

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback called the Aleutians East Borough Assembly meeting to order by teleconference in each community on April 13, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback	Present
Brenda Wilson	Present
Jim Smith	Present
Chris Babcock	Present
Dailey Schaack	Present
Josephine Shangin	Present
Paul Gronholdt	Present
Warren Wilson	Present

Advisory Members:

Samantha McNeley, Nelson Lagoon	Present
Tom Hoblet, False Pass	Present

Quorum was present.

Staff Present:

Anne Bailey, Administrator
Talia Jean-Louis, Assistant Administrator
Laura Tanis, Communications Director
Ernie Weiss, Natural Resources Director
Charlotte Levy, Natural Resources Assist. Director
Glennora Dushkin, Administrative Clerk
Beverly Ann Rosete, Borough Clerk
Seward Brandell, Accounting Clerk

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

CHRIS move to Adopt the Agenda, seconded by BRENDA

Hearing no objections, the Agenda will stand as Written

COMMUNITY ROLL CALL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Osterback asked for any potential **Conflict of Interests** to discuss. There were no conflicts on agenda items.

PRESENTATION:

- Akutan Harbor Navigational Improvements Study by Cindy Upah, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. Laure, Andrea, David and John

Project Manager Dave Williams said they will be presenting 3 alternatives and what each alternative looks like but will be looking for one. They are looking for input because they will be presenting a little bit more *detail on the process to their vertical team at the end of this month. At that point, they hope to be able to come back and say they accepted this and then continue the process to the report.*

Chief of Planning Cindy Upah thanked AEB and Native Village on Akutan for being here today. The project has reached a very exciting juncture with the help of the community. We were able to consider solutions for Akun. What we call the tentatively select plan is what will be published in the draft report that is due to be released June 21. From there we will get input from the community agencies, stakeholders and headquarters to make any adjustments to the final recommendation. This is a big milestone for the community. Slide 2 of the presentation shows the authorities section. Section 203 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2000, as amended. 33 U.S.C. 2269. Tribal partnership program (TPP). That is the authorities that given us the study. Section 2006 of the WRDA 2007, as amended. 33 U.S.C. 2201 is the Remote and subsistence harbors authority. Section 1156 of WRDA 1986, as amended. 33 USC 2310 provides Cost sharing for Territories and Indian tribes. Remotes Assistance authority allows us to look at other than just the economic benefits. We worked with the community a lot to get cultural and social benefits. Presentation also shows the Vicinity map, Problem and Objectives of the project. The current transportation method (helicopter) between the Akutan Airport on Akun Island and the community of Akutan is expensive, inefficient, and has reliability concerns for airline passengers, medical supplies, and airline freight. We want to provide reliable access to transportation for the community. There was study in 2012 and continuing authorities program study in 2019. That study was stopped because it will cost more than it allows in that program. Opportunities and constraints were also identified during the charette listed on page 6 of the presentation. Some of the potential Harbor Locations are identified in page 7. Ultimately, 2 sites were carried forward, Site D and Site E. The existing conditions are looked for all the resources environmental, cultural, economic. We look at what those might be in the future without the project in place and that becomes more based on to compare all our alternatives. We'll need to complete our agency coordination for the Endangered Species Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Those will happen while we are in design because we need some special paperwork from headquarters to do that a little bit later. But we are gone away with the site visits better environmental team has already performed in the area working on coordination. Slide 10 shows a map of cultural resources, there are two known cultural districts. A Programmatic Agreement will be developed in this study. We will have an agreed upon process to follow anything before constructions. Slide 11 shows the Subsistence around the area, Akutan has been identified as both subsistence and cash economy which is both important. Slide 12 provides a visual of the aircraft and aviation condition and slide 13 shows the marine infrastructure. We must ensure in this project that whatever we do in Akun, if a ferry comes in Akutan, there is a place for it. Slide 14, shows an example of the Design Vessel. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Marine Design Center (MDC) has contracted Bristol Harbor Group, Inc. (BHGI) to prepare a feasibility and cost evaluation for the operation of a conventional monohull passenger vessel to replace the current mode of transporting passengers to and from the city of Akutan to the Akun Airport, which has been by helicopter since 2014. The transit is about seven nautical miles across the Akun Strait, separating the islands of Akutan and Akun in the Aleutian Island Chain of Alaska. It shows here that the cost of operating the ferry will be way less than the cost of operating the helicopter. Slide 15, shows the proposed road to Akutan that will be built. The proposed road would be approximately 1.25-miles long with a 12-foot-wide drivable surface. The road could accommodate two-way traffic for ATV's but would be limited to one way traffic for larger vehicles. \$2.75m funded by Denali Commission and City of Akutan. There are 3 alternatives. Alternative 1: HARBOR SW OF UNNAMED POINT, this is the largest among the 3, has 715 foot

