

PORT COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 15, 1991

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 pm at Port Office

II. ROLL CALL: Present: John Hawkins Robert Konig
Grant Fairbanks Helen Lillienthal
Allen DeSousa Buster Richardson
Stuart Greydanus
Absent: Bruce Nerby

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No minutes due to misplacing of copies. One copy was given to Buster Richardson and Stuart misplaced his.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to move agenda. All in favor. Motion passed.

V. PORT DIRECTOR REPORT:

Things have been picking up at the dock. Al Kilgore and Jerry Galliert, the General Manager and the Marine Operations Manager for KTC have come into town on Friday. They started working across the river, mucking out the barges, and getting the gas freed for the Coast Guard to come in and inspect them. They should be ready to go after breakup.

I talked to Dwight Lefner of D&G and their freight is ready to go. I've hired 2 laborers from the \$150,000.00 Finger Float Grant money. I have approximately \$13,000.00 left of the grant. What we're doing now is, during the storm of last year, there are 6 floats that have been damaged and there is approximately 10 timbers that have to be replaced. The laborers will be put to work for a couple of weeks. We then will secure them before the flood so they won't float away.

I've got a list of projects for Public Works to do. Last year they budgeted \$30,000.00 for us as a charge back system. They do the work and charge me for it.

1. Snow removal of the dock.

2. Scoured areas along the seawall, right at the ends, they'll be filling with rock, filter fabric, and sand on top of that.

3. Filling behind the seawall where there are washout areas, where there are collapsed areas. Nothing major just some cracks in the seawall.

4. Real bad areas along the dock that need some sand fill to bring up to grade. The are where I burned the old Binkley building down. I'm going to be hauling that to the dump, that will be filled so we can utilize that area too.

The old office building that Sarge and I used, I'd like to haul that to the boat harbor to be used for collecting money from issuing mooring states and the usage of the boat harbor. They'll be doing that for 75% of the time or more. I'll be advertising in the next two weeks for a Program Coordinator position and a Clerk/Typist position. They should be filled by the 1st of May. I'll be advertising for Bids on the lease of the Captain Adkins with the option to lease a year with the option of 3 years.

The notice to proceed have been given, who can Consult of Engineers of the Tide Land Survey. Here is the low bidder of \$53,000.00. They've started their paperwork, to be starting the 1st of June. I've been in contact with the Dept. of Transportation and vice-versa. They are preparing a budget to present to the Legislature. They have been wanting to know the needs of the harbor, some of the needs on improving the harbor. I've named a few. 1. lighting down there, 2. some of the floats will be needing upgrading. I asked for \$25,000, thinking that was going to be high, but they approved of that for the upgrade of the harbor itself. I told them we received \$400,000 from the Corp of Engineers to dredge the entrance channel and our turning basin. That will not cover the whole harbor and the area where the finger float are going to be, that will need dredging, along the side of them. I requested \$100,000.00 for that, there is a good chance we will get that money. My fiscal year 92 budget for the boat harbor.

I also attended the Pacific Coast Congress of Harbormaster and Port Manager Convention in Victoria, Columbia from March 19 - 22, this is the second meeting council has approved for me to attend. It went real well, there was alot of round table discussion. The most learning experience was sitting down with people who have served in Port Administration for 30 years. I felt I represented it well.

QUESTION: You were talking about putting some fill in down by YK?

ANSWER: Yes, the engineers, Peratovich, Knottingham and Drage, they will be coming out, we will dig it up again, the tie back got damaged, from when they dumped the rock, there is still emergency money, repair the tie backs and weld on to the exciting pipes, it is in the works.

QUESTION: Have any steps been taken for future flood?

ANSWER: Well yes there is stock pile of rock at Knik, they will be right there if it does happen.

QUESTION: Was there any damage to the pilings themselves?

ANSWER: No, because they sank.

QUESTION: When we dredge the boat harbor, what is going to happen to the piling?

ANSWER: Like I said, the corp. is going to dredge the entrance of the turning basin.

QUESTION: How deep are the pilings in?

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VI. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

NO REPORT

VII. COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS

No comments due to blank tape.

VIII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:

NONE PRESENT

IX. 10 MINUTE BREAK

IX. OLD BUSINESS: ITEM A) COMMERCIAL VESSELS IN BOAT HARBOR

Buster: I would like to see the harbor kept as recreational for Bethel, not as moorage for the commercial vessels. We need to designate an area for them.

Stuart: I agree with you, we do need to do something about this.

Grant : We need a designated traffic lane.

Stuart: I can get on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Buster: I will draw a map of the boat harbor, the floats, and the designated area we are talking about for you to present to the council. So they will know exactly what we are recommending.

Stuart: You want a resolution to present to the council at their next meeting?

Buster: It should be done right away to be presented at the next meeting.

Stuart: If we can get a resolution passed thru the city council we can educate the people thru the radio and the newspaper.

Allen: Slap a small fine on them.

Buster: If we can draw a map where the traffic areas are then that should educate them.

Allen: First off, just stopping people in the traffic lanes should let the people know.

Buster: If you go to like Seward, they have a diagram in a glass case showing where you are, also showing where the traffic lanes are. A lot of people won't park there if they see the map.

In Kenai they have it like, this is where you have oil depository here, and rubbish here...

Stuart: We don't have a harbor like Seward.

Buster: Basically they started like ours did. We are working towards that. And the longer we let people get away with that the longer they'll be doing that.

: We could have a transient anchorage area.

Stuart: I would't even worry about them.

Allen: The commercial vessels should go to the right place. To the other part of the slough. Let them worry about getting to the shore.

Stuart: When you say commercial vessels do you mean, vessels that pick up fish?

Buster: Just fish buyers.

Stuart: If I designate an area of the floats to commercial vessels, regardless of size. Okay, what about...

: There will always be a problem with those large boats because the pilings are too small.

Buster: We need to change that statement.

: Is that in writing?

Stuart: It has not been finalized.

Buster: Okay, We can change that.

: we need to do now is get something to the council so we can get it in writing.

: a resolution designating traffic lanes.

: we need to get a map showing where these lanes are.

: Let's do take it to council, but say it is traffic lanes.

Buster: I will draw a map of the boat harbor and of the floats and where this designated area we are talking about.

: Lets work toward this summer of getting a bulletin board with a roof showing a map of the harbor. It will also show the regulations.

Stuart: so you want a resolution designating traffic lanes to present to the council at the next council meeting. I will come up with a resolution and get it on the agenda. We'll have a public hearing.

*Public hearing
next week*

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