

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback called the Aleutians East Borough Special Assembly Meeting to order by teleconference in each community on December 14, 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	Absent
Paul Gronholdt	Present
Warren Wilson	Present

Advisory Members:

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

Quorum was present.

Staff Present:

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

CHRIS made a motion to put the Old Business before Resolutions and second by BRENDA

MOTION

CHRIS made a motion to adopt the Amended Agenda, Dailey Seconded.

Hearing no objections, the Agenda will stand as Amended

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.

MINUTES

November 16, 2023 Special Assembly Meeting Minutes

MOTION

BRENDA moved to accept the November 16, 2023 Assembly Meeting Minutes, seconded by CHRIS

Hearing no correction, Minutes will stand as written.

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT

October 2023 Financials

MOTION

BRENDA made a motion to approve the October 2023 Financials Report and second by DAILEY

Administrator Bailey said we are into 33% of our Fiscal year. Interest Revenue shows that we are making money on interest , which is great. In Raw Fish Tax we only made approximately \$264K on October which is the 2nd lowest October fish tax on record dated back to 1999. This is a rough month but I am hoping we will bounce back in the future. Based on the 5-year average which is approximately \$429K, we are approximately in 62%. For the State Shared Fish Tax, we anticipated \$1.9M but came in at \$2.64M so we have about \$700K surplus in. And for State Revenue Other, this is our community assistance that we get from the State, this also came in higher than anticipated . We have about \$48K above what we anticipated.

As far as Expenditures, we are on tract except for few items such as telephone lines and supplies.

PAUL asked the Finance Director if the processors are paying us on time.

Administrator Bailey answered that the seafoods processors are paying timely. Peter Pan was late just recently but only by days because of their finance department turnover, but as of now, we are currently up to date.

ROLL CALL

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

INVESTMENT REPORT

APCM October 2023 Investment Report

CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES

OLD BUSINESS

- King Cove Office Discussion

Administrator Bailey said a discussion was made regarding the King Cove office last November 2022. At that time the finance department moved to the city building. The King Cove office we own is currently unoccupied and vacant. We wanted to have a conversation with the Assembly of what to do with this building. The building has significant damage, there is a black mold through out the building, the wall is saturated with water and there is also bug issue. Borough Administration and the Finance Department have discussed the condition of the facility, and it has been determined that the best course of action is to turn the water and heat off to the building and then tear down the facility this summer. Administration further recommends that the Borough retain the property and then determine if a new facility should be built in the future.

Seward added that the building is in bad shape and getting worse with no maintenance. The building looks rotting from the inside out.

Mayor Osterback said the reason why we moved this discussion before the resolution is that we have a resolution that deals with disposing surplus property and that's all the building materials we already purchased. I wanted to know what the Assembly wants to do with the building.

Chris commented that we should probably look at tearing it down.

Paul commented to sell the property as is with the materials.

Warren commented to put it in bid and maybe someone wants a fixer upper. If no one bids, then we can ultimately tear it down.

Brenda agreed with Warren to sell the whole thing but state as it is so we don't end up with repercussions later.

Administrator Bailey commented to keep in mind that this building is not up to a code . Recommended to hang on to the property for now.

Chris said after hearing the other Assembly changed his mind and agreed with selling it. If someone is willing to buy it and fix it up, we should entertain that option.

Jacki commented that they are in a 1 room space right now and sometimes one then has to step out of the room if there is a personnel meeting or confidential meeting.

Paul commented to postpone the decision for a month or two until we get more input from other community.

Mayor Osterback agreed that we do not have to make the decision at this meeting but wanted to have the discussion with the Assembly on what they want to do with this building.

Dailey commented that that's her question, if we want to keep the land and we want to build again.

Jim agreed with the other Assembly members from King Cove.

RESOLUTIONS

- **Resolution 24-19**, relating to the disposal of surplus, obsolete or unneeded supplies

MOTION

Dailey made a motion to approved Resolution 24-19, second by Warren

Administrator Bailey said this is the surplus materials that are located at the King Cove office. Seward itemized all the items, and the dollar amount came directly from purchase price and this does not include shipping. If the Assembly chooses, they can surplus this or not.

CHRIS thinks we should leave it as a package deal.

