

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback called the Aleutians East Borough Assembly meeting to order by teleconference on August 12, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback	Present
Chris Babcock	Absent-excused
Carol Foster	Present
Warren Wilson	Present
Josephine Shengin	Present
Paul Gronholdt	Present
Brenda Wilson	Present
Denise Mobeck	Present

Advisory Members:

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

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:

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

Adoption of the Agenda:

MOTION

WARREN moved to adopt and second by CAROL.

PAUL requested Resolutions 22-07 and 22-10 be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under Resolutions.

The agenda is approved as amended.

PRESENTATIONS

Pre-audit Presentation – BDO USA, LLP:

George Barker with BDO reviewed the process and their responsibility, saying they offer only an opinion and reasonable assurance, for the FY2021 audit. In addition, BDO will also do a federal and state audit and evaluate the use of COVID relief funds. Year-end field work is scheduled for October and a week in November with an audit report in December. Presentation is in the packet.

Community Roll Call and Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Cold Bay resident and Gould Construction business owner, Clarence Gould, said in regards to certain properties in Cold Bay he asked the Assembly to remove from the table Ordinance 22-01 and Ordinance 22-02 to be discussed and moved forward, in which he has special interest in the sale of the building and transfer of State lease.

Conflict of Interests:

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

Assembly Meeting recessed.

PLATTING BOARD AGENDA

Platting Board Resolution 22-01, the Aleutians East Borough Platting Board Approving Alaska State Land Survey (ASLS) 2017-46 and forwarding to the Assembly for final approval.

MOTION

BRENDA moved to approve Resolution 22-01 and second by DENISE.

DISCUSSION

Natural Resources Director Weiss said documents in packet show AEB land selections in the Sandy River area. The resolution expresses Platting Board approval for ASLS 2017-46, with final approval at the next Assembly meeting. Total AEB Municipal Land Entitlement is 7,633 acres. AEB selected 2,400 acres along the Sandy River. In order to move to final conveyance and patent, land selections require a survey. The AEB contracted with McClintock Land Associates to do the surveys that required a costly expense of a helicopter for the work. We requested the State of Alaska, Dept. of Natural Resources, to review both ASLS 2017-46 and 2017-47. DNR is not ready to move forward with ASLS 2017-47, at this time. Recommend the Platting Board approve and move forward with ASLS 2017-46, and then to Assembly for final approval.

PAUL asked if we would be obligated to recover survey costs if AEB decides to sell the land, in the future. Weiss feels we should but does know the answer to that.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Warren, Carol, Paul, Brenda, Denise. (no Josephine) Advisory: Dailey.

Nay: None

YEAS: 5
NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNED

Minutes, July 8, 2021:

MOTION

BRENDA moved to approve the July 8, 2021 Assembly Meeting Minutes and second by DENISE.

Hearing no more **MOTION CARRIED.**

Financial Reports, June (not available):

Administrator Bailey said June Financial is being finalized and will be presented at the next meeting. She said the raw fish tax total for end of FY21 is \$4,015,000, which is higher than the estimated budget amount.

June Investment Reports:

In packet.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Resolution 22-06, formally submitting a harbor facility grant application to the State of Alaska, DOT/PF in the amount of \$4,125,000 for the Sand Pt. Harbor Float A Project.

MOTION

CAROL moved to approve the Consent Agenda and second by BRENDA.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Brenda, (no Josephine), Denise, Carol, Paul, Warren. Advisory: Dailey,
Nay: None

YEAS: 5
NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCES (tabled at the July 8, 2021 Assembly Meeting)

TABLED on July 8. Requires a motion and a second to bring off the table.

MOTION: Move to accept Ordinance 22-01, authorizing the assignment of certain real property leased by the Aleutians East Borough, and set for Public Hearing.

Due to a lack of a motion to take from the table, the motion is lost.

TABLED on July 8. Requires a motion and a second to bring off the table.

