

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback called the Aleutians East Borough Assembly meeting to order by teleconference in each community on October 10, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Advisory Members:

Dailey Schaack, Cold Bay	Present
Samantha McNeley, Nelson Lagoon	Present
Tom Hoblet, False Pass	Absent

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:

Roxann Newman, Finance Director
Tina Anderson, Clerk
Anne Bailey, Administrator
Mary Tesche, Assistant Administrator
Ernie Weiss, Resource Director
Glennora Dushkin, Administrative Assistant
Laura Tanis, Communications Director

Adoption of the Agenda:

PAUL moved to adopt the October 10, 2019 agenda and second by BRENDA.

Hearing no objections, the agenda is approved as presented.

Conflict of Interests:

Mayor Osterback asked for any potential **Conflict of Interests** to discuss. There were none.

Community Roll Call and Public Comments on Agenda Items:

The communities of King Cove, Sand Point, Cold Bay, Nelson Lagoon, and the Anchorage office were participating by teleconference. Also broadcast on KSDP radio.

Public Comments: None

Minutes, September 12, 2019 Assembly Meeting Minutes:

MOTION

BRENDA moved to approve the September 12, 2019 Assembly Meeting Minutes and second by CAROL.

Hearing no objections, **MOTION CARRIED.**

September Financial Report:

MOTION

CHRIS moved to approve the September Financial Report. Second by BRENDA.

DISCUSSION

The Administrator said, based on last year month of September, we brought in more revenue. Everything is tracking along.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Carol, Brenda, Chris, Paul. Advisory: Samantha, Dailey.

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED

August Investment Report: In packet.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Resolution 20-23, a resolution of the Assembly relating to the disposal of real property – authorizes a sublease of a portion of the terminal building and adjacent apron, to airline entities.
- Resolution 20-24 authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Aleutians East Borough and the City of False Pass for the False Pass Harbor House project.
- Resolution 20-27, Assembly authorizing the Mayor to request a meeting with Ravn Air Group to discuss the airline service in the Aleutians.
- Resolution 20-28, Assembly authorizing the Mayor to issue a corrected deed of easement to the City of Akutan for the Akutan raw water transmission line project.
- Resolution 20-29, Assembly supporting a full application to the NOAA Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant for the project, “overcoming barriers to develop new and underutilized fisheries: Growing and live-transporting wild urchins”.

MOTION

BRENDA moved to approve the Consent Agenda and second by CAROL.

The Administrator reviewed the Consent Agenda. Resolution 20-23, says the Assembly would agree to negotiate a sublease of Cold Bay terminal and adjacent apron, to airline entities.

Resolution 20-24, authorizes a MOA with City of False Pass, seeking to build a new harbor house. Construction to begin 2020. AEB contributed \$150,000.

Resolution 20-27, authorizes the mayor to request a meeting with Ravn Air Group, to discuss all the impacts of poor service in the region and the importance air service has to commercial fisheries.

Resolution 20-28, is an issuance of a corrected easement to the City of Akutan for an untreated, fresh water line.

Resolution 20-29, supports a grant opportunity for developing an under-utilized fisheries, growing wild green urchins to marketable size and the feasibility of live transporting the urchins. AEB would be Co-Principle Investigator. CHRIS noted his support in looking for other viable fishing resources for our communities.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Chris, Brenda, Paul, Carol. Advisory: Dailey, Samantha.

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCES

Introduction Ordinance 20-03, authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute a sublease within, the Cold Bay Terminal, for the air transportation services –.Ravn.

MOTION

BRENDA moved to accept Ordinance 20-03 and set for Public Hearing and second by CAROL.

DISCUSSION

Administrator said Grant and Ravn have agreed to sublease the terminal and adjacent apron. The Mayor will negotiate agreements possibly for a 5-year lease and a sublease will be determined by the calculation and negotiations with airlines. AEB to be held hold harmless.

PAUL suggested the agreement have a strong, payment on time, provision. So, entities aren't staying a long period of time without payment.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Brenda, Chris, Paul, Carol. Advisory: Dailey, Samantha.

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED

Introduction Ordinance 20-04, authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute a sublease within, the Cold Bay Terminal, for the air transportation services - Grant Aviation:

MOTION

CAROL moved to accept Ordinance 20-04 and set for Public Hearing. Second by BRENDA.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Chris, Carol, Paul, Brenda. Advisory: Samantha, Dailey.

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 20-25, Assembly authorizing the Mayor to dispose of certain surplus property located in King Cove, Alaska to the City of King Cove at less than fair market value.

MOTION

CAROL moved to approve Resolution 20-25 and second by CHRIS.

DISCUSSION

Administrator, said AEB has acquired 1,520 pieces of timber and one fuel tank, located in King Cove. Property was used in hovercraft operation and are no longer needed by the AEB. Approved to conduct a surplus auction by sealed bid, however received no bids. Then re-opened auction to government entities, receiving a bid from City of King Cove. Timber- \$2,513, fuel tank- \$13. Removal at sole cost of the city. AEB Code allows less than market value. If approved, then complete by December 15.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Paul, Chris, Carol, Brenda. Advisory: Dailey, Samantha.

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 20-26, a resolution of the Assembly supporting a progressive graduated statewide income tax as part of a sustainable budget for the State of Alaska.

MOTION

CAROL moved to approve and second by CHRIS.

DISCUSSION

The Administrator said AEB passed a similar resolution in September. Resolution 20-26 supports a State income tax. Next fiscal year may have more State budget cuts. Two other options are employee tax and sales tax. An income tax would tax Alaskans able to pay. Administration recommends approval.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Chris, Carol, Brenda, Paul. Advisory: Samantha, Dailey.