PAUL asked if this is the price we actually paid including the freight. Administrator Bailey responded that the listed price does not include freight.

CHRIS said that these lumbers has been sitting there for quite some time and not sure how much of those lumbers are salvageable.

Mayor Osterback asked Seward if most of the lumber was inside the unit? Seward responded, the roof and the siding are outside but the plywood are inside.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Dailey

Nays: Paul, Warren, Jim, Chris, Brenda Advisory: Samantha

MOTION FAILS

- **Resolution 24-20**, Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with UIC Nappairit, LLC to Provide Pre-Construction Services for the Cold Bay Clinic Renovations Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$30,000

MOTION

WARREN made a motion to approved Resolution 24-20, second by CHRIS

Administrator Bailey said The Aleutians East Borough received \$2,000,000 from the Health Resources and Services Administration for the renovation of the existing Cold Bay Health Clinic. The Borough has hired DOWL to conduct the 35% Design; the 65% Design; Final Design and Permitting; Bidding and Construction Contract Execution and Construction Administration and Close-out. The 35% design and 65% design have been completed. Now they are moving on to the bid and final design which the contractor will assist with the process. On November 3, 2023, a Pre-Proposal Meeting for the Clinic was held. Questions on the project were due on or before November 8, 2023. Three proposals were received by the November 14, 2023 deadline. On November 21, 2023, the Selection Committee met to review the proposals. On November 28, 2023, an Intent to Negotiate Letter was sent out to the proposers. UIC Nappairit, LLC scored the highest. Phase 1 of UIC's work will include Pre-Construction Services where they will consult with the design team during the remainder of the architectural and engineering design phase. During this phase they will help develop a final cost estimate to construct

the project; provide constructability review; prepare a detailed schedule and provide subcontractor pricing. Phase 2 includes construction services. UIC's cost for pre-construction services is \$27,505. Administration recommends entering a contract with UIC for pre-construction services in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to give us a wiggle room. Funds for this project are available in the HRSA Line-Item E 20-429-000-871.

PAUL asked how did we ended up with UIC? Administrator responded, we posted an RFP on October 24th, Pre-Proposal meeting on November 3rd, questions on the projects were due November 8. Proposals were due November 14th. PAUL proceeded to ask if we did a formal bid, Administrator Bailey responded that we did, we advertise RFP, received 3 bids and after scoring UIC scored the highest. PAUL asked if the dollar amount in the resolution is not to exceed \$30K, Bailey responded correct, and the purpose of doing this is eventually to hire them for construction too. They will help with the design phase, long -lead items procurements and help develop the final cost estimate for us to figure out the cost of the construction. PAUL asked if we approved this resolution, are we not locked in, Administrator Bailey responded, that no we are not locked in and it will come back with a second part.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

- **Resolution 24-21**, Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate and Execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Aleutians East Borough and the U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Concerning Preparation of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Izembek National Wildlife Refuge Land Exchange Project

MOTION

BRENDA made a motion to approved Resolution 24-21, second by CHRIS

Administrator Bailey said The Aleutians East Borough has been involved in the King Cove Road Project for numerous years. The Borough is an advocate for the road between Cold Bay and King Cove to be completed. The U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) are in the process of preparing the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge Land Exchange Project Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). The Service will be the lead federal agency responsible for development of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge Land Exchange SEIS. The Service acknowledges that the Aleutians East Borough may have jurisdiction by law and/or expertise applicable to the SEIS effort. Therefore, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) must be entered into between the two parties. The MOU will describe responsibilities and procedures agreed to by the Borough as a Cooperating Agency and the Service. The collaborative agency relationship established through this MOU shall be governed by all applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, including the Council on Environmental Quality National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (in particular, 40 CFR 1501.8 and 1508.1(e)), and U.S. Department of the Interior NEPA regulations (43 CFR Part 46). The purpose of the MOU is listed in the packet. The objectives, responsibilities and other aspects of the MOU will be vetted further by Borough Administration, the Borough attorney, and the Service. The Service would like to have a draft of the MOU completed in December 2023.

Jim asked if this is a new route that was not done before? Mayor Osterback responded that this will keep us going the same track and they are requiring each entity to provide MOU with the government agencies. This makes it agreeable that we are working together.

