

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback called the Aleutians East Borough Assembly meeting to order by teleconference in each community on February 10, 2022 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

We have a quorum.

Staff Present:

Anne Bailey, Administrator
Talia Jean-Louis, Assistant Administrator
Roxann Newman, Finance Director
Ernie Weiss, Natural Resources Director
Glennora Dushkin, Administrative Clerk
Laura Tanis, Communications Director
Beverly Ann Rosete, Borough Clerk (first meeting)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

CHRIS move to amend the Agenda with additions second by WARREN.

Additions:

New Business: Fuel Situation within the Borough
New Business: Ferry Design/ Dates and Routes

The Agenda will stand with two additions

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.

ASSEMBLY MEETING RECESSED

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PLATTING BOARD AGENDA

Platting Board Resolution 22-05, A resolution Approving ASLS 2018-24 Bear Lake Survey

MOTION

JOSY made a motion to approve Resolution 22-05 and second by DENISE.

DISCUSSION

Natural Resources Director Weiss said that in 2016 we started to process to survey some of the municipal land selections. This is the final one we have in the docket. This survey creates track C-1 which is about 1217 acres. We need to survey the municipal land selections to get final the patent and conveyance. The resolution expresses Platting Board for approval of ASLS 2018-24 and to move forward with ASLS 2028-24 to the Assembly for final approval.

PAUL asked a question which chunk the Bear Lake Lodge owned. Weiss said just below the airstrip is USS6049, not really well defined but in the 2nd page of the survey shows a structure.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Chris, Carol, Warren, Josephine, Paul, Denise, Advisory: Daily, Samantha, Tom

Nays:

MOTION CARRIED

ADJORNED from platting
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MINUTES

January 13, 2022, Assembly Meeting Minutes

MOTION

WARREN moved to accept the January 13, 2021 Assembly Meeting Minutes and second by DENISE.

Hearing no more it will stand as WRITEN.

FINANCIAL REPORT

December 2021 Financial Report

MOTION

JOSY made a motion and second by DENISE

Administrator Bailey said Raw Fish Tax is calculated on a 5-year average. The report is reflecting the Nov value which is up to 130% of the 5-year average.

Everything else is tracking along as it should be.

PAUL asked clarification on what the State Bond Rebate is, Administrator Bailey said it is the School Bond Debt reimbursement. AEB is anticipating on receiving \$280,000 from the State.

Finance Director Newman said we get reimbursement every time we pay on the bond. A percentage of it comes back to us.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Denise, Carol, Warren, Josephine, Paul, Chris, Advisory: Tom, Dailey, Samantha, Tom
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

INVESTMENT REPORT

APCM December 2021 Investment Report in the packet

CONSENT AGENDA

- Resolution 22-29, Approving the State of Alaska Final Easement and Survey for ADL 228613

Discussion

Administrator Bailey said this resolution was presented to the Platting Board last meeting. This in regard to State of Alaska final Easement and Survey for ADL 228613 located in Cold Bay. 1st amendment was last 2005. 2nd amendment was last 2018. This is the final easement for approval.

MOTION

CAROL made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and second by JOSY.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Paul, Carol, Chris, Denise, Josephine, Warren, Advisory: Samantha, Tom, Dailey
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ORDINANCES

Introduction Ordinance 22-09, An ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute a sublease within Cold Bay terminal for air transportation services

MOTION

DENISE made a motion to accept Introduction Ordinance 22-09 to the floor and second by CAROL

Administrator Bailey said Aleutian Airways has expressed their desire to enter into a sublease with the AEB for a portion of the Cold Bay terminal Building and adjacent apron for the purpose of providing Air Transportation which consists of the carriage of persons, property, cargo and mail by aircraft and associated services. The sublease terms and conditions are stated in the ordinance.

PAUL asked if with this lease, is the Borough required to do some construction or renovation work. Administrator Bailey said she does not know at the moment and that is something can be talked about in question negotiation, but she does not anticipate any work.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Carol, Chris, Warren, Denise, Paul, Josephine, Brenda, Advisory, Samantha, Tom, Dailey
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 22-30, A resolution relating to Disposal of Surplus, Obsolete and Unneeded Supplies

MOTION

BRENDA made a motion to approve Resolution 22-30 and second by CAROL

Assistant Administrator Jean-Louis said the Borough has acquired certain personal property for the purpose of carrying out public interest and certain property has become worn out an obsolete and no longer needed is being disposed through a process of sealed bid.