breakwater, 120' X 120', -13' turning basin, and an entrance channel of minimum of 60' to 120', -13' no blasting is required. Alternative 2: HARBOR SOUTH OF UNNAMED POINT, the breakwater is a little smaller 450' feet, turning basin is same size 120' x 120', -13', the dock is a little shorter, Entrance channel: 60' minimum to 120', -13', and requires blasting. Alternative 3: HARBOR NORTH OF UNNAMED POINT, Breakwaters: 400', Turning basin: 120'x120', -13', Entrance channel: 60' minimum to 120', -13'. After a series of various analysis, Alternative 2 came out to have highest net benefits, therefore, Alternative 2 is the proposed tentatively selected plan. The preliminary cost will be \$52M, that includes labor cost. \$11.7M will be non-Federal cost and \$46.2M will be Federal and that includes entire project and design. We are looking at completing the study in July of 2024. About \$1.2M of non-federal funds will be required shortly after that time. Slide 26 shows economics, environmental, cultural and engineering required that includes ROM costs and the design, cultural programmatic agreement, coordination with environmental agencies among other things. Slide 27 breaks down the site works at the end of the study in addition to some technical work we have some deadlines to meet. Slide 28 shows the milestones and the funding stream. Our tentatively selected plan will be presented in communication headquarters on April 28 and we will be releasing the draft report on June 21st of this year. This will give opportunity for the community to submit comments and final report will be given to headquarters on March 2024.

CHRIS asked if after a plan has been picked and approved, an environmental impact statement will be included. Cindy Upah responded on the release of Draft report on June, it will include environmental assessment.

PAUL commented that he thinks the better boat for that route would be the one similar to the one used in False Pass which is a crew boat. It has a shallower draft and if there is a mechanical, you can have it trailer at the old ramp rather than having a 58' boat to King Cove, Dutch Harbor or Sand Point to have it repaired if necessary. I would like to see how option 2 and 3 compare during stormy days. Cindy Upah replied that this is the design vessel but the community has the option to purchase out the vehicle that will work. David added they used as far as what the CORPS has as far as expertise with the marine design. They relatively picked a heavy boat because of marine climate. The best way to utilize the harbor is up to the community. Or job is to give the community a best harbor.

WARREN asked how much the cost of study to the Borough is? Davis responded The cost of the study right now to the Borough is about \$1M. What we are putting into it on the CORP side is \$1.5M.

JOSY commented that we are not setting up for failure, in response to PAUL's comment about the boat size. We are looking at having to get through the pass otherwise we will be in the same situation with the Hover Craft where it is nice weather, but the pass was rough, and the boat cannot go through. I think it was a nice presentation and am looking forward to the presentation to be put out. CHRIS asked JOSY what is the real problem in getting to Akun Island. JOSY responded it would be the pass, it could be nasty at times.

JOE BERESKIN, City of Akytan Mayor asked if there is a cultural site on the Unnamed Point on page 10 of the presentation? Cindy Upah said that if during construction there is anything that was discovered through that were not impacted by the dock, if it was for some reason, we will have an agreement in place so people would understand what to do moving forward. BRENNNA said those will come up together as a group and things will be negotiated and agreed upon using your ideas on how you want us to handle. JOE BERESKIN asked why Alternatives 1 & 2 came out of that Unnamed Point but the other one requires blasting and the other one does not? Cindy replied, we have geotechnical investigations and they determined where the bed rocks are. Alternative 1 is pushed out so that it falls out the area of where the bedrock is, so we do not anticipate blasting there where as alternative 2 & 3 are definitely on the bedrock so they require blasting.

