

Aleutians East Borough
September 18, 2013
3:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mack called the September 18, 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 -Unexcused
Ken McHugh	Present
Joe Bereskin, Sr.	Present
Brenda Wilson	Absent-Excused (arrived at the end of the meeting)

Advisory Members:

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

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

Agenda Additions:

Justine requested a discussion to introduce a resolution at the next meeting to address the drug problem in our communities. Feel if we do nothing we will miss our chance to take a stance. She feels not only AEB, but other entities like APIA and Aleut Corp. Need permanent counseling or a place where people can go to get help. Kristen Ferguson sent a letter a few years ago bringing up the drug issue then, she does not want this to fall between the cracks again. Mayor Mack agreed and will try and get help from the communities in the AEB to help draft a resolution.

MOTION

Ken moved to adopt the agenda and second by Carol. Hearing no more the agenda is adopted as presented.

Community Roll Call and Public Comments on Agenda Items:

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

Minutes, August 16, 2013:

MOTION

Paul moved to approve the August 16, 2013 Minutes as presented and second by Joe. Hearing none the minutes are approved.

Financial Report, August 2013:

MOTION

Joe moved to adopt the August financial Report and second by Carol.

ROLL CALL

Marvin-yes, Joe-yes, Ken-yes, Carol-yes, Paul-yes. Advisory: Harold-yes, Justine-yes.
MOTION PASSED.

Investment Report, August 2013:

In packet.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Resolution 14-03, appointing election judges for the October 1, 2013 Regular Election.
- Resolution 14-04, appointing a canvass committee for the October 1, 2013 Regular Election.
- Introduction Ordinance 14-02, amending Title 2, Chapter 2.04.040, Compensation of Assembly Members.

Joe requested that Ordinance 14-02 be removed from the Consent Agenda. There were no objections.

MOTION

Joe moved to approve the Consent Agenda and second by Ken.

ROLL CALL

Carol-yes, Joe-yes, Paul-yes, Ken-yes, Marvin-yes. Advisory: Justine-yes, Harold-yes.
MOTION PASSED.

ORDINANCES

Introduction Ordinance 14-02, amending Title 2, Chapter 2.04.040, Compensation of Assembly Members:

MOTION

Paul moved to accept the Introduction Ordinance 14-02 and set for Public Hearing at the next Assembly meeting and second by Joe.

DISCUSSION

Joe said after Paul made suggestion at the last meeting to increase meeting fees to cover internet costs, he asked for an explanation on tax requirements for meeting fees and whether a downside for taxes. The Finance Director said taxes will come out of the total amount of \$300 as it does now on the \$200. Paul added that the meeting fee will not refer to the internet coverage, just straight meeting fee increase. He requested staff bring any tax ramification to our attention at next meeting.

ROLL CALL

Paul-yes, Marvin-yes, Ken-yes, Joe-yes, Carol-yes. Advisory: Justine-yes, Harold-yes.

MOTION PASSED.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 14-05, a resolution of the Aleutians East Borough Assembly selecting and promoting capital projects for the health, safety and welfare of its residents:

MOTION

Joe moved to approve Resolution 14-05 and second by Carol.

DISCUSSION

Paul feels #2, Akutan Airport Link, is a problem of our own making and not comfortable asking the state to bail us out and taking the potential risk of losing opportunity to receive funding for other projects. He understands that this is just a list of projects and will support the resolution but not happy having the Akutan Airport Link in there. Mayor Mack disagrees saying we are in deeply and trying desperately to satisfy a connection between this community and the outside world and have a situation that is now a serious problem and looking to capture some revenue for that project.

ROLL CALL

Ken-yes, Marvin-yes, Carol-yes, Paul-yes, Joe-yes. Advisory: Justine-yes, Harold-yes.

MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Ordinance 14-01, amending the FY13 Budget (final):

MOTION

Joe moved to adopt and second by Ken.

Paul asked if the second reading is the same as first reading. Mayor Mack answered yes.

Mayor Mack opened for Public Hearing. Hearing none Public Hearing closed.

ROLL CALL

Joe-yes, Carol-yes, Marvin-yes, Paul-yes, Ken-yes. Advisory: Harold-yes, Justine-yes.

MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS *None*

NEW BUSINESS *None*

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Reports are in the packet.

Administrator Update: Administrator reviewed the Akutan hovercraft operations saying the hovercraft operated 23 days in August, four bad days of weather and three days no need to run hovercraft; had 234 passengers; hauled 16,357 lbs. of cargo and mail; one vehicle; and 7,122 gallons of fuel to city and Dept. of Transportation. Net revenue \$34,065 adding that it was a good month on the operation of the hovercraft.

Helicopter Services: The Administrator said out of the Request for Proposals we received for helicopter service to provide the transportation between Akun and Akutan four proposals were rejected, one did not meet helicopter equipment specifications and three were good proposals. The most qualified with the best price was selected. AEB is working with the contractor on various issues negotiating a contract and working with the State and Akutan to amend the Co-Sponsorship Agreement to allow a substitution of a helicopter. The Borough Attorney is reviewing amendment and hope to have it out for each party to review soon. Once the amendment and contract is available it will be brought before the Assembly for approval. He said they are looking at a substantial savings. The general manager for Maritime Helicopters went to Akutan and was pleased with the operation out there and feels he can run a good operation and be more reliable. Also need approval from FAA for the helicopter air routes.

Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewel Visit to King Cove: King Cove did a great job in putting across their story to the Secretary on the need for the road. He and the Mayor will go back to Washington D.C. and discuss the next strategy with Delegation as well as some capital projects discussion.

Paul said he had hoped to see the helicopter contract for approval at this meeting and also give hovercraft operation a 90 day notice, feels the longer it takes the more it costs the AEB. Paul asked for a date when the contract might be before the Assembly. Administrator said he does not have a date but believes this will definitely be a simpler contract mostly because we won't own the equipment. He said issues have to be addressed before a contractor will sign a

contract, like loading and unloading passengers, ticketing passengers, etc... Those things have to get finalized to move forward with the company. Then approval from the State, FAA and City of Akutan are still needed in Co-Sponsorship Agreement. Maritime form has to be completed for carrying passengers. Forms have all been submitted but have to wait for FAA to complete an airspace study. He hopes by October meeting but timing very tight to make it to that meeting. May have to have a special meeting later in the month. Joe said before 90 day notice is issued to Hoverlink, a signed agreement with Maritime is necessary. The Administrator said that is his recommendation so no loss in time for transportation service.

Fisheries Meetings: NPFMC is September 30-October 8 and Board of Fisheries October 18-October 22. AEB is not taking any position at Board of Fisheries because of conflicts. The Resource Director said he does have a proposal into the NPFMC looking for an alternative to the catch shares and know some people don't think it is a good idea and some think it is a good idea, it is just a proposal.

Paul asked about the pilot observer program saying some boats want to participate. The Resource Director said resolution was passed by the Assembly at last meeting supporting a pilot observer program in our region. The resolution will be in the Council packet but does not think a pilot program is going to happen in our area at this time.

Alvin Osterback, from the public, said Adak is asking for another transfer in of P- cod. Unalaska is opposing it, but some of AEB vessels participate out there and asked if we have a dog in that fight. Ernie said he hasn't looked at proposals beyond the 13 proposals for our area so haven't studied that one much, but Sam Cotton has. Alvin said if a percent of boats still participate out there it could affect the profits of local vessels. Paul added that a processor may reach an agreement to process out there.

Resource Permit Draft: The Community Development Coordinator noted the October 10 scheduled Planning Commission/Assembly workshop. The Resource Permitting draft has been mailed out so you should have received a draft. Consultant, Susan Harvey, has done a good power point presentation to get a better understanding of the draft. Requested everyone review prior to the October 10 meeting.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Paul said the School District Superintendent and Mayor are discussing a LED retro fit lighting to cut the school electricity bills in half at all the schools and feels it is a good idea. Mayor said we did go from one series of lighting to a more efficient lighting, but better cost effective lighting has become available.

Justine noted again a resolution to be brought before the Assembly at the next meeting to address the drug issue in the region. Mayor Mack said management has got the information we need and asked if Justine will also be available to assist. He said we will try to make contact with the communities to get input as to who and where we can go with this resolution in regards

to intervention, prevention and anything we can do on this issue. Brenda felt it is an awesome idea and would be willing to help in any way that she can.

Carol said people are asking about the Affordable Healthcare Act (ObamaCare) and requesting information for a better understanding of the program. Paul said AML is doing a presentation on the new federal public law at their conference in November. Brenda said she is the new navigator for Eastern Aleutian Tribes health care plan. She plans to put information together and will be doing presentations in the communities and helping people to apply. She added that people will either have to have a waiver as native coverage or other health insurance coverage in order to avoid tax penalties or additional taxes. She requested to be put on the next agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

City of King Cove Mayor, Henry Mack, reported on King Cove's Waterfall Creek hydro project. He feels this is a good project and the City of King Cove Council supports it. He plans to advertise next month for turbine runner and generator. He said the cost for the project is \$5.5M and along with the other hydro will provide 70% of renewable energy for the community. There will be a substantial savings in fuel keeping costs down for businesses and residents. The AEB supported the city in the last hydro project and hopes the Assembly will support this one also. An official request will be sent to the Assembly soon.

Mayor Henry Mack said he is glad Justine brought up the drug issue, King Cove has had meetings with public safety to try and do what we can to get a grip on it. Feels it is an AEB wide issue and will support the effort and King Cove will be part of this also.

Paul asked Joe about Eastern Aleutian Tribes (EAT) Executive Director search. Joe the search has been re-opened. Annual meeting in October so will probably wait until then to choose. The person we picked to fill the position had other opportunities he was looking at and wanted us to wait and EAT decided not to.

Joe said he is unavailable for the next meeting and will be gone October 7-21.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

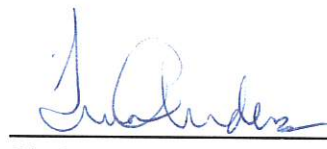
October 10 in Sand Point.

ADJOURNMENT

Paul moved to adjourn. Hearing no more the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



Mayor Date



Clerk Date