PAUL asked when the deadline is for submitting bid and when does it open.
Administrator Bailey said that the deadline will be established once we put out the public notice.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Josephine, Brenda, Chris, Carol, Paul, Warren, Denise, Advisory: Tom, Dailey, Samantha
Nay: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- SWAMC Presentation by SWAMC President Paul Gronholdt
- Fuel Timeline in the Borough.
- Ferry Issue

SWAMC:

President Gronholdt said that the SWAMC will be in March 3-4. The agenda is not finalized but the outline of the agenda is already posted. Encouraging to the assembly to attend.

WARREN thanks Paul for representing us in SWAMC.

FUEL BARGE TIMELINE:

Mayor Osterback said the Assembly wants the administration wants to reach out to barge to get a timeline. Once we got that, clerk will email the information to the Assembly.

FERRY DESIGN

AEB wants to reach out and find out how we can have input on the design of the Ferry, so that all the community that the ferry is providing service now can have an input on how the new ferry can approach each community's dock.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Administrator's Report in packet. Highlights below:

CARES Act Funding Update:

AEB officially spent the grant and was finally closed out. The Final CARES ACT report was submitted to the State of Alaska on January 27, 2022.

Cold Bay Terminal:

Project is moving along smoothly. Photos has been sent to the Assembly. A substantial completion inspection will be done this Friday and Saturday. There is a barge delay claim that will be presented to the Assembly next meeting.

King Cove Road Update:

Congress and the Department of Interior continue are beginning to focus on issues like ours but continue to be distracted by events not under the control of Congress. 9th Circuit Appeal: There is no change to report on the status of our case. Special Use Permit: The State DOT/PF filed an administrative appeal on October 14 before the US Fish and Wildlife Service. No response has been received to this appeal yet.

Akun Dock and Breakwater Update:

On Feb 1, Mayor Osterback and Administration met with the Army Corps of Engineers. First invoice is expected soon in the amount of \$350 000.

Sand Point and Akutan Harbor Floats Update:

Administration, the Mayor and Moffatt & Nichol attended a debriefing meeting to review the Borough's RAISE grant application. Administration has requested proposals from Moffatt & Nichol for grant writing services for the 2022 RAISE and PIDP grants.

Financial Software Update:

A request for proposal for ERP was issued last December. We received two proposals unfortunately, both were submitted incorrectly. We will re-advertise soon.

Other Items Update:

Administration is in the process of planning FY23 Budget. Day to day operation continues.

Assistant Administrator Report in packet. Highlights below:

List of meeting attended was in the packet.

Tacoma Diesel:

Ivan from Tacoma Diesel will be in Akutan for maintenance and repair of generator.

Beazley Breach Solutions: Example of Phishing scheme was shown. If you received a suspicious email please forward to ICE.

ICE Services:

Our Anchorage office has successfully migrated into our Firewall system. King Cove and Sand Point are next in line.

Mail Tracking Form:

16 forms are turned in. Once we get a decent amount, we will reach out to our legislators and notify them with the issue.

Communications Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Press Release: working with Ernie and Charlotte on a response to a comment made during a recent Alaska House Fisheries Committee regarding Yukon River chum runs. An article will correct some misstatements made during this committee hearing regarding AREA M.

Photographer:

Working on drafting and RFP for a professional Photographer to visit communities this summer.

Website Design:

Continue to meet with Planetaria Media with the website Design. There will be a test run of the site on March 7th.

In the Loop:

Two articles were contained in the newsletter, one about the King Cove ambulance they will get this summer or early fall and the other article focused on the Sand point Police Officer Curt Boyle who was recently honored with the award of courage after chasing an armed suspect and helping to apprehend him.

Upcoming Projects:

Update the social media plan for Aleutians East Borough, finish drafting RFP for professional photographer to visit and photograph Borough communities, infrastructure, etc. and continue work on website design/update

Natural Resources Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Alaska Board of Fisheries:

Statewide Shellfish meeting will be on March 26-April 2, proposal 282 will be taken up during this meeting. . The Board will also be meeting at the Egan beginning March 10th for the SE meeting and on March 23rd for the hatchery committee. The AEB will host a conference room at the Egan during the Statewide meeting. The Board is still down to 6 members. Proposals for the 2022/2023 meeting cycle, including for the Bristol Bay, AYK and Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik finfish meetings, are due April 11th, 2022.

