

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback called the Assembly meeting to order by teleconference on November 9, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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| Mayor Alvin D. Osterback | Present        |
| Chris Babcock            | Present        |
| Carol Foster             | Absent-Excused |
| Warren Wilson            | Present        |
| Josephine Shangin        | Present        |
| Paul Gronholdt           | Present        |
| Brenda Wilson            | Present        |

## Advisory Members:

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| Chris Emrich, False Pass         | Present |
| Angela Simpson, Cold Bay         | Present |
| Justine Gundersen, Nelson Lagoon | Present |

A quorum was present.

## Staff Present:

Roxann Newman, Finance Director  
Tina Anderson, Clerk  
Anne Bailey, Administrator  
Laura Tanis, Communications Director  
Ernie Weiss, Resource Director  
Mary Teshe, Administrator Assistant  
Charlotte Levy, Administrative Assistant

## Adoption of the Agenda:

### MOTION

Paul moved to approve the agenda with the changes below and second by Brenda.

- Withdraw Ordinance 18-02 from the agenda.
- Remove Resolution 18-07 and Resolution 18-12 from Consent Agenda and place under Resolutions.

Hearing no objections, agenda is APPROVED as amended.

## Community Roll Call and Public Comments on Agenda Items:

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

Austin Roof, Manager, Alaska Peninsula Broadcasting (KSDP), thanked the AEB for support given in the last three years. He understands AEB budget restraints donations have this year, and is requesting \$5,000, as received in the last two years. KSDP would like to collaborate with AEB on projects and services. He hopes to expand to other communities; wants to work with students in King Cove and Sand Point on technology, journalism, and media literacy; and would like to provide better local news for our area, including better public local emergency management. He also wants to make all public meetings accessible on the website.

City of King Cove Mayor, Henry Mack, said the City of King Cove Council fully supports Resolution 18-12, the Memorandum of Agreement for the King Cove Access Project; he supports Resolution 18-09, Ernie Weiss' reappointment to the NPFMC Advisory; he likes discussion on Eric Volt, with his

WASSIP study involvement, as AEB Resource Analyst; and he also supports KSDP request of \$5,000.

Minutes. September 22, 2017 Assembly Meeting Minutes:

MOTION

Brenda moved to approve the September 22, 2017 Assembly Meeting Minutes and second by Warren. Hearing no more, the minutes are APPROVED as presented.

October 16, 2017 Special Assembly Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Chris B. moved to approve the October 16, 2017 Special Assembly Meeting Minutes and second by Brenda. Hearing no more the minutes are APPROVED as presented.

Financial Reports, September, October, Financial Reports:

MOTION

Brenda moved to approve the September and October Financial Reports and second by Warren.

DISCUSSION

The Administrator said financials are tracking along well. The Finance Director said October financials tracking at the right percentages. Revenues are at 57.63% for the month of October, which is very good.

Paul added that we had a great salmon season, so revenues are good. He noted Pacific Cod stocks may be down 70%, Bering Sea crab stocks are down, and no crab season on the Peninsula, so expect revenue reduction.

ROLL CALL

Chris B.-yes, Paul-yes, Josephine-yes, Brenda-yes, Warren-yes. Advisory: Justine-yes, Chris E.-yes, Angela-yes. MOTION PASSED.

September, Investment Report:

In reviewing, the Administrator said investments looks good, and are continuously increasing.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Introduction Ordinance 18-03, Amending Title 3 to add 3.02.031, Surplus Property (*accept and set for public hearing*).
- Resolution 18-06, recognizing Stanley Mack for his dedicated service to the Aleutians East Borough.
- Resolution 18-08, a resolution of the Aleutians East Borough Assembly authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a helicopter services amendment with Maritime Helicopters, Inc. to add an Akutan airport operations support services assistant ("ticket agent") position to the contract.
- Resolution 18-09, a resolution of the Aleutians East Borough nominating Resource Director, Ernie Weiss for reappointment to the NPFMC Advisory Panel.
- Resolution 18-10, Assembly supporting the AMHS proposed 2018 summer sailing schedule and requesting additional dedicated space for vehicles traveling on the M/V Tustemena beyond Kodiak.
- Resolution 18-11, Assembly in support of soliciting letters of interest from residents to participate in the Aleutian Islands Waterways Safety Committee and authorizing the mayor to select an individual(s) to represent the Borough.

