

Aleutians East Borough Minutes
January 8, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mack called the Special Assembly meeting to order on January 8, 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.	Present
Brenda Wilson	Present

Advisory Members:

Nikki Hoblet, False Pass	Present
Harold Kremer III, Cold Bay	Present
Justine Gundersen, Nelson Lagoon	Absent-Excused

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:

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

Adoption of Agenda:

MOTION

Alvin moved to adopt the Agenda and second by Ken. Hearing no objection the agenda is adopted.

Community Roll Call and Public Comments on Agenda Items:

The communities present by teleconference are King Cove, Sand Point, Cold Bay, False Pass, Akutan and the Anchorage office.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Resolution 15-12, Assembly authorizing the Borough Mayor to enter into a purchase/sale agreement with Cruz Marine, LLC for the used hovercraft vessel named Sunax, including spare parts and tools in the amount of \$4,500,000.:

MOTION

Alvin moved to approve Resolution 15-12 and second by Brenda.

DISCUSSION

Paul said price of hovercraft was a lot more but supports selling it at this price, feels it is in the best interest of AEB to sell while it is in good condition. How to spend can be discussed later.

Alvin reiterated his understanding, for the record, that we are free to do what we want with the money. The Administrator said yes, it was an appropriation versus a grant. However, it is strongly recommended that we keep it in the federal projects which is the King Cove road and the Akutan project.

Ken agrees and supports the resolution since there is a cost involved in holding on to hovercraft. He said it amounts to two years of helicopter operations. He noticed the name of the person representing Cruz Marine on letter and asked whether anyone at Cruz Marine was related to AEB staff. Mayor Mack said, for the record, no relation to anyone.

Joe concurs with Paul. He added that the City of Akutan Council is also interested as to what is happening and feels that some of that money should go back to the Akun airport. Mayor Mack said that the hovercraft did not come out of the Co-Sponsorship Agreement account but out of other money.

Paul asked when the money would be received. The Administrator said closing would happen no later than February 27.

ROLL CALL

Warren-yes, Carol-yes, Joe-yes, Paul-yes, Alvin-yes, Ken-yes, Brenda-yes. Advisory: Nikki-yes. **MOTION PASSED.**

Resolution 15-13, Assembly opposing the nomination of the Aleutian Islands National Marine Sanctuary:

MOTION

Paul moved to approve Resolution 15-13 and second by Joe.

DISCUSSION

Ernie Weiss, Resource Director summarized the process to nominate the Aleutian Islands as a national marine sanctuary saying he does not feel it is a good idea. He added that it

only includes federal waters, not state waters, however, could open door for new restrictions and does not feel it is necessary.

Paul supports resolution opposing the idea. He feels it is important enough to help stop this from happening and suggested a press release also.

Ken said when he read the press release was impressed in trying to protect resources, however, felt it locks the answer in for the future, even though one by one they deserve consideration. This is too much of a blanket and agrees it won't work and strongly opposes.

ROLL CALL

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

Approval of Letter of Support for Sam Cotten as ADF&G Commissioner:

The Resource Director said on the website are all five candidate resumes that have applied for the position as Commissioner. The Governor can appoint from list of nominations by Joint Board subject to confirmation by the Legislature.

MOTION

Paul moved to approve a letter of support for Sam Cotten to the Joint Board from the list of nominations by the Governor. Second by Carol.

There were no objections MOTION PASSED.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

Alvin requested having more consistent meeting dates.

Paul suggested we include a discussion on the Akutan dock and King Cove road plans. He also suggested reviewing the Assembly priority projects list.

Warren suggested a meeting in King Cove when a discussion occurs on the use of the hovercraft money.

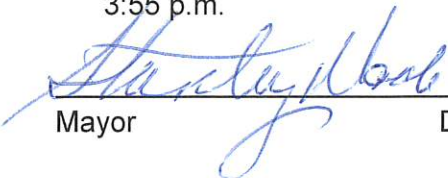
Alvin requested a separate history of spending report on the hovercraft showing what expenditures were from appropriations and what was spent out of the general fund. City of King Cove, Mayor Henry Mack said they had a work session and put together all that information and sent to AEB.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Paul moved to adjourn and second by Ken. Hearing no objections the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.



Mayor Date



Clerk Date

1/20/15