

Aleutians East Borough  
February 12, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order on February 12, 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-Unexcused
Brenda Wilson	Present

Advisory Members:

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

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:

Roxann Newman, Finance Director  
Tina Anderson, Clerk  
Laura Tanis, Communications Manager  
Anne Bailey, Administrator Assistant  
Ernie Weiss, Resource Director

Adoption of Agenda:

MOTION

Carol moved to adopt the agenda and second by Paul. Hearing no objections motion passed.

Community Roll Call and Public Comments on Agenda Items:

The communities of Sand Point, King Cove, False Pass, Cold Bay were present including the Anchorage office. There were no public comments.

Minutes, January 20, 2015:

MOTION

Ken moved to approve the January 20, 2015 Minutes as presented and second by Brenda. Hearing no objections the minutes are approved.

Financial Report, January, 2015:

MOTION

Brenda moved to approve the January, 2015 Financial Report and second by Paul.

DISCUSSION

Paul said during the workshop the Finance Director reviewed the amendments and Carol voiced her concerns about how revenues from fish are down so far. Brenda commended Finance Director Roxann Newman for doing such a good job, reports are very concise.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION PASSED.

Investment Report, January, 2015: Not available at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Resolution 15-17, the Assembly supporting the full funding for the State of Alaska Harbor Facility Grant Program in the FY2016 State Capital Budget.
- Resolution 15-18, Assembly supporting the reinstatement of a full \$60 Million into the Revenue Sharing Fund on a yearly basis with a one-year appropriation of \$8 Million to the fund with an effective date prior to June 30, 2014:
- Resolution 15-19, the Assembly approving the use of force account methods for the economic development administration portion of the Akutan Harbor Floats Improvement Project.
- Introduction Ordinance 15-01, Amending the FY15 Budget (*advance to March meeting for Public Hearing*)

MOTION

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

In reviewing Ordinance 15-01, the Finance Director went over the AEB community grants to be funded from the permanent fund earnings recommended at the October 20, 2014 Assembly meeting. Newman also said the permanent fund earnings that would normally be appropriated in the FY16 budget have been placed on the amendment in the Maintenance Reserve for the King Cove School repairs necessary which would go out to bid this fiscal year:

Community Grants

Nelson Lagoon erosion:	\$108,000
Cold Bay clinic:	\$1,137,000
Nelson Lagoon dock repairs:	\$20,000,
KVC Waterfall Creek Power	\$500,000

Sand Pt. harbor floats design	\$50,000
Sand Pt. paving deficit	\$200,000

<u>Maintenance Reserve (permanent fund earnings)</u>	
King Cove Sch. Repairs	\$2,250,000

#### ROLL CALL

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

OLD BUSINESS None

#### NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on AEB Code Title 2.40, Public Works Department Revision:

The recommended changes by Assembly Member Osterback were discussed at the workshop. Mayor Mack said we will bring to the next meeting a report identifying the projects that are under the jurisdiction of AEB and at that time discuss a design of a new ordinance. Alvin agreed that this is a good start for us.

#### REPORTS AND UPDATES

Ernie Weiss, Resource Director said at the NPFMC there was in-staff tasking on a motion that passed the Council with a vote of 9-2. He said there was misinformation circulating regarding the motion saying it is targeting just the Western Gulf of Alaska. He e-mailed the regular motion to the Assembly which says it will look at the effects of moving all Gulf of Alaska trawl vessels currently in the partial observer coverage into full coverage category. So, ADF&G Commissioner, Sam Cotton was not targeting just the Western Gulf. He noted Assembly Member Foster's concern that it could be a big hardship on fishermen and will be looking at that.

Alvin asked Weiss if we are also pushing to get coverage done electronically. Weiss said yes there will be emphasis on electronic coverage. He added that coverage would not go 100% without a program in place to help miss the by-catch.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS None

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident of Cold Bay, Happy Kremer, voiced his concern about the possibility of the school closing in Cold Bay due to a declining student enrollment. He said the School Board meets in Cold Bay February 18 to make a decision. He asked if the AEB is going to participate in keeping the school open. Mayor Mack said the AEB is obligated to fund the School District a certain amount of money, however, it is up to the School District to make that decision. Kremer

added without a school there won't be a community, but just a workforce. Assembly Member Gronholdt added no matter what amount AEB contributes, it is still a School Board decision.

City of King Cove Administrator, Gary Hennigh, looks forward to discussing the Borough's Izembek road project and the letter Mayor Henry Mack sent to the Assembly at the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

March 3, 2015 in Anchorage prior to SWAMC, March 4-6.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Paul moved to adjourn and second by Ken. Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

  
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Mayor Date

  
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Clerk Date

3/31/15