MOTION: Move to accept Ordinance 22-02, authorizing the sale of a certain real property owned by Aleutians East Borough, and set for Public Hearing.

Due to a lack of a motion to take from the table, the motion is lost.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 22-08, authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a contract agreement with Professional Growth Systems (PGS) for strategic planning services in the amount not to exceed \$52,000.

MOTION

DENISE moved to approve Resolution 22-08 and second by CAROL.

Administrator said if approved, PGS will develop the strategic plan, community engagement, provide follow-up and support.

PAUL asked how the scope of work by PGS is effected, if we're still in a lockdown mode, due to Covid. Administrator Bailey said PGS will not charge for work not done and would then discuss options.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Warren, Josephine, Carol, Brenda, Denise. Advisory: Dailey.

Nay: Paul

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 22-09, authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute a contract with F&W Construction to complete the Cold Bay terminal expansion project in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 appropriate \$200,000 in AMLIP funds to the project.

MOTION

DENISE moved to approve Resolution 22-09 and second by BRENDA.

Administrator Bailey said this authorizes the Mayor to negotiate with F & W Construction for the project. Administration has been directed to expand the terminal. DOWL is in the process of completing the 65% design and assisted with contractor selection, hiring F&W through that process. Administration expects the project to be \$1M. F&W has been meeting with DOWL and requires \$80,000 to pre-order material to mobilize. Need to get done by end of year. \$854,000 in CARES Act funds to be

used and rest from general fund. This also requests \$200,000 from AMLIP for project management and engineering services, to complete the project. Funds not used will go back into AMLIP.

PAUL asked if it can be completed by December 31, 2021. Mayor Osterback said the CARES Act has a deadline date to use funds and can be completed.

WARREN said the building needs some structural improvements necessary for earthquakes. He asked if the columns improvements on the building was included. Bailey said that is not part of this project.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Brenda, Denise, Paul, Warren, Josephine, Carol. Advisory: Dailey.

Nay: None

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 22-07, thanking Alaska Airlines for providing temporary airline service to the AEB.

MOTION

JOSEPHINE moved to approve Resolution 22-07 and second by BRENDA.

Administrator said Resolution 22-07 thanks Alaska Airlines for providing service to AEB after Ravn bankrupted due to Covid. Alaska Airlines last flight is August 14th.

PAUL said it has been good that we have had Alaska Airlines and most people wish they would stay so feels important to say that, for the record. The airline we have now has start up issues and new airline starts up this fall, but feels it is important we recognize that Alaska Airlines is welcome to stay in the region.

Mayor Osterback said everyone in the area appreciates the time and effort it took to accomplish this and for Alaska Airlines providing a very much needed service. It also helped others beyond AEB. We really appreciated them coming in and stepping up to fill the void.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Carol, Warren, Paul, Josephine, Brenda, Denise. Advisory: Dailey.

Nay: None

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 22-10, Assembly Urging the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to Postpone Action on the BSAI Pacific Cod Trawl Catcher Vessel (CV) Program Until In-Person Meetings of the Council Resume.

MOTION

PAUL moved to approve Resolution 22-10 and second by JOSEPHINE.

Natural Resources Director Weiss said Resolution 22-10 urges NPFMC to postpone the BSAI Pacific Cod Trawl Catcher Vessel Program until in-person meetings resume. This is a rationalization program the Council has been working on. Both initial reviews were made in virtual settings that he and Levy attended, but no fishermen were attending, with no area to attend from. SSC and Advisory will continue to meet virtually. AEB has been advocating for strict side boards for the Western Gulf of Alaska and as much as possible for onshore processing.

PAUL said fishermen need to be able to attend in-person and not clear as to what will be passed. In-person meetings will give fishermen an opportunity to comment and mingle with the Council. He asked how long should the decision be postponed. Weiss said hard to predict, but December is the best time for our fishermen. Council did pick some preliminary alternative and there is a good chance at getting the Council to delay for one meeting.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Denise, Warren, Josephine, Brenda, Carol, Paul. Advisory: Dailey.

