

Aleutians East Borough
August 16, 2013
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mack called the August 16, 2013 Assembly meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. by teleconference in each community.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Stanley Mack	Present
Paul Gronholdt	Present
Carol Foster	Present
Marvin Mack	Present
Bill Cumberlidge	absent -Excused
Ken McHugh	absent -Unexcused
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
Laura Tanis, Communications Manager
Roxann Newman, Finance Director
Anne Bailey, Community Development Coordinator
Tina Anderson, Clerk

Community Roll Call and Public Comments on Agenda Items:

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

Minutes, May 30, 2013:

MOTION

Brenda moved to adopt the May 30, 2013 Assembly Meeting Minutes and second by Carol. Hearing none the Minutes are approved as presented.

Minutes, June 19, 2013:

MOTION

Brenda moved to adopt the June 19, 2013 Assembly Meeting Minutes and second by Carol. Hearing none the Minutes are approved as presented.

Financial Report, May, June, July 2013:

MOTION

Brenda moved to adopt the May, June, July Financial Reports and second by Carol.

DISCUSSION

Paul asked if the June fishery revenues are posted in the month of June. The Finance Director said they are posted in the June Financial Report. She went on to explain in the July Financial Report Natural Resource salary and fringe show zero salary, zero fringe. Those were posted under wrong account and so you will see a correction in the August Financial Report.

ROLL CALL

Marvin-yes, Paul-yes, Carol-yes, Brenda-yes. Advisory: Nikki-yes, Harold-yes. MOTION PASSED.

Investment Reports in packet.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION

Paul moved to remove all items out of Consent Agenda and second by Brenda. There were no objections. All items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

ORDINANCES

Introduction Ordinance 14-01, Amending the FY13 Budget (final).

MOTION

Brenda moved to accept and set for Public Hearing at the next Assembly meeting and second by Paul.

(Joe arrived)

The Finance Director said final FY13 budget Ordinance 14-01 shows an increase in FY13 revenues. AEB Raw Fish Tax was up, state revenue was up and debt reimbursement came in. Under Expenditures, there are a couple line items that went up, 900 Misc increased by \$35,000.

ROLL CALL

Carol-yes, Joe-yes, Marvin-yes, Brenda-yes, Paul-yes. Advisory: Nikki-yes, Harold-yes. MOTION PASSED.

Resolution 14-01, Requesting the Governor and Legislature to develop a long-term dependable solution to ensure full uninterrupted ferry service to AEB communities:

A substitute Resolution 14-01 was provided to the Assembly with the additions below:

WHEREAS, a replacement ferry for the M/V Tustumena is expected to cost more than \$100 million dollars, yet the State's vessel replacement fund currently holds less than half that amount; and

WHEREAS, the Aleutians East Borough also supports the ongoing Alaska Class Ferry project to supply Southeast Alaska with two Day Boat shuttle ferries.

MOTION

Paul moved to adopt the substitute Resolution 14-01 and second by Marvin.

DISCUSSION

Paul said the substitute resolution added the amount needed to replace the ferry and also supports other regions.

ROLL CALL

Paul-yes, Marvin-yes, Joe-yes, Brenda-yes, Carol-yes. Advisory: Harold-yes, Nikki-yes.

MOTION PASSED.

Resolution 14-02, encourage NMFS to make opportunity to participate in the electronic monitoring pilot program readily available to AEB fishermen.

MOTION

Paul moved to approve Resolution 14-02 and second by Marvin.

DISSUSSION

The Resource Director said, at this time, AEB fishermen haven't been able to participate in the electronic monitoring (EM)pilot program. In talking to NMFS, they might bring the program to Sand Point with some urging and will be presented to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council in October. Paul said it would save money for fishermen in our area and a lot more convenient since some boats don't have a lot of room. Marvin added that some boats are held up if an observer can't make it out due to weather.

Joe asked for further explanation on pros and cons between EM and a live observer. Ernie said EM may in the future replace human observers. At this time, NMFS is only getting 14 percent coverage with live observers. He said that the pilot program is more for Sand Point so might exclude Akutan anyway. Mayor Mack added that EM has been accepted in Canada. Paul said the EM Program is being conducted in Homer and Sitka also. He feels it will be good and hopes some will decide to participate. Mayor Mack said there is a lot of debate between EM and live observers. The resolution does not mean we

will get the program, but majority of fishermen want better observing and one way to achieve it is through EM.

ROLL CALL

Carol-yes, Paul-yes, Brenda-yes, Marvin-yes, Joe-yes. Advisory: Nikki-yes, Harold-yes.
MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Planning Commission:

MOTION

Marvin moved to approve the recommended names for the Planning Commission and second by Paul.

Hearing no more MOTION IS APPROVED.

Planning Commission:

James Brown – Sand Point
Heather Thompson – Sand Point
Chris Babcock – King Cove
Harlen Newman – King Cove
Justine Gundersen – Nelson Lagoon
Chris Emrich – False Pass
Josephine Borenin Shangin - Akutan

Internet Cost Options for Assembly Members:

The Clerk said the AEB pays for internet for its Assembly members. The new Internet plans in place charge for usage and it is difficult to set a standard amount suggesting we pay a flat rate directly to Assembly Members.

Paul suggested instead of paying for monthly internet to increase the meeting fees.

MOTION

Paul moved to bring an ordinance before the Assembly to increase the meeting fees to \$300 and remove internet options.

ROLL CALL

Paul-yes, Marvin-yes, Joe-yes, Carol-yes, Brenda-yes. Advisory: Nikki-yes, Harold-yes.
MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Reports are in packet.

Administrator Update: The Administrator said the hovercraft operated 23 days in May, 17 days June and 16 days in July. Some days of no operation were due to the plane not getting into Akun.

Helicopter RFP: The Administrator said AEB received four proposals for helicopters. Reviewed all and down to one that we plan to visit to ask further questions to better understand the things we need to know about a helicopter operation. Mayor Mack said hovercraft operation has not gone down in cost and contemplating the helicopter option and if it proves affordable we might contemplate the 90 day option.

Joe noted his concern with the helicopter option and depending on what type of helicopter it could cause freight and mail to be an issue. Also, not sure if helicopter will be able to bring fuel over. The Administrator said it is one of the things we want to explore. They will be able to bring in mail, larger freight, but transporting fuel oil becomes a little harder logistically, might have to come up with something different.

Paul said a helicopter took 20 drums of fuel at a time to Balboa Bay from Sand Point. It was trouble free for them to move fuel drums over to their site. A helicopter just can't carry passengers and sling at the same time. When they are not carrying passengers they can hook up a sling to move freight or fuel. Mayor Mack added that the helicopter they are looking at has better capability of carrying a larger load than the helicopter that visited Akutan.

King Cove Road Access: Interior Secretary, Sally Jewel will visit King Cove August 30.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

City of King Cove Manager, Gary Hennigh, said Laura Tanis involvement on Izembek issue has been incredible in terms of helping us be in a position that we are at.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

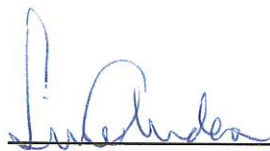
September 23 in Cold Bay.

ADJOURNMENT

Paul moved to adjourn and second by Carol. Hearing no more the meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.



Mayor Date

 9/18/13

Clerk Date