bay Dock Feasibility Study. Administration met with M&N on Friday, July 8, 2022 to initiate the project. We are planning a trip out to Cold Bay to inspect the dock and the surrounding areas and try to figure out the location.

Cold Bay Clinic

On June 2, 2022, Administration submitted the HRSA grant for the \$2,000,000 in Congressionally delegated funds for the Cold Bay Health Clinic Renovation project. This project will entail the replacement of the generator and boiler, the installation of DIRRT walls and other items. Per HRSA, awards will be made in mid-August 2022. These funds can only be used for the Cold Bay Clinic for renovations

King Cove Road Update

On April 20, 2022, Secretary Haaland had a very successful trip to King Cove to discuss the Land Exchange Agreement. Since then, the Secretary has made no announcement of her opinion. However, the Biden/Haaland administration and the Department of Justice continues to defend the status of the Land Exchange Agreement before the 9th Circuit of Appeals.

9th Circuit Appeal.

This is still on going. The NANA Regional Corporation is filing a brief supporting our position which is new.

Special Use Permit

As reported previously the State DOT/PF filed an administrative appeal on October 14, 2021 before the US Fish and Wildlife Service. No response has been received to this appeal. The State did not ask for or need any member of the King Cove Group to cosign the appeal letter. The State Attorneys drafted the appeal document to be comprehensive and covering a wide range of issues. The State filed the appeal because it was dissatisfied with the permit negotiations with the USFWS. The State is now considering appropriate next steps.

Sand Point Harbor Floats

We did get the grant for the Municipal Harbor Grant for the Sand Point Harbor. We are anticipating of getting \$4.125M from the State which is a 50/50 match. We are still waiting for the award itself but it was officially announced. We also still have that Federal Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant out

there. If we get that funding which should be out between Sept-Nov timeframe, the money can be use as the match.

Financial Software

There are four phases to this, the Preparation phase which we are in currently in. It involves questionnaires and answering any questions they have. The set-up phase with the loading tables then the pre-live phase where a lot of training will happen and finally the live phase.

Other Items

- The Borough entered into a 3-year agreement with AMLJIA for insurance coverage. The coverage is good and meets the Borough's needs, but unfortunately, the cost came in higher than anticipated. Administration will include this cost increase in an FY23 budget amendment. The Borough will also be obtaining separate Cyber Liability coverage.
- On June 13, 2022, the Borough entered into a lease amendment with Southwest Governments for the Anchorage office leased space. In turn, the Borough has entered into Sublease agreements with the Cities of Akutan, King Cove and Sand Point.
- Travel: We are planning on having the August 18, 2022 meeting in Sand Point and the September 8, 2022 meeting in King Cove.
- I have also been continuously conducting day to day operations.

Assistant Administrator Report in packet. Highlights below:

DEED/ CIP Application

David Landis is the SERCC Facilities Specialists and AEB's point of contact for the CIP application. June 28th the Governor released his proposed cuts with only the first 10 projects on the priority list funded, with AEB Sand Point School Major Maintenance at #16 and the pool at #38. This means the Sand Point School major maintenance project will need to be repackaged and sent in with a full CIP application prior to September 1, 2022. This is now necessary because last year, FY23, we sent a re-use of scores for both Sand Point projects.

Major Maintenance

Christopher Giron is the Maintenance Management Specialist with SERRC. I have gone to the training learning how to use the CMMS program Maintenance Connection and MC Express which is a platform the AEBSD uses to track workorders for the Boroughs buildings and assets. This is going to help push our CIP application making sure to track work orders, mark it as completed and the time it was used most specifically for Sand Point School major maintenance CIP application.

Bridge Maintenance

In September, we will have State of Alaska inspector coming to look at the bridges. There is still work that need to be done from the previous inspection 2 years ago, whether or not that will be completed is still in the air but hoping to get that done before the next inspection.

Generator Maintenance

The Akutan Generator has been having ongoing mechanical problems. February 7th, A technician from Tacoma Diesel did travel and work on the generator, however the issues have not resolved. This upcoming August, Tacoma Diesel will be returning to Akutan to hopefully fix the issue.

Communications Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

New website - design

Our old website was taken down on May 31st and replaced with a new design on the same day, so it was a seamless process. Photos has been added to communities, pages as well as natural resources projects. Attended a training session with Beverly mid-June with Planetaria. It's a very different system from our last website, but overall, the modernized and revamped appearance has a far more polished appearance. Navigation for users is also improved.