Paul asked when will the final MOU be out. Administrator Bailey responded the draft will go to DOI but not sure how long it will take for them to review. Paul asked if there is money associated with this resolution? Administrator Bailey said no, other than our time.

Warren commented that some correspondence they are looking around Spring of 2024. This is going to be a dicey operation. Administrator Bailey added that Assembly Wilson is talking about the SEIS completed. Warren agreed.

Mayor Osterback added, this is from Sullivan's speech with Martha Williams.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- Strategic Plan – Quarter 3 Update

Administrator Bailey said this is for informational purposes only. We are currently on the 1st quarter which ended on November 30, 2023. There is a list of brief updates from each project and navigational chart is also included. We will have more information on our next planning cycle that will be held in January 2024.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Administrator's Report in packet. Highlights below:

King Cove Road Update: There is not a lot of progress being made but we are still meeting biweekly with USFWS to go over the SEIS effort. As stated before, Deputy Secy of Interior Tommy Beaudreau resigned as of October 31. His replacement has been announced, Laura Daniel-Davis. We are working with Director Boario and her staff, particularly with Shane Walker, Branch Chief, Conservation, Planning and Policy. DOI has agreed to and invited our two tribes, the City of King Cove (City) and the Aleutians East Borough (AEB) to serve as Cooperating Agencies just as in the prior EIS process. While under federal regulations, King Cove Corporation (KCC) cannot be a Cooperating Agency since it is a for profit corporation, the DOI has agreed that KCC can serve as an agent/designated representative for the two tribes. Meanwhile, The USFWS continues to state that it will complete its time by which the SEIS will be finished within a year, but now by the end of 2024. This time leaves little time for a Record of Decision (ROD) to be decided by the DOI before then. We continue to work on the SEIS with the remaining USFWS team headed at this point by USFWS regional director Sarsa Boario. The USFWS has contracted with AECOM, as its consulting contractor for the SEIS.

Sand Point Pool: There are updates listed in the packet. The pool has been losing water in a significant rate, since then, the pool has been drained. We are almost done with the work order to replace the hydrostatic relief valves. We are looking into replacing the grates however this will be a huge endeavor because we must rip out the whole bottom of the pool. Once the pool is done, we are doing some pressure testing. We signed an agreement with RenoSys to do the repairs of the liners and gutters. We also met with the superintendent and Mayor to talk about what would it take to replace the pool.

Sand Point School: In September 2023, LONG installed the new boilers at the Sand Point School. While onsite there were two components on the burner for Boiler 1 that were found to be bad during startup. On October 6, 2023, Administration approved LONG's proposal to replace the failed control box and time delay for the boiler in an amount not to exceed \$10,088. The parts have arrived and LONG is scheduled to travel to Sand Point on December 12, 2023. They will also be looking at the fourplex with the fuel line that froze.

Mayor Osterback commented they manage to get the boiler in fourplex up and running.

Cold Bay Dock: On November 21, 2023, the Borough, City of Cold Bay, and DOT met and discussed the dock. We had a brief conversation regarding the PIDP Grant. The State is just starting to begin working on this project. They are placing the project on the STIP and will be allocating funds to hire a consultant via an RFP for the services. It is anticipated that this project will take approximately 5-7 years to complete.

Cold Bay Terminal Maintenance: The Borough and Gould Construction executed Work Order #3 for the Cold Bay Terminal work in the amount of \$33,360. Gould is projected to complete the work on January 31, 2023. The cargo door has been damaged. The Borough has contracted Door Systems of Alaska in the amount of \$7,891 to conduct the repairs. Door Systems of Alaska are working with Kurt Uttecht to ensure the proper parts are ordered prior to conducting the repairs.

Cold Bay Clinic: The 65% design has been completed. Resolution for UIC was just approved. The tentative schedule is as follows:

- December 2023 CM/GC Contract Executed & Notice to Proceed for Precon Services
- January 2024 95% Design Complete
- February 2024 Final Design Complete
- February 2024 GMP Submitted by CM/GC
- March 2024 Notice to Proceed for Construction Services
- March-May 2024 Substantial Completion
- June 30, 2024 Final Completion

