

Aleutians East Borough Minutes  
August 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order on August 13, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. by teleconference in each community.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Stanley Mack	Present
Paul Gronholdt	Present
Carol Foster	Present
Warren Wilson	Present
Alvin D. Osterback	Present
Ken McHugh	Present
Joe Bereskin, Sr.	Absent
Brenda Wilson	Present

Advisory Members:

Nikki Hoblet, False Pass	Absent
Paul Schaack, Cold Bay	Present
Justine Gundersen, Nelson Lagoon	Present

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:

Rick Gifford, Administrator  
Roxann Newman, Finance Director  
Tina Anderson, Clerk  
Anne Bailey, Administrator Assistant  
Ernie Weiss, Resource Director  
Charlotte Levy, Administrative Assistant

Adoption of Agenda:

MOTION

Paul moved to approve the agenda with the removal of Resolution 16-05 second by Brenda. There were no objections, MOTION PASSED.

Community Roll Call and Public Comment on Agenda Items:

The communities of King Cove, Cold Bay, False Pass, Sand Point, Nelson Lagoon and the Anchorage office were participating.

City of King Cove Mayor, Henry Mack, requested the Assembly look back at previous information from King Cove requesting the Borough assist in reimbursing the cost that they have incurred for all the work involved in the King Cove Road Access project through Izembek Refuge, which included much time involvement on the Environmental Impact Statement. The costs have caused a financial burden to the city and has cost them other projects that might have been completed. In 2006, the AEB Administrator at that time requested the City of King Cove keep the project moving forward while he worked on other

AEB projects. He feels the road access project is important and is getting closer thanks to Senator Lisa Murkowski.

Minutes, May 28, 2015:

**MOTION**

Alvin moved to approve the May 28, 2015 Minutes and second by Ken. Hearing no objections, MOTION PASSED.

Financial Reports, May, June, July, 2015:

**MOTION**

Carol moved to accept the May, June and July Financial Reports and second by Ken.

**ROLL CALL**

Paul-yes, Ken-yes, Warren-yes, Alvin-yes, Brenda-yes, Carol-yes. Advisory: Justine-yes, Paul-yes. MOTION PASSED.

Investment Report, June 2015:

Paul noted that there are some losses in the investments this summer and suggested keeping an eye on the investments. Mayor Mack suggested we have the investment group give a report in November.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Introduction Ordinance 16-01, FY15 (FINAL) Budget Amendment.
- Resolution 16-01, a resolution of the Aleutians East Borough Assembly electing to participate in the AMLJIA FY2016 Loss Control Incentive Program.
- Resolution 16-02, appointing election judges for the October 6, 2015 Regular Election.
- Resolution 16-03, appointing a canvass committee for the October 6, 2015 Regular Election.
- Resolution 16-04, the Assembly supporting the submittal of the City of False Pass Round IX Renewable Energy Fund Grant application entitled: False Pass Hydrokinetic Energy Project to the Alaska Energy Authority.

**MOTION**

Warren moved to approve the Consent Agenda and second by Brenda.

**ROLL CALL**

Brenda-yes, Carol-yes, Paul-yes, Alvin-yes, Warren-yes, Ken-yes. Advisory: Justine-yes, Paul S.-yes. MOTION PASSED.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayoral veto of amendment to delete Fund 20-\$725,000 revenues/expenditures on Ordinance 15-02, FY16 budget:

Mayor Mack said in packet is his letter explaining his veto of the amendment adopted by the Assembly to zero out Fund 20- \$725,000.

No further discussion.

Disposition of Nelson Lagoon School and teacher house:

The Administrator reviewed the options in memo and recommended the option of terminating the Nelson Lagoon School and teacher house lease agreements with the State of Alaska, Dept. of Community & Regional Affairs (DCRA)-Municipal Trust Lands. He said DCRA can then begin process of inspection and possibly work with the community on use possibilities.

#### MOTION

Paul moved to concur with the memorandum from the Administrator on recommendation for Option 2, terminate the leases. Second by Carol.

No further discussion. Hearing no objection MOTION PASSED.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Aleutians East Borough School District additional \$200,000 contribution request:

#### MOTION

Paul moved that the Administration submit at next Assembly meeting an introduction budget amendment ordinance adding \$200,000 to the Aleutians East Borough School District contribution. Second by Carol.

#### DISCUSSION

Paul said the School District could use the money and the Administrator mentioned in the workshop the General Fund, fund balance option for the additional funding request adding that it should be all laid out by next meeting. The Administrator said he will attempt by next meet, but is not sure if the auditors will be through with transfers between enterprise funds and the fund balance.

Warren said in the past the School District gave funding back to AEB that they did not use, and supports the increased contribution.

#### ROLL CALL

Brenda-yes, Paul-yes, Ken-yes, Alvin-yes, Warren-yes, Carol-yes. Advisory: Paul S.-yes, Justine-yes. MOTION PASSED.

#### REPORTS AND UPDATES

Cold Bay terminal tarmac: The Administrator said the State project is expected to go out to bid in March, 2016 and completed in October, 2016. He is staying on top of the project to make sure it happens.

Akun breakwater: The Administrator said the state is the lead on the project and they have a contract with a contractor to go in to do a marine depth survey necessary to complete the design for a possible breakwater dock, which has been delayed due to weather. Until that is completed, the project is on hold.

Akutan Helicopter Hangar: Mayor Mack said they are looking at designing a building or shelter near Akutan's seaplane ramp for the helicopter due to transportation to and from the big hangar at the harbor to better serve the community. Funding would come from the Co-Sponsorship Agreement Fund.

## ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Brenda would like to participate in the Board of Fisheries meetings and to also provide testimony to the Board of Fisheries not only on the fish aspect but also on the socio-economic impact to the communities.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Happy Kremer, from the public, requested the Cold Bay School continue to be used to accommodate passengers in the event of an emergency landing. He believes the state might provide assistance with heating costs if AEB could fund the electricity cost. If it is something the AEB is interested in, he will contact the state on the issue. The Administrator said he is researching the school options and hopes to have a recommendation on the school on the next agenda.

Happy Kremer said if the AEB plans to sell the teacher house, there has been expressed interest in the community and in AEB. Mayor Mack said he and the Administrator will be discussing options to bring back to the Assembly for approval adding that there has been interest to lease and buy.

## NEXT MEETING

September 26 in Akutan (by ferry).

## ADJOURNMENT

### MOTION

Paul moved to adjourn. There was no further discussion and hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

  
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Mayor Date

 9/26/15  
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Clerk Date