Photographer-Videographer RFP

Kerry Tasker Photography was selected to conduct Borough photography and video services. He recently took photos of Anchorage staff in late June. Kerry and I will be visiting the region July 16th through the 24th starting in Sand Point, getting photos and video of the harbors, docks, other infrastructure, fishermen, staff and administration in the Sand Point Borough office and hopefully Assembly members as well. After Sand Point, we'll head to Nelson Lagoon, King Cove, False Pass and Cold Bay.

In the Loop

As part of our strategic plan community alignment initiative, we are continuing efforts to do profiles on various people who have demonstrated their dedication to their communities. The last article, which was published on July 1st, focused on Annette Calver, who retired in late June after teaching at the King Cove School for 31 years. We will continue working on this initiative and will highlight various people from each of our communities.

Fish News

The latest Fish News, written by Ernie Weiss, was sent out on July 6th. It contained information about Board of Fisheries Chair Marit Carlson-Van Dort and member John Wood, who will be visiting several Aleutians East Borough communities July 7th through the 11th. Meetings are scheduled at the Sand Point AEB office on Friday, July 8th at 1PM, and at the King Cove AEB office Saturday, July 9th at 1 PM. The trip precedes the 2022/2023 Board meeting. There was a section in there with Chignik sockeye.

Ongoing & Upcoming Projects

- Trip to Borough communities with photographer Kerry Tasker
- Continue to profile people for community alignment initiative
- Start work on the Borough's annual report.
- Start work on white paper for the Akun Breakwater and Dock

CHRIS commented that he had a chance to look at the new website and it looks good. It looks more polished and professional.

Natural Resources Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Alaska Board of Fisheries

I was out in Sand Point and King Cove, we had couple good community meetings and tours of the plant. We are not able to get to False Pass and Nelson Lagoon. The two main discussion items, the seiner were able to explain how they were able to keep the chum ratio to sockeye way down and it's interesting and is well taken by the board members. The other issue that came up was low escapement Nelson Lagoon, so I think that will be an issue that comes up in February. Overall, it was a really good trip. Proposals for the upcoming cycle are expected to be published in late August or early September.

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

- C2 Initial Review of BSAI Pcod Small Boat Access – Council preferred alternative: Redefine the current BSAI Pacific cod jig sector to include H&L/pot CVs less than or equal to 55' LOA. The B-season fishery would remain jig gear only fishery.
- C3 Snow Crab Rebuilding Plan – for analysis: Adopt a rebuilding plan and specify a target rebuilding time not to exceed TMAX. The stock will be considered "rebuilt" once it reaches BMSY. Analyze options with and without a directed fishery.
- C4 Initial Review of the Trawl EM Analysis – Council supported Trawl EM Committee recommendations, final action in October.
- D1 Salmon Reports – the Council Motion did not accept the advice of the Advisory Panel to 'Examine the genetic data collected in the Area M state water salmon fishery for chum and include a comparison between the number of chums intercepted in that salmon fishery and the EBS federal pollock fishery.' AP vote on the amendment 9-7.

The Council has a call for nominations to the Community Engagement Committee for Alaska Peninsula/ Aleutian Islands residents engaged in federal fisheries – letters of interest due July 30. It is important for us to have somebody that is a resident.

BRENDA commented that in YK, Bristol Bay and Chignik area, Native groups are fighting again Native groups and they are both very strongly believe that people should come to the table and resolve the issue themselves because they do not want to be in the middle of Native groups fighting about fishing and subsistence right. Asked if there will be any discussion around that?

Natural Resources Director Weiss said board member John Wood thinks the group should get together and solve this thing. He is a big part getting us through that meeting. All the meeting cycle will be in Anchorage and getting all the tribes and corporations involve is going to be important.

CHRIS asked what is the crab status?

Natural Resources Director Weiss said we are not going to know much until October, but king crab would likely be close, snow crab, part of the rebuilding plan will be no fishery so it will be a tough situation.

PAUL commented since people are listening right now maybe people will be interested in submitting their names for consideration by the NP council

Assistant Natural Resources Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Electronic Monitoring - WGOA3/EFP

- NFWF has provided a final executed grant agreement for this project, and I have submitted the first reimbursement request.
- Our first “switch gear” boat has submitted video of pot trips. Our data reviewers have done an initial review and produced annotated images we will provide to FMA Division to develop a sampling design. So far, it appears the current camera configurations can see the sorting table clearly
- I attended the Trawl EM Committee Meeting on May 31 in Anchorage. Primary outcomes of the meeting outlined in the minutes were: opt-in/opt-out flexibility for GOA, tender split offload provisions, management structure of performance standards for GOA trip limits/MRAs, requirements for processors.
- I met with the Environmental Defense Fund to provide feedback on their priority recommendations for advancing a national agenda for data modernization.
- I did a brief interview on the WGOA data portal with a writer from SeafoodSource who is doing a story on data modernization successes.