PAUL asked Joe if the road going on the airport will be going this year or next year. JOE responded next year.

Mayor Osterback commented that so far there are quite a bit of things done by the CORPS and the Borough has done meetings with them. David commented he appreciates all the comments they have received. *We appreciate all your input.*

Mayor Osterback asked if there is anything they wanted answer that the Borough might have missed? David said the idea of a crew boat which is a clearly different design than fishing boat usually has higher prow and can take larger waves. If we are going to look for a crew boat, what do you think is the size needed? PAUL responded 65 feet would be the common size. Cindy said part of their process is after they take the draft report out to the public and community, we take all the feedbacks and incorporate that to the final report.

CHRIS asked TOM his opinion on the boat side as he rode boat from COLD BAY to False Pass. TOM responded they carry up to 40 passengers on that boat but not sure exact the size of the boat, he thinks it is around 60-70 feet.

WARREN commented, looking at the map, you have a dredge down up to 13 feet. Average boat dredge up to 10-13feet. JOE explained the waves swells action in the past. The waves eventually hit that beach, there is an undertow that's going to be in that harbor either end. They well max it out in a 58foot vessel. In the North sea for the wind turbines, crew boats and service vessels, they are 60feet long, they carry up to 12-16 people and they are probably a decent sized vessel that could handle the weather here and the pass. Thinks that catamaran type of crew boat is better than fredwall. I think we need to look more at what kind of vessel you want there but I know those boats are proven in the North sea.

Mayor Osterback asked when they were looking at the depth of water is that based on mean low or mean mean low? Cindy Upah answered at this time we are designing for mean lower low but we investigate on going deeper for those extreme low tides,

PAUL asked if it's the CORPS responsibility right now to identify rock source or will that come later. David said their crew knows where there are existing quarries that can provide the size of rock required on the break water. They look into those quarries and find out if they are still producing rock and the estimated prices would be. We do not find the rock source, we identify the quality that is required, the size and estimated quantity. Quarries will provide an estimated price and based on that we award a contract.

JIM asked how much of the waves that actually goes over to that breakwater when there is a 30-40 foot swells. Cindy Upah said, they did a preliminary wave modeling, the design wave is coming through the straight at 30 feet, that is about 50 foot wave when it reaches the breakwater and it bounce around 12-16 feet depending on the alternative. So, it loses about half or a 3rd of it's height.

JOSY asked if the CORPS will be heading back to Akutan to present the presentation. David said he don't think they can do that between now and 2 weeks from now, but wanted to make sure they'll send out all the information to tribes and community. So if there is any questions from the community or tribes, they want to hear it.

ANNE commented that if there are any questions from the Assembly that need to be routed to the CORPS, they can send it individually to the Borough Clerk then it can be disseminate to the Administrator and Mayor the routed to the CORPS. One thing CORPS is asking is that the Assembly confirm the support for Alternative

MOTION

CHRIS made a motion to accept Alternative 2, second by DAILEY

PAUL asked if we have to nail it down to just one option. Mayor Osterback thinks the CORPS need one option so they can move forward. Cindy Upah added, we would like to have the Alternative tentatively identified for the release of the document, and as we get comments back we will be able to optimize that. PAUL Asked if the City of AKUTAN picked an option? ANNE said that the draft will go before the Village Council on the 28th.

JOSY asked if the City of Akutan and Akutan Judicial leader has seen this yet. Mayor Osterback responded it will not really affect the motion. If the Assembly turns it down, it will not move forward. Thinks that we need to move forward with ours and if there is a problem we can come back and visit it.

JOSY wanted to make sure that any comments that come after today will be considered.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Dailey, Brenda, Paul, Josy, Warren, Jim, Chris Advisory: Tom, Samantha
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

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ROLL CALL:

Present: Jim, Chris, Warren, Paul, Dailey, Brenda, Josy Advisory: Samantha, Tom

MINUTES

March 09, 2023 Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes

MOTION

BRENDA moved to accept the March 09, 2023 Assembly Meeting Minutes, seconded by WARREN

Minutes will stand as corrected.