False Pass School: Electrical Work: Wired AK has been hired to complete additional electrical work at the False Pass School. Wired AK will begin shipping the materials to False Pass and are tentatively scheduled to conduct the repairs the week of December 18, 2023. Other Work: In September 2023, the False Pass Boilers were replaced at the False Pass School. In early November, the boilers stopped working. After numerous conversations, it has been determined that the water heater needs to be replaced. Steve Comstock, the City Electrician, also requested that LONG repair a supply line; conduct additional work on the Air Handling Units and conduct a few minor boiler repairs that was outside the original scope of work. There is some boiler work that will also be conducted that is covered under warranty. On December 4, 2023, LONG, DOWL and the Borough met to discuss the work outlined above to make sure no additional work was needed and that we had a thorough understanding of the work being completed. LONG will provide a quote outlining the services and then a timeline to conduct the work will be determined.

Sand Point Harbor Float Project: On October 31, 2023, the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation issued a water quality certification for the Sand Point Harbor Floating Dock Project. On November 6, 2023, a draft of the Engineering Risk Registrar and the Grant Agreement were submitted to MARAD. On December 4, 2024, Administration and Moffatt & Nichol (M&N) met with MARAD to discuss what project measurements could be used during the life of the project. It was determined that vessel calls and reportable events would meet MARAD's requirements. M&N plans on having a draft of the NEPA to Administration the week of December 13th M&N is still waiting on the Army Corps of Engineers to issue the Section 107 Consultation, which is needed to submit the NEPA to MARAD for their review.

Strategic Planning

The dates for the Strategic Planning Session are January 10, 2024 and a partial day on January 11, 2024.

PAUL asked where are we in finding the leak. Administrator Bailey responded that as of right now, the liner still has some bulge in it, that's where RenoSys is going to come out and fix and the gutters have some gaping issues. After that, we are going to systematically fill the pool so we can watch to see if it will hold.

Jim asked why the door by the pool was not left open anymore and if it is useable? Mayor Osterback responded that it is more of a school board question.

Assistant Administrator's Report in packet. Highlights below:

Healthy & Equitable Communities (HEC) Grant: The morgue for the City of False Pass has arrived, thank you to Nikki Hoblet and Paul Mueller for assisting with that. The morgue for Nelson Lagoon was delivered to Chignik Bay. I already reached out to the freight company, right now I am working on how to get that to Nelson Lagoon.

ICE Services Server Update: ICE Service has successfully installed the T550 Server for the Anchorage and Sand Point Office with data successfully copied over. The T150 server for the King Cove Office has arrived with ICE migrating over Banyon and other services. They are still working to migrate LaserFiche to the new server. Once MCCL is done with their migration they will be able to retire the old server.

Video Conference Rooms: ICE Services has completed the configuration for videoconference rooms for the City of Cold Bay, King Cove, False Pass, and the village of Nelson Lagoon. The City of Akutan currently has its video conference system and is allowing the Borough to utilize theirs. As of December 6, 2023, ICE services were able to complete the installation of all the CTV carts. They will be working on the final touches of the instruction set and will be sending it by the week of December 10, 2023.

Maintenance Connection: Administration continues to utilize Maintenance Connection created by SERCC where the Borough can perform tasks such as processing maintenance requests, creating work orders, setting up preventive schedules, creating purchase orders, and reordering inventory. I am tentatively scheduling to travel to False Pass and King Cove on January 5, 2023, for Maintenance Connection training.

False Pass Maintenance: The False Pass School is currently having issues with the boiler and water heater. The Borough has engaged DOWL to assist with the repair. On December 7, 2023, the Borough received a proposal from LONG for the water heater replacement and additional air handling unit repair in the amount of \$52,084. The Administration is currently pending approval. The False Pass School is experiencing electrical issues. The Borough is engaging DOWL to assist Wired AK with mobilizing to False Pass for the work.

Sand Point Maintenance: On December 6, 2023, the school Superintendent emailed stating the Sand Point School was cold. LONG was able to remote into the control system to rectify the heating issue. LONG will be traveling to Sand Point to finalize their work on the boiler from December 12, 2023, through December 14, 2023.

Akutan Maintenance : The Administration has engaged Matson and Trident for the ISO tank fueling for the Helicopter Operation. Trident anticipates the tank will go out the barge on December 9, 2023. Anne and I will be traveling to Akutan from January 23, 2023, through January 25, 2023 to Akutan! This will be my first visit to Akutan and I'm most looking forward to viewing the Helicopter Operation. Meetings attended is in the packet.

