

Port Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday February 26, 2001 @ 7:30

A quorum was established, therefore Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:32pm

Roll Call

The following were in attendance:

Buster Richardson

Irvin "Skeeter" Kreider

Brandon Leary

Tundy Rodgers

with Allen DeSousa - excused

Also in Attendance: Bob Herron, Olie Olson

M/M by Rodgers 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kreider to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2000 meeting.

Port Director's Report: The City Manager reported that Corps of Engineers called to indicate that they did receive the design money for the repair of the seawall above Brown's Slough. Congressional action in last fall's appropriation calls for 1200 feet of that seawall to be repaired. COE expects the design to be completed this year with actual construction in the summer 2002. The Floating Docks RFP should be on the street shortly. Port office bathroom window broken February 20<sup>th</sup>; no evidence that anyone got in.

Commissioners comments:

Brandon - none

Kreider - none

Rodgers - reported his Alaska National Guard two-week training went well in Oregon.

Richardson - commented on the inharmonious remarks of a private citizen at a City Council meeting about the Port Commission concerning gravel.

Olie Olson added comments to the Chairman's just prior comments on gravel.

People to be heard: Olie Olson commented on the billing system of the Port. The City Manager was asked to look into the current practice of billing during winter months.

M/M by Kreider 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leary to add Oscarville/Johnson dredging to agenda, all in favor by voice vote.

M/M by Rodgers 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kreider to approve the amended agenda, all in favor by voice vote.

Old Business:

The City Manager reported that the Petro Port Preferential Use Agreement is still in negotiation between Yukon Fuel Sales and the Bethel City Council. Discussion centered on the need to conclude negotiations. City Manager indicated that he would consult with City Attorney to accomplish that task.

Commission member DeSousa was asked by the City Manager earlier in the day to assist in the Port's FCC radio license renewal process for the upcoming season.

The City Manager did look into the possible recycling of the cement debris that will result from the destruction of certain cement structures at the old BIA site. Gene Peltola indicated that the old BIA site has been given to YKHC by a congressional act but talks with BIA and the cleanup plan of the site have not been fully negotiated at this time. Gene Peltola said that the City of Bethel would be informed if the cement does come available for disposal.

New Business:

Election of officers: M/M by Rodgers 2<sup>nd</sup> Kreider to continue the status quo of Port Commission officers. All in favor by voice vote for Chair Richardson and Vice-chair DeSousa.

The City Manager reported that the City Council has forwarded a resolution to the Corps of Engineers for the feasibility study for dredging Brown's Slough. Discussion ensued on this subject.

The City Manager reported that the Corp of Engineers plans to repair the seawall in 2002. Discussion ensued on this subject.

Down river dredging: the Corp of Engineers held a public discussion to report the results of the Regional Economics Study for a Regional Port on Nunivak Island on February 21, 2001. The Executive Summary (attached) concludes the port on Nunivak Island is not feasible. However, the over-riding fact is the Kuskokwim River requires dredging down river for Bethel. Discussion on this subject ensued with the following: The Port Commission supports the down river dredging resolution before the Bethel City Council at their City Council meeting for tomorrow evening.

M/M by Rodgers 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kreider to adjourn at 8:20pm.

**A copy of the commission agenda/packet, COE regional port summary and the audiotape was delivered to the City Clerk on Tuesday, February 27, 2001.**