MOTION

Chris B. moved to approve the Consent Agenda and second by Brenda.



## ROLL CALL

Warren-yes, Paul-yes, Chris B.-yes, Josephine-yes, Brenda-yes. Advisory: Chris E.-yes, Angela-yes, Justine-yes. MOTION PASSED.

## PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Ordinance 18-01, amending the operating and capital budget for FY17 (final).

### MOTION

Warren moved to approve Ordinance 18-01 and second by Brenda.

The Finance Director reviewed, saying no changes between introduction and public hearing, this finalizes the budget showing actual revenues and expenditures for the FY17 budget.

Mayor Osterback opened for Public Hearing. Hearing none, Public Hearing closed.

## ROLL CALL

Paul-yes, Josephine-yes, Chris B.-yes, Warren-yes, Brenda-yes. Advisory: Angela-yes, Justine-yes, Chris E.-yes. MOTION PASSED.

## RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 18-07, a resolution of the Aleutians East Borough Assembly supporting the City of Cold Bay's preschool program and authorizing the mayor to provide financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$13,500.

### MOTION

Chris moved to approve Resolution 18-07 and second by Brenda.

## DISCUSSION

The Administrator reviewed Resolution 18-07 saying this supports the City of Cold Bay funding request for a preschool program, authorizing the mayor to provide financial assistance, not to exceed \$13,500. Due to the lack of student population, the Cold Bay School closed in 2015. Cold Bay now have 12 children in the community, seven of which are pre-school age. The city requested the funding from the previous Mayor, Stanley Mack, which he had agreed to. This is to bring the request before the Assembly for approval. The funds would come from the project contingency line item, amending the budget at mid-year.

Paul has no problem with funding the program. The mayor has the authority and he did promise to provide the funding. He asked if we fund pre-school programs in other communities. The Administrator said she is not aware of any previous contributions to pre-schools.

Josephine, requested clarification on the 12 children under school age. She asked if the budgeted amount of \$45 a day for 89 days is for one teacher. Angela said that the program will have two parents co-teaching that will split the daily stipend and six out of the 12 children are pre-school age.

Paul said his understanding is that this is a one-time anomaly on how to fund Cold Bay's pre-school program. To be fair to all communities, he suggested reviewing our policy on how to handle these pre-school funding requests. He supports since already authorized by previous mayor.

Chris E. supports and feels it is appropriate use of AEB funds since there isn't much funding in the small school sites. As it is, two schools have closed and given the population of children in Cold Bay, it might help keep the population up and allow the school to reopen in the future.



Angela added that the AEB does support education by funding the School District, which provides pre-school in those communities. Additionally, other communities receive funding from other sources that Cold Bay is not eligible for, such as the Head Start Program. Cold Bay is looking for other sources of revenue, but hopes the AEB chooses to support their program.

ROLL CALL

Warren-yes, Brenda-yes, Josephine-yes, Chris B.-yes, Paul-yes. Advisory: Chris E.-yes, Justine-yes, Angela-yes. MOTION PASSED.

Resolution 18-12, authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the AEB and the City of King Cove Access Project.

MOTION

Chris moved to approve Resolution 18-12 and second by Josephine.

DISCUSSION

The Administrator said in regards to Resolution 18-12, in 2017 AEB agreed to reimburse the city of King Cove for certain expenses related to the King Cove Access Project, which include two \$412,000 reimbursements, and \$100,000 for FY16. Since that time, we have done an amendment in agreement to extend to August 30, 2017. Since agreement, we have completed the obligation of FY16 \$100,000, first \$412,000 and FY17 \$100,000. This resolution reflects the second \$412,000 reimbursement and FY18 \$100,000, which is not in the previous MOA. Both have already been appropriated in the FY18 budget. The MOA covers how money can be spent and reflects where we are financially today. Recommend for approval.

Paul requested more information on the bigger picture where we are at with this project, because it is an important project that everyone has always supported. He said he does not have a firm grasp on all the details and would like to learn more.