CHRIS asked when is the videoconferencing be up and running? Admin Assist Dushkin responded that the Borough purchased equipment for King Cove, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon and Cold Bay. She is working with Ice Services to set it up and have it up and running for the next meeting.

Natural Resources Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

North Pacific Fishery Management Council: As of this writing, the NPFMC meeting is still ongoing at the Anchorage Hilton; the SSC and AP also met this past week. The Council took final action on 2024 specs for the BSAI and the GOA over the weekend. Earlier the Council took final action on crab agenda items C1 C share recency requirement and C2 crab facility use caps to alleviate some issues facing crab fishermen and processors. An AP motion to explore increasing pollock trip limits will not be moved by the Council at this

meeting in part due to strong testimony from Fishery Analyst Charlotte Levy. Appointments to the AP and SSC are announced at the end of the Dec. meeting.

International Pacific Halibut Commission: The IPHC met virtually November 30th and December 1st for their Interim meeting. The Interim meeting report can be found here. Of interest, the Commission finds that AI (artificial intelligence) has 'substantial potential to bring efficiencies and other benefits to the IPHC's research and monitoring activities.' and will explore potential AI applications in these areas. The location for the IPHC Annual meeting rotates each year between cities in British Columbia and US Pacific States, and will be held January 22-26, 2024 at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage. Pacific Halibut harvest limits are set at the Annual meeting.

Board of Fisheries: The Board met in Homer last week to consider Lower Cook Inlet proposals. The summary of actions and other meeting info can be found here. The Board meets in Kodiak January 9-12 for Kodiak finfish and in Anchorage February 23rd – March 6th for Upper Cook Inlet proposals. Proposal submissions are due April 10, 2024 for the next meeting cycle, including for the Statewide Shellfish meeting March 2025 in Anchorage.

Public Comment Opportunities: List of opportunities to comment is listed in the packet.

Annual End-of-the-Year Fishermen's Meeting: The End-of-the-Year AEB Fishermen's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 19th at 10am. This annual informational meeting is a chance for fishermen to hear directly from State and Federal agencies about any changes that are expected to impact fisheries in the new year with opportunities to ask questions. No action will occur at the Zoom meeting, which will also be heard on KSPD Sand Point radio and www.apradio.org.

Fishery Analyst Report in packet. Highlights below:

Electronic Monitoring - WGOA4/EFP: We held a joint fleet management preseason meeting with AGDB on 11/30 to discuss the upcoming A season pollock trawl EM program, as well as a few updates in the final EFP year and timeline for rulemaking of the regulated program. Changes include adjustments to the trip limit performance standards to capture the 24-hr limit rule and allowing vessels to split offloads between tenders.

Salmon: No new updates

AFSC Cod Tagging Project: The project team hosted our first Pacific Cod workshop November 28-29th at the AFSC in Seattle. The workshop went extremely well with over 60+ attendees in person or virtual across both days. The first day was dedicated to short summary presentations from various researchers working on Pacific cod in Alaska. The second day we had an informal open discussion format, working through potential partnerships, leveraging resources for field work, research gaps, and the future of Pacific cod. The primary product from this workshop will be a GIS map with layers showing different participants' projects i.e. where and when field work occurs, life history stage of focus (if any), methodology being used (e.g. genetics, tagging, blood samples, etc.). Also a contact list for researchers and a copy of all the presentations.

NPFMC:

C4 GOA Specifications

Pollock: The GFPT supported the recommendations by the stock assessment author for ABC with no additional reductions, with enough allocation for an A season fishery in 610. However, the SSC moved to make additional reductions from maxABC citing concerns about the AFSC bottom trawl survey data fits and retrospective patterns, and the large increase in 2024 and immediate large decrease in 2025. They recommended a stair-step approach, by decreasing maxABC by half of the difference between 2023 and 2024. Final TAC recommendations are 195,720 mt in 2024 and 163,494 mt in 2025. This should still leave about 5,400t which is enough for a fishery.

Pacific Cod: Final TAC recommendations are 23,766 mt in 2024 and 20,757 mt in 2025. This is a slight increase for 610 with an allocation of 6,121 mt in 2024, then a decrease again to 5,347 mt in 2025. The SSC acknowledged that because of preliminary results from tagging and genetics, the management and assessment

of cod needs to be reevaluated and requested stock assessment authors provide a high-level conceptual model of how the model might be adjusted in the future.

