

Aleutians East Borough Assembly Minutes
January 14, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order by teleconference in each community on January 14, 2016 at 3:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Stanley Mack	Present
Chris Babcock	Present
Carol Foster	Present
Warren Wilson	Present
Alvin D. Osterback	Present
Ken McHugh	Present
Joe Bereskin, Sr.	Present
Brenda Wilson	Present

Advisory Members:

Chris Emrich, False Pass	Present
Angela Simpson, 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
Laura Tanis, Communications Director
Ernie Weiss, Resource Director

Adoption of the Agenda:

Addition: New Business, Community Fisheries Association (CFA) Grant.
Deletion: AEBSD Rollover Request.

MOTION

Alvin moved to adopt the agenda with the addition and deletion above and second by Brenda. Hearing no objections MOTION PASSED.

Community Roll Call and Public Comments on Agenda Items:

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

City of King Cove Mayor, Henry Mack, agreed with the concerns raised at the Assembly workshop regarding the CFA Grant. Each community should have an opportunity to discuss. We already recognize Aleutia as our Community Quota Entity (CQE). He supports time to discuss in the community and bring a recommendation back to AEB.

President of the Peninsula Fishermen's Coalition, Kiley Thompson, requested Mayor Stanley Mack hold meetings in the communities to discuss with local concerned citizens and fishermen before Assembly moves forward with the CFA Grant. He also suggested AEB remove its name from the grant completely.

City of Sand Point Mayor, Glen Gardner, echoed same concerns as others and supports the CFA Grant be discussed in the community prior to moving forward.

Minutes, December 10, 2105:

MOTION

Ken moved to approve the December 10, 2015 Assembly Meeting Minutes and second by Chris. Hearing no more MOTION PASSED.

Financial Report, December 2015:

MOTION

Brenda moved to approve the December Financial Report and second by Joe. Roxann said everything is moving along on track.

ROLL CALL

Ken-yes, Brenda-yes, Alvin-yes, Chris B.-yes, Carol-yes, Joe-yes, Warren-yes. Advisory: Angela-yes, Justine-yes, Chris E.-yes. MOTION PASSED.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Resolution 16-12, amending the Aleutians East Borough Policies and Procedures Employee Handbook.
- Resolution 16-13, FMA2, adopting an alternative allocation method for the FY16 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program for FMA 2.
- Resolution 16-14, FMA3, adopting an alternative allocation method for the FY16 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program for FMA 3.

MOTION

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

Roll CALL

Warren-yes, Alvin-yes, Joe-yes, Chris B.-yes, Carol-yes, Ken-yes, Brenda-yes. Advisory: Chris E.-yes, Justine-yes, Angela-yes. MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Commercial Fisheries Association (CFA) Grant:

Carol said there was a lengthy discussion on the CFA Grant at the workshop. She expressed her concern and disapproval that the Assembly and public have not been made aware of the CFA Grant as well as not being informed as the grant moved forward. She was not happy that the cities and Assembly have been left out of the process.

Brenda feels this is a learning experience and noted the importance of transparency and having the Resource Director, Ernie Weiss, bring the discussion to the communities.

Alvin said the communities and the trawl fleet have voiced their concern and wish to slow down the process until there is a recommendation from the cities. He requested Mayor Mack give a directive to the Resource Director to attend public meetings in King Cove and Sand Point; to work with Aleutia, the trawl fleet and the cities; and come to some type of agreement after. Hopefully there will be a proposal in front of the Assembly at the next meeting.

Mayor Mack said he is open to the cities ideas for community protection. In the meantime, things are moving and if CFA's goes into place, he doesn't want to see the same as crab rationalization occurring.

Weiss takes full responsibility for lack of communication. He suggested a direction from the Assembly to take out the part of the grant supporting a CFA, amending to remove any establishment. Alvin said we do not have the grant application before us and the Assembly does not have enough information to make a proper decision. He feels the community meetings need to take place first. Weiss said he will send the grant to the Assembly members and will inform the consultant, Joe Sullivan, to place everything on hold until there are community meetings.

Carol suggested there be a workshop so all Assembly members are involved in the process and to have Joe Sullivan attend the meetings per the grant requirement.

Warren asked Weiss what the time table is on the grant. Weiss said we could have an Environmental Assessment (EA) and final action as early as Dec 2016. However, the grant should be completed early 2017. Warren said there are differences between Western Gulf and Kodiak and does not support being in the same group as Central Gulf communities.

Alvin asked if there are reports required to be brought to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC). Weiss answered yes, reports due late March early April. He added that there is a NPFMC meeting in Portland February 2-9.

Carol requested that reports be given to the Assembly prior to giving the reports to the NPFMC.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

In Packet.

King Cove Road Project: Mayor Mack said we are in a holding pattern. Lobbyist is working with Senator Murkowski.

Cold Bay teacher house: The Administrator is in the process of putting it out for sale by closed bid.

Board of Fisheries: Begins February 23 and the AEB will sponsor some fishermen to attend the meeting.

New AEB Employees: Josie Shangin-Borenin is the new Akutan Airport Operations Assistant/helicopter ticket agent and Don Eubank is the new Maintenance Director.

King Cove School Repair Project: The repair contract has been awarded to Unit Company, which was approved by Assembly at the last meeting. There has been a couple construction meetings since then. Construction should begin end of April.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sand Point resident, Paul Gronholdt, requested the investment report be forwarded to him when it arrives.


NEXT MEETING DATE

Thursday, February 11, 2016.


ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Carol moved to adjourn and second by Joe. Hearing no more the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.



Mayor Date

 2/11/16

Clerk Date