North Pacific Fisheries Management Council

- I attended the NPFMC meeting in Sitka in June. The Council motion supported Alternative 2 that would include all CVs and tenders in the BS and GOA, including a recommendation to further investigate concerns brought up by stakeholders. I also provided public testimony on C4, and final action will happen at the October meeting. ● D4 Salmon Reports ○ BS Trawl Chum Genetics: the 2021 genetics report shows larger proportion of catch

during A season, but despite large catches near Alaska Peninsula the proportion of western AK/Yukon chum is significantly lower than 10-year average (19.9% to 9.4%). Asia stocks were the largest contributor overall at 67.7%. ○ A true AEQ (adult equivalency) analysis cannot be completed for western AK chum because an impact rate can't be calculated. Impact rates require thorough estimates of total run (harvest and escapement) which is not available. ○ Council motion included implementing additional avoidance measures in BS trawl, updating the 2012 discussion paper of chum bycatch, incorporating results from the

SOA Bycatch Task Force, forming a working group with stakeholders, scientists, managers, etc, and prioritizing research on BS salmon.

Board of Fisheries

- I flew to Sand Point to attend and help facilitate the ADFG preseason meeting which included discussion around the new Area M chum genetics study. The meeting was also attended by ADFG Comm Fish Director Sam Rabung and Salmon Fisheries Scientist Bill Templin.
- Some highlights from my notes:
 - Chignik research: ADFG is taking a new approach by implementing a single escapement goal. The department will continue the stock of concern designation for the early run, and may use historical calendar dates to manage. The department has submitted a few www.aebfish.org | www.facebook.com/AEBfish | clevy@aeboro.org | (907) 274-7566 projects to the disaster funds RFP that will investigate freshwater conditions, migratory patterns, fish health - likely starting in 2023. They have also made a request to start a salmon ocean ecology research program. The department believes habitat is not the greatest concern, but changes in the ocean. This program would look at juvenile salmon after they move into the ocean, to better understand survival and what production will be.
 - Chum sampling project: The original plan was to do June, but they may continue into post-June. Gear type strata is new from WASSIP, and they are now doing biological sampling (scales, length, weight, sex) in addition to fin clips. They are working to include harvest rates, but assumptions would need to be made. Some intermittent data may be published annually, but the full report with analysis will not be published until 4-5 years of data are available.

Mariculture

- I met with Alaska Sea Grant and we have a plan for constructing and operating the Zachary Bay farm. ASG has identified a local setnet fisherman who is currently working toward a permit and has been participating in available seaweed farm training. This participant will attend multiple hands-on intensive trainings at an active farm in Kodiak, once before collection and out-planting and again before harvest. Together we will construct the farm using local expertise and guidance from experienced farms. The timeline is fall 2022 - spring 2023.

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AFSC Cod Tagging Project

Submitted a full proposal for the 2018 Cod Disaster Mitigation Research RFP, project duration would be 3 years with total of \$2.2M. We have received conventional tags from 4 fish, all recovered in the GOA (3 by Nagai).

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Osterback commented that now is the time to sign your harbormasters up for Harbor Masters Meeting in Nome. It is really important to send your harbormasters to this. There's a lot of discussions that go on as far as derelict vessel, taking care of vessels and good networking. Right now, there is a grant money for derelict vessels. If your harbor has derelict vessels, you should go online and apply for those grant money.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

CAROL asked if we have acknowledged Roxanne for all her years of hard work for the Borough.

Administrator Bailey said the Borough is working on a plaque for Roxanne.

PAUL said he received an email regarding the replacement of Tustemena which is a complicated bid process. They are supposed to be past phase one now, but have not received any bids, will probably not have a replacement anytime soon.

CHRIS commented the good news is that Tustemena has left Seward and will be in route.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular Assembly Meeting August 18, 2022. Sand Point AEB Office

ADJOURNMENT

PAUL moved to adjourn. Hearing no more, the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.



Mayor Alvin D. Osterback



Beverly Ann Roete, Borough Clerk

Date: 8/19/2022