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Student Advisory Representative:

MOTION

BRENDA moved to approve Justin Mobeck from Sand Point High School as the Student Advisory Representative and second by CAROL.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Paul, Brenda, Carol, Chris. Advisory: Samantha, Dailey.

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Administrators Report in packet. Highlights below:

School Projects: Kuchar Construction completed the Sand Point School paint and windows project. One change order submitted for \$4,000 to fix leaks and replace wood. Great job and great communications. Waiting for final invoice.

Bering Mechanical completed the mechanical and electrical work at Akutan School. Control work scheduled mid-October by sub-contractor.

Cold Bay terminal: Working on sublease and in final phase of rate calculation.

Purchased seating and placed orders for conveyor belt and ticket counter. Maintenance Director to go to Cold Bay in October to begin improvements.

Paug-Vik could not do the bracing project work. So, DOWL sent out a RFP to a list of contractors.

Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT): Senators Murkowski and Gardner introduced bill to change the PILT formula to increase payments for counties and boroughs with populations 5,000 or less.

In PILT underpayment lawsuit, money has been deposited in a trust account, and checks will be cut soon. AEB anticipating \$17,000.

King Cove Road Update: Entered into agreement with Robertson, Monagle and Eastaugh in litigation filed August 7. They have been drafting documents for the case. 23 new complaints have now been added to the 200+ complaints.

NEO/AML: November 18-22, in Anchorage.

PERS: Attended a meeting with PERS chaired by AML. There are some concern that in this budget cycle they will raise the local contribution per employee.

Assistant Administrators Report in packet. Highlights below:

False Pass harbor house: AEB will enter into a contract on harbor design phase. The RFP was removed from circulation after receiving questions. Will reissue again soon.

Sand Pt. School Grant Project: AEBSD Superintendent gave permission to collect information on past applications. Not applying for grant until next September.

Opioid and Substance Misuse Summit: In King Cove January 29-30. She and Laura plan to attend.

Communications Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Pacific Marine Expo: in November 21-23. Updating flyers, and enlarging photos for display and the 2020 calendar in the works.

Harbor Master Conference: Provided a Power Point presentation on updated docks and harbor projects in the region.

Proposed designation for Humpback Whale Critical Habitat: Huge area proposed in Alaska, Washington, and California, encompassing AEB. There is a link for comments through December 9.

Resource Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Fisheries Meeting during Pacific Marine Expo: November 21, 9th floor of Silver Cloud Hotel. Breakfast at 9:00 a.m., meeting at 10:00 a.m. CAMF will have their meeting following AEB.

Alaska Young Fishermen's Summit Fundraiser: There is a raffle to raise funds to send two young fisher-people to the Summit, age 18-35. Required to submit letter of interest to AEB. Tickets are \$10 each. Raffle prizes are a case of king crab from Peter Pan Seafoods, shatter pack cod from Trident Seafoods, and canned red salmon from Silver Bay Seafoods. Drawing for prizes at December 12 Assembly meeting.

North Pacific Fishery Management Council: Council actions are summarized in Fish News. Not in Fish News is recommendations by AP. AP passed two motions, one to raise Pollock trip limit in Central Gulf of Alaska and other to raise allowable catch amount of non-targeted species. Council did not agree.

Also, Peninsula Fishermen's Coalition recommended to reduce latent LLPs in the Western Gulf, but motion failed.

NPFMC will not be pursuing Gulf Rationalization, but would appreciate hearing regulatory suggestions under the current management structure.

September Groundfish Plan Meeting: Alarming news on the cod stocks and ecosystem, in report.

ADF&G Crab Total Allowable Catch for Bering Sea Crab TAC, 2019-2020: Bristol Bay Red King Crab quota down, 3,797,000 lbs.; Opilio quota increased, 34,019,000 lbs. and no Bering Sea tanner season this year.

Winter AEB Fishery Meeting: December 18.

Humpback Whale Critical Habitat: Proposed rule to designate humpback whale critical habitat, which includes all of AEB and other Pacific coastal regions. There has been a request for a public meeting in AEB.

Fixed-gear Electronic Monitoring Program: Submitted a request to allow fixed gear participation in the EM Program. Will not happen this coming year.

PAUL said the Groundfish Plan Team meeting scheduled in Seattle, November 12-15, is a big issue with the cod season in jeopardy. Also, a lot of discussion about the groundfish surveys for stock assessment.

Assistant Resource Director Report in packet. Highlights below (reviewed by Weiss):

Electronic Monitoring (EM) Grant Project: Did presentation at NPFMC for Exemption Fishing Permits for 2020 Pollock season. Levy may also participate in the EM committee.

Kelp Mariculture Project: Grant funding approved for Phase 2, project moving forward.

PAUL said, in regards to the pink salmon disaster funding, AEB might now be listed to receive payment, also.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

CHRIS suggested updating the AEB emergency response plan with the cities and school district updates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS


City of King Cove Administrator, Gary Hennigh, said after evaluating the salmon season raw fish tax, King Cove lost \$350,000 that went to False Pass. He voiced his concern, if this becomes the beginning of the new normal for King Cove. He may talk to the Mayor and Assembly about some considerations in the near future.

NEXT MEETING DATES

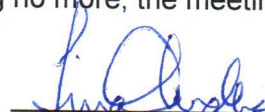
Special Assembly Meeting, October 14; Regular Meeting November 14; and Special Meeting November 18.

ADJOURNMENT

CAROL moved to adjourn and second by CHRIS. Hearing no more, the meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.



Mayor Alvin D. Osterback



Tina Anderson, Clerk

Date: 11/14/19