Nay: None

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS *None*

NEW BUSINESS *None*

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Mayor's Update:

Mayor Osterback said Ravn and Alaska Airlines have partnered to allow Alaska Airlines mileage to be used for Ravn flights.

Administrator's Report in packet. Highlights below:

CARES Act fund:

Allocation overview in packet.

Cold Bay Terminal Update:

Met with Alaska Airlines on January 29th on closure procedures, so they will be shipping their things out on the last flight and other equipment later.

FAA approval is done. Waiting for Fire Marshal Permit.

King Cove Road:

Oral argument on land exchange was August 4. Still working on the Special Use Permit, however, the state was able to fulfill some fieldwork and hoping to get authorization to do rest soon.

Secretary of Interior Holland is scheduled to go out to King Cove in September.

Akun Dock and Breakwater:

Received fully executed Tribal Partnership Agreement on July 19. Met with Corps of Engineers July 29 and planning a meeting in Akutan to visit site.

Power Cost Equalization Program:

AEB participated in the litigation with other municipalities and power companies. Holmes, Weddle & Barcott represented the group. Yesterday the superior court ruled in our favor. Governor announced today that he will not appeal the decision.

Legal cost to AEB was \$10,000 but may get some back since others joined the lawsuit.

Assistant Administrator Report in packet. Highlights below

Clinic project:

Discussions still ongoing. Had an assessment on the present clinic to see what would need to be done to make it safe.

Employee Handbook Revision:

Working on the presentation. Will be before the Assembly at the September meeting.

Communications Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Website design:

Nine designers submitted proposals and scoring them on qualifications. Committee meets next week.

Annual Report:

Final changes and review being done and then will go out to the public.

In the Loop and Fish News:

Continues to go out regularly.

Natural Resources Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Relief Fund:

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission: website update says fisheries relief funds will begin to get disbursed end of October. Waiting for the approved grant from NOAA. The application process not available yet.

Alaska Young Fishermen's Summit:

Doing raffle to sponsor participants to attend.

Alaska Board of Fisheries:

Board of Fish cycle moved forward a year.

Assistant Natural Resources Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Electronic Monitoring Program:

Met with NMFS and project team to discuss concerns for upcoming season and addressing some concerns brought to her by fishermen. Working on data review protocols. Waiting for a grant amendment approval from NFWF.

Data Portal Project:

Portal tracking along, working on the quarterly report. Have been asked to participate on a panel at Pacific Marine Expo.

Kelp Mariculture:

Working on getting a team together for second research cruise, and collecting species. Making sure we have safety protocol in place, due to Covid.

Working with Alaska Sea Grant to get some seed lines started with the nursery in Kodiak.

Located a fishermen in Sand Point who is interested in working the farm that will be overseen by Alaska Sea Grant.

Cod Tagging Study:

Observers have been sending tags in. Some tagged cod remained in Shumagin locations but other tagged cod have moved more than a 1000 km to Bristol Bay, northern Bering Sea and Russia. Working on international relations to get tags back. We now see that fish between the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea are connected through migration.

This is not the only tagging study being done that are seeing similar results, and our study shows what we see around the Shumagin islands.

Maintenance Director Report:

False Pass School:

Two of the three circulation pumps have been taken care of. The rest of the materials needed arrived and will travel back to complete.

King Cove Office:

Rain prevented painting and eaves work on building. Will try again in August.

Akutan:

Projects completed.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

none

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

NEXT MEETING DATE

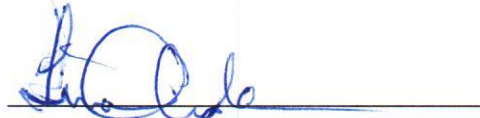
September 8, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

PAUL moved to adjourn. Hearing no more, the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.



Mayor Alvin D. Osterback



Tina Anderson, Clerk

Date: 9/21/21