FINANCIAL REPORT

February 2023 Financial Report

MOTION

CHRIS made a motion to approve the Financials Report and second by JOSY

Administrator Bailey said we are in 8th month into the Fiscal year, Raw Fish Tax is at \$3.69M. In February alone, we've gotten \$545K. We are still above 115% 5-yr average. There are few items that are a little higher like Utilities and Travel and per diem.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Paul, Brenda, Chris, Josy, Warren, Jim, Dailey Advisory: Samantha, Tom
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

INVESTMENT REPORT

APCM February 2023 Investment Report

CONSENT AGENDA

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 23-45, Authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute an Agreement with Silver Legal Services to provide legal representation for the King Cove Road in an amount not to exceed \$72,250

MOTION

JOSY made a motion to approve Resolution 23-45 and second by CHRIS

Administrator Bailey said Silver Legal Services is requesting authority and funding to provide legal representation for the King Cove Road. The current request is for \$62,250. The contractual compliance and funding relationship for this work will be between the Borough and Silver Legal Services and the legal and technical tasks conducted will represent the King Cove-- Cold Bay Group, which consists of the Aleutians East Borough, the King Cove Corporation, Agdaagux Tribe, Native Village of Belkofski, City of King Cove and City of Cold Bay. Legal Services would include Research and prepare an Opposition Brief to the March 17, 2023 Department of Interior Motion to Dismiss the current case in front of the 9th Circuit and Additional future legal tasks that may include but not be limited to responding to any new legal/procedure legislative/legal concerns and with the pending ANILCA 1110(B). There's also \$10K contingency. Funds will be paid for out of Borough's King Cove Access Project Designated Legislative Grant (account number E 20-867-168-850 Capital Construction) to pay for the litigation services.

PAUL commented perhaps after the 9th Circuit court Ruling to view our strategy and some discussion on this matter. *Everybody is anxious with this ruling and to see where we are and talk about it and talk about and see what options we have.*

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Brenda, Jim, Warren, Chris, Dailey, Josy, Paul Advisory: Tom, Samantha

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 23-48, Establishing the Minimum Bond Coverage for the Aleutians East Borough Finance Director to be in the Amount of \$250,000 with a \$25,000 Deductible

MOTION

CHRIS motion to approve Resolution 23-48 and second by DAILEY

Administrator Bailey said Section 2.29.020 of the Aleutians East Borough Code outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Borough Finance Director. One requirement states that the Finance Director shall give bond to the municipality in a sum which the Assembly directs. The Finance Director should be bonded via a Public Officials Bond, which is a type of surety bond that guarantees that certain governmental positions will comply with the governmental rules and regulations. The purpose behind a Public Officials Bond is to ensure the public will be reimbursed if the governmental official does not faithfully perform the duties and regulations. It is common to require bonding for those that handle public fund. The Borough Code does not have a sum established. We never bonded our Finance Director in the past so Administration need direction from the Assembly. Administration recommends establishing the minimum bond coverage for the Finance Director to be in the amount of \$250,000 with a deductible of \$25,000. This is the minimum, but I will be requesting to have the coverage underwritten at \$500,000 with a \$25,000 deductible.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Dailey, Chris, Jim, Brenda, Paul, Warren, Josy
Advisory: Samantha, Tom
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 23-49, Supporting the State of Alaska Department of Transportation's Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant Application for the Cold Bay Dock Project

PAUL motion to approve Resolution 23-49 and second by BRENDA

Administrator Bailey said the State of Alaska and the Alaska Municipal League (AML) have taken interest in this project and in the process of drafting a Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant in be half of the Borough and the City and they would like to do this for design, permitting, Geotech work all the way to construction. The State also agreed to pay a large portion of the matching fund for this project. We are looking for support for the application. The project will cost about \$43-56M.