The Finance Director added that the full \$825,000 was appropriated on the previous MOA.

Paul said the MOA authorizes the Mayor to negotiate and execute, and requested a time line. The Administrator said the King Cove City Council has approved the MOA, AEB Attorney and Mayor Osterback have reviewed it, so anticipate it will be signed relatively quickly.

ROLL CALL

Brenda-yes, Josephine-yes, Chris B.-yes, Paul-yes, Warren-yes. Advisory: Justine-yes, Chris E.-yes (Angela-left the meeting). MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Fisheries Analyst Position:

Resource Director, Ernie Weiss, said he forwarded two documents to the Assembly that was not included in the packet. One document is the draft, Scope of Services for the Resource Analyst position. The position would be tasked with preparation for Board of Fisheries meetings. Proposals due in five months, Board of Fisheries meeting scheduled February 2019. The proposed position includes traveling to fishing communities to meet with fishermen. The memo sent to Assembly has three recommendations for the position. He added that it was Mayor Osterback's decision to fill the position and to involve the Assembly in the decision.



Paul said anyone involved in the WASSIP study and helped co-author the study would be an excellent addition to our efforts on the salmon issues.

**Donation Requests:**

The Administrator reviewed the November donation requests, recommending the amounts below, leaving a balance of \$2,000 for the May requests:

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| Alaska Peninsula Broadcasting Inc. (KSDP): | \$2,000        |
| Agdaagux Tribe Culture Camp                | \$3,500        |
| Boys & Girls Club-Sand Point               | \$2,000        |
| Aleut International Association            | <u>\$2,000</u> |
| TOTAL:                                     | \$9,500        |

**MOTION**

Paul moved to approve the administration recommendations of \$9,500 and second by Josephine.

**ROLL CALL**

Paul-yes, Chris B.-yes, Josephine-yes, Warren-yes, Brenda-yes. Advisory: Justine-yes, Chris E.-yes. MOTION PASSED.

**Designate a person to fill vacant Assembly Seat G:**

The Administrator said Assembly Seat G was declared vacant at the October 16, 2017 Special Assembly meeting. The AEB Code requires the Assembly to fill the vacancy within 30 days, which is November 16. There is no protocol on how the Assembly makes their selection. Options are to nominate and vote, or a verbal or nonverbal with process of elimination. If you cannot come to an agreement, you can recess, coming back as soon as possible or hold a special meeting no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Letters of interest have been received from the names below:

Lillian Sager  
Justine Gundersen  
Candace Nielsen  
Chris Emrich  
Emil Mobeck

After further discussion, Paul noted his support for a secret ballot, and elimination process.

Alvin requested the Clerk to canvass the Assembly Members on whether they prefer a secret ballot. The Assembly unanimously agreed to a secret ballot, with process of elimination on top two.

A secret ballot was conducted, using cell phone texts to the Clerk. Chris Emrich received all five Assembly votes. Chris Emrich will fill the vacancy for Assembly Seat G until the next Regular Election.

**REPORTS AND UPDATES**

**Administrator Updates:**

Planning Session: Planning Session is scheduled December 13-15. Public meetings have been held in five of the six AEB communities. The first day of the planning session will be presentations from business organizations and AEB communities. Second two days in depth strategic planning process.

Nelson Lagoon school status: The State of Alaska, AEB, and Nelson Lagoon Tribal Council have been working on the school building status for two years. Currently the AEB is leasing the school through the Municipal Land Trust. The state has sent a resolution to the Nelson Lagoon Tribal



Council that will allow the Tribal Council to take over the property. Once a 30-day public notice is completed, a deed will be executed.

Maintenance Director Position: Position posted October 25, deadline was November 8. Five applications have been received. Interviews will be conducted soon by the Administrator, Mayor Osterback and School District Superintendent, Mike Seifort.

King Cove Road: Senator Sullivan announced a Coast Guard hearing on November 16. Etta Kuzakin and Della Trumble have been invited to testify for search & rescue reasons. Mayor Stanley Mack signed an MOA for cost sharing expenses for the City of King Cove Administrator, in the amount up to \$60,000 that will come out of the designated legislative state grant AEB has.

