

Aleutians East Borough
October 14, 2013
3:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mack called the October 14, 2013 Special 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	Absent-Excused
Bill Cumberlidge	Present
Ken McHugh	Absent-Excused
Joe Bereskin, Sr.	Absent-Excused
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
- Tina Anderson, Clerk

Adoption of Agenda:

Brenda moved to adopt the agenda and second by Bill.

Community Roll Call and Public Comments on Agenda Items:

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

Certification of the October 1, 2013 Regular Election:

Included in the packet is the Canvass Committee Report, voting percentages per community and the October 1, 2013 Regular Election results. The Clerk reviewed the Election results below:

Assembly Seats:

- Seat B – Joe Bereskin
- Seat E – Carol Foster
- Seat G – Alvin D. Osterback

School Board Seats:

- Seat B – Tiffany Jackson
- Seat E – Brenda Wilson
- Seat G – Susan Osterback

MOTION

Brenda moved to approve the October 1, 2013 Regular Election results and second by Bill. There were no objections. Hearing no objections, MOTION PASSED.

Oath of Office - New Assembly Members:

Newly elected Assembly Members Alvin Osterback and Carol Foster were sworn into office.

Public Hearing-Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:

The Borough Administrator stated that the Aleutians East Borough was interested in submitting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposal this year. He explained that CDBG funding was intended to principally benefit low and moderate income persons by providing resources to communities for Community Development projects, Planning projects or Special Economic Development projects which encourage community self-sufficiency or reduce economic conditions which are detrimental to health and safety and that CDBG may also provide funding to assist in the creation or retention of jobs.

He stated that the State of Alaska intended to select projects for funding that provide a substantial or direct benefit to low and moderate income persons, prevent or eliminate slums or blights or meet urgent community development needs which pose a serious and immediate threat to public health and safety.

He continued that projects that are not eligible include equipment, government buildings, regular government operations, maintenance, operation or political activities and that the project maximum funding was \$850,000 and must have a matching local contribution of at least 25%.

He provided the False Pass Harbor House Design project as a possible CDBG Project. He said the Aleutians East Borough and the City of False Pass met the Low and Moderate Income criteria; the False Pass Harbor House Design project fell under the Community

Development project category and it provided a substantial or direct benefit to low and moderate income persons. He concluded by soliciting proposal suggestions for this grant opportunity from the Assembly and the public.

Mayor Mack opened for Public Hearing.

Carol asked if Sand Point is listed as low to moderate income. The Administrator said Sand Point is.

Alvin asked if a harbor house would be listed as a governmental building. The Administrator answered that it is not, it is considered a harbor enterprise, not like a city hall.

Carol asked about the Sand Point new boat harbor. Mayor Mack said the repairs are supposed to be done on the damaged float soon. Carol would like to see that project move forward to be finished and turned over to the city.

Mayor Mack asked if the Administrator has any direction. The Administrator said at this point we have only received one proposal from False Pass for a harbor house and is the only project he is aware of that meets criteria that we can apply for.

Paul asked for a deadline date for action. The Administrator said the grant application deadline is December 1.

Carol asked if all the communities contacted AEB with their needs. The Administrator said we have gotten capital project lists from the communities and we look at the funding opportunities that are available. He believes the False Pass harbor house project design fits criteria and the limited amount of money available from the grant. We haven't anything else that fits this criteria and limited amount of money.

Carol asked if all the communities can be contacted to see if they have projects that meet the criteria. The Administrator said we can do that although this was the purpose of the Public Hearing. Paul suggested a little more time to think about and maybe somebody might come up with other projects that we overlooked. The Administrator said the Community Development Coordinator's plan is to have a Public Hearing as part of the CDBG requirement and take whatever projects come in to us. At the November meeting a decision needs to be made so the grant application can be filed by December 1.

Alvin asked, if the False Pass project was chosen and funded, could another project in the AEB have a chance to be funded. The Administrator said they only allow one project per borough or community, but a community itself could also apply for the grant. Mayor Mack said False Pass does need a facility in the harbor and supports the idea to use for the False Pass harbor house design.

Paul said if we postpone decision until November 6, there would be plenty of time. Probably a very good project but might be another project needed that we are not aware of.

The Administrator said there is no action that needs to come out of Public Hearing. So, at the next meeting, we can have a resolution supporting the False Pass project and if there are other projects submitted that can be considered for the grant to do that then. Nothing can be finalized until next meeting.

Brenda feels the False Pass harbor house is an excellent project. When it is blowing 100, the harbor master has to come down to the harbor floats to check vessels in.

Hearing no more Public Hearing closed.

MOTION

Paul moved to put the agenda item for action on the November 6 meeting and second by Alvin.

DISCUSSION

Paul stated that he has not had time to think about the grant and wants a little more time.

Hearing no objections MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

Paul moved to adjourn and second by Carol. Hearing no more the meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.



Mayor Date

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Clerk Date