CHRIS asked if there will be a plan of what the dock will look like. Administrator Bailey said the Borough hired Moffat and Nichols~ to conduct feasibility study which is almost done with the draft being finalized. But there is a rough idea of what will work and the State a very preliminary design. CHRIS asked if the design will be similar to what Cold Bay currently has? Administrator Bailey said it will be similar but will be a little wider to allow pedestrian access.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Chris, Warren, Paul, Josy, Brenda, Jim, Dailey
Advisory: Tom, Samantha
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 23-50, Authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 with DOWL to provide professional engineering, project management and construction management services for the Aleutians East Borough

MOTION

BRENDA motion to approve Resolution 23-50 and second by JOSY

Administrator Bailey said In August 2020, the Aleutians East Borough (Borough) entered into a contract with DOWL for professional engineering, project management and construction management services. The Period of Performance for the contract was from September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, with the option to renew for an additional three (3) one-year periods, by mutual consent of both parties. In May 2022, Amendment No. 1 was executed exercising the first one-year renewal option, effective July 1, 2022 ending June 30, 2023. Everything else in the contract remained the same. Borough Administration would like to exercise the second one-year renewal option, which would go into effect July 1, 2023 ending June 30, 2024. Everything else in the contract would remain.

PAUL commented that we should go to bid more often.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Paul, Josy, Dailey, Brenda, Chris, Jim, Warren Advisory: Samantha, Tom
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 2023 Advisory Appointments

MOTION

BRENDA made a motion to approve the Advisory appointment, seconded by CHRIS

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Brenda, Chris, Dailey, Jim, Josy, Paul, Warren, Advisory: Tom, Samantha
Nay: None

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Administrator's Report in packet. Highlights below:

- **King Cove Road Update:** During the virtual call on March 17, 2023 with the Borough, City of King Cove and Corporation, Secretary Haaland stated that she was withdrawing support and participation in the 2019 Land Exchange Agreement that was signed by Secretary of Interior David Bernhardt. She was sending Deputy Secretary Beaudreau and her Senior Advisor to King Cove to meet with leadership. She also verbally supported the road in our call but in other hearings and meetings, she has stated that she was committed to finding a "viable" solution to King Cove's access needs, which she considers to be an issue of "environmental justice" for King Cove. The Interior Solicitor added that the Department of Justice would file a Motion to Dismiss the pending en banc case as moot. The motion was filed along with a memorandum from Secretary Haaland within thirty minutes of our discussion. On March 27, 2023, the Deputy Secretary of Interior Beaudreau, the Secretary's Senior Advisor, the Secretary's Policy Advisor, and the Alaska Regional USFWS Director travelled to King Cove. They met with leadership, had a briefing at the clinic, drove to the Northeast Corner to view the existing road and had a community meeting. The following day they flew to Cold Bay to refuel and were able to view the Refuge area on which the proposed road would be located. On March 29, 2023, Senator Murkowski questioned Secretary Haaland about her position on the road and mad the

point that to accomplish this decision in the next few months would require Congressional approval. The Secretary responded that she is "committed" to a viable solution for King Cove.

- **School Updates:**

- Boiler Inspections: LONG has completed the boiler inspections in Akutan, False Pass, King Cove and Sand Point. The boilers in False Pass are scheduled for replacement in the spring/early summer. Over the weekend the Borough was informed that the boiler in Sand Point has a strong fuel smell and black smoke. LONG was contacted and troubleshot it. LONG made a trip to Sand point and arrived Monday afternoon, worked late in the evening and was successful in getting 1 boiler back on. The 2nd boiler is up and running as of now, however, there have been identified problem that we continue to fix.
- False Pass School: The Mayor, Administration, DOWL, ECI, the School District have met with Wired AK to discuss electrical needs for the False Pass School. On March 30, 2023, the Borough entered into contract to conduct the electrical needs at the False Pass School in an amount not to exceed \$33,490.00. This will be paid for out of E 20-220-603-678 Deferred Maintenance. Wired AK traveled on April 10. All the items on the checklist has been completed. Few other items has been identified and needed fixing and we will work on that.
- Sand Point HVAC: LONG has been contracted to provide and install a new HVAC controller in the Sand Point School. LONG arrived in Sand Point on April 6th and began the installation process.
- Sand Point DEED Grant: Administration signed the DEED Grant application for the Sand Point School and has been working with the State for the next step. A proposal from DOWL was requested for design and project services management.
- Sand Point Pool: Evolution Pools & Living Waters completed the ff: repaired the pool liners, replaced circulation pump & filter, installed the saltwater system, replaced flow meter, replaced piping, installed new heat exchanger and completed electrical work. After the pool was filled with water and the liner settled, they found out more leaking problems. We are searching for new ways to fix this problem. Good news is the water is circulating and the temperature is increasing. Throughout the life of this project, additional maintenance and repair has been identified including leaking water heater, a crack in the boiler section and malfunctioning mixing valves. A quote from Living Waters was requested for this work. Kuchar Construction will be addressing the door replacement, peeling of some pool floors as well as the mold issue on the ceiling. A lot of the problems that we are having will be addressed in the DEED project. Talia and DOWL are working on drafting an RFQ (Request for Qualification) for Pool Maintenance. We are going to start on having to check the pool on an annual or more frequent basis to prevent major issues.