C4 Public Testimony: I testified to the AP and Council regarding the need for a consistent annual winter acoustic survey in the WGOA. Survey data in WGOA is used to determine area-specific winter allocation each year. This year highlights the impact of survey data, as the WGOA has not had a full survey since 2018 and in 2023 the WGOA saw almost all areas surveyed (except Sanak) - which coincided with a marked increase in biomass in the Shumagins which in part resulted in increased allocation to 610. I brought this to the attention of the Council to express our request to make this a priority or look into alternative survey methods that are more consistent. My written comments are available online.

E1 Staff Tasking: During the E1 staff tasking, the AP heard public testimony about the need for increased efficiency in GOA trawl fisheries and challenges for the fleet in Kodiak. This resulted in an AP motion to look at 1) increasing trip limits in the GOA with a range of 300-450K, and 2) reallocating a portion of Chinook PSC from CGOA pollock into the non-pollock PSC limit for rockfish. I had extensive discussions with CGOA representatives and AEB fishermen/constituents regarding the trip limits. I provided input on potential changes to language that would go into a motion, and testified at Council regarding our very serious concerns and the potential devastation this could cause for local 610 pollock fishermen. The Council had not yet made a motion prior to the report deadline, however I will provide a verbal update.

Other Issues: **AFA Pollock Legal Opinion:** we received the updated Letter of Representation from attorney Joe Sullivan, and received a preliminary scope and budget. We anticipate the work will not exceed \$7,500 to complete the analysis and should be available by the end of January 2024. The scope would include: reviewing the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (Council) record concerning implementation of the American Fisheries Act (AFA) shoreside pollock processor provisions, to determine if the AFA and/or Council action limits the ability of a pollock processing company to relocate its AFA-qualified shoreside plant. That may involve obtaining audio records or transcripts from the relevant Council meetings, as well as reviewing the record of Council actions, the Council and NMFS analyses and the implementing regulations.

Finance Director Report

Finance Director Brandell said they don't have much things going on except for routine tasks. Working on some research on how Treasury responds their granting opportunities and IRS guidelines on some of the funding we received from the Federal Government, and upcoming GASB and making sure we are complying to governmental accounting standards.

Administrator Bailey thanked Jacki for researching US Treasury guidelines, she got rid of a finding.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Warren thanked Charlotte and Ernie and all the staff that attended the North Pacific Management meeting and other Fish Board meeting. Without their voice we will be left out in the cold and appreciates their work and patience to sit through that and come out with outcome for our fishermen.

Paul commented that there will be a round table for processors at the SWAMC meeting on March 6-7, 2024 to update all the communities.

Jim thanked administration and staff for all their work.

Mayor Osterback thanked Dave Walls for helping fixing the boiler at teacher housing fourplex.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Hennigh from King Cove commented that he wanted to clear up some discussion he heard earlier about Martha Williams. When she testified in front of the committee with Senator Sullivan last week, she was out of touch with the folks here in Alaska that the critical issue that we got in front of us that we need to be watching very closely is that the final SEIS for Izembek isn't going to be done until December of 2024, not Spring of 2024. Steve Silver and I have already gone to Senator Sullivan and said she had that wrong and he will be watching that very closely with us along with Senator Murkowski that they have already let the dates slipped on that key documents to a point where it's already scary so any further slippage will really not go well for us so I will make sure to keep everybody informed but I just wanted to correct the record that she was told by now she was wrong and hopefully that will just get her counterpart here in Alaska U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to make sure that December 2024 date did not slip. I just wanted to make sure everybody understood that.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular Assembly Meeting January 11, 2023 in Anchorage

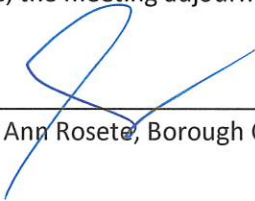
ADJOURNMENT

CHRIS moved to adjourn seconded by BRENDA. Hearing no more, the meeting adjourned at 4.35 p.m.



Mayor Alvin D. Osterback

Date: 1/16/24


Beverly Ann Rosete, Borough Clerk