Hovercraft Update: There is a potential offer to purchase the hovercraft from a company in Kavakhstan. We are waiting for final offer and money to go into escrow account. Once that is done, it will be brought before the Assembly for consideration.

#### Assistant Administrator Report:

Assistant Administrator, Mary Tesche, officially started her position with the AEB September 5.

Community Meetings for Planning Session: Tesche traveled to Cold Bay, False Pass, King Cove, and Akutan to hold community meetings for the December Planning Session. She met with different community members and Assembly members getting good feedback for the December Planning Session. Scheduling Nelson Lagoon community meeting at the end of the month.

Cold Bay Clinic project: Looking for additional funding for Cold Bay clinic. Received \$250,000 from Easter Aleutian Tribes, Inc. Tesche said she reengaged the Rasmussen Foundation, which we submitted a proposal for \$375,000 grant in 2012. The Foundation requested AEB reapply once we have 50% of the total funds for the project. Now that we have 50% of the funds needed, we will submit a letter of interest end of January. If accepted, a grant proposal will be due in March. If approved for funding, we would receive funding January 2019.

#### Resource Director Report:

Ernie Weiss, said his report is in the packet. He said, as news comes out, he posts information on [www.aebfish.org](http://www.aebfish.org) and Facebook, Natural Resources Dept., AEB.

Alaska Young Fishermen's Summit, December 6-8: AEB provides a scholarships to attend, however, no one applied this year.

Fisheries meetings: AEB fisheries meeting is scheduled on Friday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the Silver Cloud hotel during Marine Expo; held a strategy meeting with fishermen in Sand Pt on October 25; an enforcement meeting is scheduled at the end of the year with agencies and observers to discuss regulations, which will be broadcast on KSDP; and North Pacific Fisheries Management Council meets in Anchorage December 4-12.

#### Communications Manager:

Pacific Marine Expo, November 16-18: Laura Tanis explained she is preparing for Marine Expo by updating community flyers, designing 2018 calendar and developing a handout sheet on moorage fees in AEB harbors.

King Cove Access Project: Tanis said there has been media interest on the King Cove road. News articles in newspapers along with opinion pieces. She is in the process of writing rebuttals on those. There is a scheduled trip to Washington D.C. to attend the Senate Commerce, Science and



Transportation Committee, subcommittee on Oceans, Atmospheric, Fisheries and Coast Guard, to attend a hearing. The hearing is looking at Coast Guards response and preparations and other strains on the Coast Guard. Coast Guard Commandant Zukunft and Senator Sullivan visited King Cove in August. Commandant Zukunft will be testifying about medivacs in extreme weather in King Cove. King Cove residents, Etta Kuzakin and Della Trumble will also be testifying.

#### Mayor Osterback Update:

Mayor Osterback is attending the Mayor's Conference at AML. Then to Seattle to attend the fisheries meetings, and getting AEB ready for the upcoming salmon meetings in the spring of 2019. He will also be listening to some of the concerns of the trawl fleet while at Expo.

#### ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Paul suggested the Mayor schedule a Washington D.C. trip in the near future.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cold Bay resident, Candace Schaack, voiced her appreciation for the support for the pre-school program. She hopes it helps retain the children and keep families in Cold Bay. Also thanked the AEB for the opportunity to submit a letter of interest for Assembly Seat G. She encourages AEB to continue outreach and she plans to attend the December Planning Session. She looks forward to the change in people occurring in AEB and hopes we can get back on track, pulling away from the stigma of AEB interested only in certain projects and overlooking its small communities. Looking forward to seeing priorities in every community and every individual.

Mayor Osterback said he is working towards more transparency. He wants more input from the communities, suggesting people talk to their Assembly Members more. Assembly Members bring your concerns and interest to the table. He appreciates all the letters of interest for Assembly Seat G.

City of King Cove, Mayor Henry Mack, voiced his appreciation for the Assembly passing Resolution 18-12. In regards to fishery issues, he said King Cove has been putting money aside for the very important Board of Fisheries meeting next February.


#### NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Assembly meeting December 14.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chris moved to adjourn. Hearing no more the meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

  
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Mayor Alvin D. Osterback

  
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Tina Anderson, Clerk

Date: 12/14/17