PAUL asked how many acres of land is supposed to be traded for the Land Exchange. Administrator responded, she doesn't have the information in front of her and will be providing that in a later date.

Mayor Osterback thanked Dave Walls, Jackson Rosete, Charly Gundersen, Jim Smith, Ken Spjut, Dennis McGlashan Sr, and Alvin Osterback Jr. who all helped on trying to fix the Sand Point School boilers.

Essential Air Service and Helicopter Services Agreement: USDOT has issued the Essential Air Service for Akutan. the U.S. Department of Transportation (the Department) selects Grant Aviation, Inc. (Grant) and Maritime Helicopters, Inc. (Maritime) to provide Essential Air Service (EAS) at Akutan, Alaska, for the three-year term from April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2026. The USDOT only covers half of the helicopter expenses and the Borough for the other half. A resolution of agreement with

Maritime was approved last March 9, 2023. The Borough Agreed to pay the ff: 1st year, \$1.04M, 2nd year, \$1.098M and 3rd year, \$1.152M. In turn the Borough will bill Maritime for fuel, transportation and hangar usage.

Cold Bay Clinic: We received \$2M HRSA fund and Administration is still waiting for HRSA's approval for the updated schematic design, which was submitted in November 2022 and the revised budget, which was submitted in January 2023. Administration anticipates a response in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, HRSA has confirmed that the Borough can begin expending monies for this project. Therefore, on March 29, 2023, Administration authorized DOWL to move forward with the Phase 2 of the project (65% design). Administration is working with HRSA and the Payment Management System to begin requesting reimbursement for Clinic expenses.

Other Items: 2 Special Meetings are scheduled, May 3 in King Cove and May 18 in designation locations, FY2024 budget will be introduced and then will be in a public hearing.

Assistant Administrator's Report in packet. Highlights below:

Sand Point School DEED Capital Improvement Project: On April 4th 2023, Administration submitted the receipt of Amendment No. 1 to the State of Alaska for the Borough's term contract with DOWL to determine if we can contract DOWL for Professional Services (Architectural/Engineering and Project Management Services) for the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) Grant. April 5th 2023, the State of Alaska did approve the Borough's term contract where AEB is permitted to request a proposal from DOWL for the DEED project which includes a site visit. The State must review and approve all stages of the project including; design, construction document services, bid services, permitting, and construction services to fulfill the terms of the grant. All phases will also be presented to the Assembly for approval.

Sand Point School Pool Update: The Aleutians East Borough is looking for a qualified pool inspector to inspect and maintain the pool operation. DOWL is currently consulting with Councilman- Hunsaker-an integrated team of design professionals and operational specialist in the aquatic industry to assist with drafting a solid scope of work for the Request of Qualifications for the pool maintenance. Administration will continue to keep the Assembly updated on these processes as things unfold.

Maintenance Connection: Administration continues to utilize Maintenance Connection created by SERCC where the Borough can perform tasks such as processing maintenance request, creating work orders, setting up preventive schedules, creating purchase orders, and reordering inventory. DOWL now has access to Maintenance Connection to view and track projects from beginning to end.

False Pass School Electrical Issue: April 4th, 2022 the Borough entered into contract with Wired AK to conduct the electrical work at the False Pass School. Dependent on parts, the Borough anticipates they will arrive to False Pass April 10th. This contract came as a result of the principle notifying the Borough of a myriad of electrical issues identified by the School District.