Chinook and Chum Salmon:

Several groups from the AYK region submitted an emergency petition to the Secretary of Commerce requesting an elimination of all Chinook salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea Pollock fishery. This would essentially close the BSAI Pollock fishery. Mayor Osterback sent a letter to the Secretary last month opposing the request. NMFS denied the request Jan 25th. An international research team is headed out

to study salmon development and ocean conditions in the Gulf of Alaska through April. ADFG Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang addressed low salmon returns in the AYK at the Alaska House Fisheries Committee February 23rd.

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

The NPFMC is having an abbreviated meeting this week – of interest: the Snow crab rebuilding plan progress report and a discussion paper on potential changes to the Council process. In addition, the SSC reviewed the Trawl EM preliminary review draft

Alaska Board of Game

The Board adopted the following changes during their meeting last Jan 21-29, a positive customary and traditional use finding for the Unimak Island Caribou herd and a negative intensive management finding, adopted proposal 206 to open a resident only season for brown bear in Unit 9, amended to eliminate the fall season and extend the spring season to May 31 in even years for residents only in units 9C, 9D and 9E, the Board failed 2 Emperor geese proposals and took no action on the other 17 Emperor geese proposals. The Board of Game meets March 5 – 12 in Fairbanks to discuss statewide regulations.

International Pacific Halibut Commission:

Quotas are up in all areas except Washington/Oregon area. The IPHC held the annual meeting virtually again this year, January 24-28. Total constant exploitable yield (TCEY) is set for each IPHC area at the annual meeting. TCEY increased in each area this year except in area 2A.

Assistant Natural Resources Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Electronic Monitoring - WGOA3/EFP:

In collab with fixed gear fisherman and NMFS FMA division in developing a sampling design for the fixed-gear portion the project. Data collection will start likely in April. A brief white paper on split offload deliveries to tender to help NMFS fully understand the issue. Josh Keaton, NMFS presented a preliminary analysis of trawl EM sampling issues to the SSC. There will not be a CS in 610, however some boats may participate in Kodiak pollock. . A technician has been to Sand Point to prep vessels, and we anticipate receiving some data for A season.

WGOA Data Portal:

Joe Sullivan has been contracted through Intertidal Agency to develop the legal infrastructure. The project has been extended through May 2022, which should provide enough time to finish the legal work and final reporting.

Mariculture:

Final report on NFWF should be available for the April meeting. Annual reports to ADFG for the Zachary Bay operating permit was submitted as well as collection permit for sampling conducted last May 2021. Local processors have expressed interest in pursuing mariculture, and I will be exploring possible opportunities to collaborate.

AFSC Cod Tagging Project:

We anticipate receiving a modified amount of AFSC Cooperative Research funding for approximately \$80k. We are preparing for field work that will include the same tagging and biological sampling as 2020, with the addition of 40 Lotek satellite tags, stress test sampling, and piloting a stereo-camera system as a tool to observe behavior and for quantitative assessment. An RFP for vessel charter services was posted on January 31st, and will be open to applications through February 25th. The charter is expected to occur sometime in March 14-23. Will be attending a free survival course training in Seattle.

Salmon Issues:

NRD is working closely with AEB Administration, the Area M seiners and others, also working on a cost-benefit analysis. We received the first invoice from Northern Economics and a progress report should be available at the next meeting.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

None.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

JOSY commented if AEB will be having a site community meeting.

Mayor Osterback said there is a plan of 3 meeting for the site community this year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

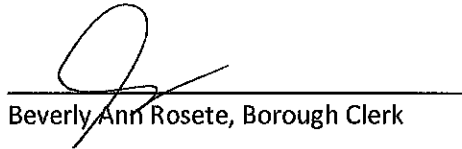
Regular Assembly Meeting March 10, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

BRENDA moved to adjourn. Hearing no more, the meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.



Mayor Alvin D. Osterback



Beverly Ann Rosete, Borough Clerk

Date: 3/11/2022