False Pass School Leak Issue: March 20th 2023, the Borough was notified by the principal with the False Pass School of leaking issues. These issues include the ff; Faucet leak in the custodial room wherein the room is humid with condensation. Leak in the urinal in the boy's restroom where plumping needs to be replaced. Leak in the spare classroom from rain. Administration has engaged with Gould Construction for a quote for the repair of the leaks upon their return to False Pass.

List of meetings attended was in the packet,

Communications Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

King Cove Land Exchange: On March 14th, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland withdrew the federal government's defense of a 2019 land exchange agreement with the King Cove Corporation. The Biden Administration's Department of Justice had defended this land exchange for a couple of years in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals case. While that was very disappointing news on the local front, Sec. Haaland has pledged to Corporation, tribal, city and Borough leaders that she will launch a new process for a land swap

and road. We sent out a written response regarding this development. All of this required quite a bit of media relations efforts behind the scenes. On March 28th, members of DOI senior staff flew out to King Cove to begin discussions. Those talks are ongoing. With everything that occurred since mid-March, there was a flurry of media activity. I'm including links below to various media stories. In addition, former Alaska Governor and U.S. Senator Frank Murkowski, wrote an opinion piece on the latest events regarding this issue. It appeared in multiple publications at the end March – early April, including the Anchorage Daily News and the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.

Social Media - Photography: I've been spending quite a bit of time on Includes resizing photos taken of our communities over the summer by photographer Kerry Tasker. I'm reducing them in size, since they're very large in resolution, and saving them to the shared drive for Administration and staff. Then I'm posting them to Facebook. So far, I've shared photos of False Pass, Cold Bay, Nelson Lagoon, Akutan and King Cove to Facebook as well as some to Instagram. As of the writing of this report, I'm working on photos of Sand Point, so I can share those.

Natural Resources Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Alaska Board of Fisheries (BoF or Board): Following the February meeting, ADFG has confirmed that the agreement reached in RC104 from the March 2022 Board Meeting would be applied in addition to conditions in RC 190, passed as substitute language for Proposal 136 at the February 2023 meeting. That means fishing time for seine gear in the Shumagin Islands Section may be reduced an additional 50% during the second *June South Peninsula fishing period, if the lower bound of the Chignik River early run sockeye salmon escapement goal is projected to not be met.* However, it should be noted that the Chignik sockeye early run escapement goal lower bound was reduced from 350,000 to 300,000 in RC 216, sub. lang. for Proposal 105. At the March Statewide meeting the Board took no action on Proposal 154 to allow purse seine drums due to lack of legal authority by the Board. There will be a special web-conference Board meeting April 19th to consider a misplaced proposal from the Native Village of Kwinhagak, now Proposal 173 which would close the Kuskokwim Area District 4 on Sundays and allow only one gillnet per vessel used in subsistence and commercial fisheries June 1 to July 15. No oral testimony will be taken at the April 19 meeting. Governor Dunleavy made 3 appointments to the Board of Fisheries on April 1: Gerad Godfrey of Eagle River, Greg Svendsen of Anchorage and Mike Wood of Talkeetna.

North Pacific Fishery Management Council: April Agenda Item C1 is final action on the Cook Inlet Salmon FMP Amendment. We continue to pay close attention to this action. There are new advances for BS chum salmon genetics. The Governor nominated Rudy Tsukada for Simon Kineen's seat on the Council.

Board of Game: A Unimak Island hunting guide submitted an emergency petition at the March Board of Game Southcentral meeting re: Unimak Island non-resident limited draw permits. The Board failed to find that an emergency exists and the petition was not taken up.

Assistant Natural Resources Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Electronic Monitoring - WGOA3/EFP: Our current funding for this project runs out this year 2023, we are expecting headquarters to allocate fund for the gap year in 2024, however, we found out they were only partially fund the gap year.

Fixed-Gear EM Project: We have 3 vessels officially participating in the pilot program. The vessels will fish black cod from now through May, we anticipate roughly 15-20 trips total. I have worked with NMFS FMA to allow for special non-selected observer coverage in ODDS that will be used for side-by-side comparison of observer vs. EM data for catch accounting purposes.

Mariculture: I have received notice from Alaska Sea Grant (ASG) that due to oversights within the UAF Office of Grants and Contracts (OGCA), we have lost federal funding for this project. Our co-PI at ASG has cited the cause as a discrepancy in the required documents for the no-cost extension that was requested in June 2022, and OGCA did not respond in time due to high turnover. I believe we have enough funding in the AEB

Mariculture account to continue this project, however if AEB now finances this project there are new considerations for contracting, insurance, etc. that will need to be resolved first. I am investigating the potential for better utilization of the existing state-water only scallop GHL.

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AFSC Cod Tagging Project: On March 14th, the project team visited the Sand Point school to do hands-on student outreach. We gave a presentation to two high school classes on our research and fisheries management and conducted cod dissections and biological sampling techniques. We completed our 3rd tagging charter starting in Sand Point March 16 and finished in Seward the 30th. We will release 54 satellite tags across 10 sites from Sanak to Prince William Sound, including 292 biological samples (genetics, otoliths, sex, maturity), 620 conventional tags, 4 stationary tags, and video camera drops to qualitatively assess behavior and presence. We are working on the final cruise report which will be published as a NOAA process report. We are also developing an outreach website available to the public for updates.

Other activities: I will be attending the Western Groundfish Conference in Juneau, April 24-27. Dr. Nielsen will be presenting on our cod tagging project, and Josh Keaton (NMFS) will be presenting on our Trawl EM project. While in Juneau, I plan to meet with Marine Exchange to discuss options for VMS geofencing for fish tax purposes.

PAUL asked if Charlotte has been promoting scallop fishing in the area. Natural Resources Assistant Director Levy said she wasn't doing anything quite yet just looking at the state of the water and possibly using lid pot instead of dredging.

Finance Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Budget: I spent the majority of my time working on budget needs. I have created several excel spreadsheets that have been helpful in analyzing current expenditures as well as ones that allow for quick data input when new figures become available.

Banking: Meet the personnel at KeyBank who work with the borough accounts. It was good to meet them in person and discuss the banking services for the accounts. Some services they offer are good for internal controls and best practices for governmental accounting.

Financial Policies and Procedures: Prior to returning to King Cove, I was able to meet with Alaska Permanent Capital Management and the personnel in charge of the borough accounts. It's nice to meet face to face with people you work with primarily through email. The meeting was useful and provided valuable information in starting the work on the policies for cash management.

Routine tasks: There is a good timeline in place now to get the routine tasks completed timely with the proper separation of duties. All of the routine daily tasks have been caught up, and the monthly financials are nearing completion. The quarter ended on March 31st, so closing the month takes a few more steps to ensure accuracy for quarter reporting needs.

Mayor Osterback thank everyone for all their reports and appreciates all the work.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

PAUL presented a brochure from Unalaska that Trident's plant in Dutch Harbor will be operating in 1 year and 8 months. Thinks that it will be quicker than he has seen anything before. If they decide not to process crab in Akutan, something that we need to keep tract.

Mayor Osterback told him and Anne met with Joe Bundrant and his staff in SWAMC. The best answer they gave was that they were answering to their board. The prices of materials are high, and they didn't have a date when and if the building of the new plant will take place and they can give a more realistic update on November 2023.

DAILEY asked where PAUL got the brochure. PAUL responded; it is from Unalaska about their water sewer project. We have 5 or 6 ferries coming. It would be nice to have a water drilling coordinate with the City of Cold Bay to do a quick drill. It will be quick and less expensive, something to think about. Mayor Osterback responded that the people expert in PFAS in water said it was not a good idea to be drilling new wells.

CHRIS commented that there are few concerns about communities in the Borough regarding morgues and Administrator Bailey said there are monies out there available, and I would like to see if we can help the community of Nelson Lagoon and False Pass. They are important to have in the community. Also, the improvement of the communication line in Nelson Lagoon, something that the Barough can look into.

SAMANTHA agreed that land lines has been in and out as well as the cell service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE


Special Assembly Meeting May 3, 2023 in KING COVE

ADJOURNMENT

JOSY moved to adjourn second by Diley. Hearing no more, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



Mayor Alvin D. Osterback



Beverly Ann Rosete, Borough Clerk

Date: 5/19/2023

