



# CITY OF BETHEL

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## Port Commission Minutes

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Richardson in the Dock Office, Bethel, Alaska.

### II. ROLL CALL

Present: Richardson, Rodgers, DeSousa, Grifka, and Leary

Also Present: Stuart Greydanus, Jessica Rearden

Absent excused: Chris

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by DeSousa and seconded by Rodgers to change items IV and VI; the motion was passed.

### IV. COUCL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Rodgers reported on the City Council's budget meeting. He fears that one or two of the Port capital project will be budgeted for, but not all three. Rodgers refreshed the committee on the three projects that the council heard: fendering system, seawall fence, and the bull railing. Rodgers opinion was that Stew Robinson is the driving force in pushing for against the Port receiving its entire budget. Stuart Greydanus believes that the high dollar fendering system is unlikely to be approved due to the need for money for capital projects within various general fund departments within the City. Greydanus suggested the idea of getting a loan and do the fendering system project this year, but pay on the loan over a three to five year plan. Grifka mentioned that the engineering bid for 1.5 million bid was high and more than likely the job would cost less. All projects need to be done, and the committee is worried about losing funding for jobs that need to be done.

A motion was made by DeSousa that Stuart Greydanus prepare a document stating the Port Commission's anxiety over the loss of funding and the worry over losing needed projects. Rodgers seconded the motion; unanimous agreement.

### V. PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Port director submitted a written report.

Greydanus also reported on the status of various Port projects. The pile driving at the small boat harbor is done and the last bit of welding is being completed. Greydanus is not happy about two piling that were driven in the wrong place. Stuart hired Jessica Rearden as a Port Admin. Assistant replacing Amanda Hensch until June 8, 1998. He also hired Travis Wold and will be hiring three more port attendants during the week.

Stuart also mentioned that break up was nothing. He also reported that there was a oil spill up Steam Boat Slough and that Bob Carlson is currently looking for the culprit. Red Samm will be seeding the slope around June 15 and was issued a permit to pump water out of the river.

### VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with a unanimous vote.

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**VII. COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS**

Grifka reported that the Public Works will be doing dirt work for the seawall.

DeSousa voiced his concern over the dumpsters, port-a-potties, and the phones not being in place around the Port. Greydanus informed DeSousa that the Port phones are hooked up and working.

Rodgers noted the river being very low and so early in the season. He was glad the Port did dredging.

Richardson was happy to see Ben Dale's crane placed on a tarp and not leaking on the ground.

**VIII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

None

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**XI. NEW BUSSINESS**

Stuart Greydanus presented the idea of eliminating the daily moorage fee and replace it with the existing dockage rates. This would save confusion for the port attendants and the businesses using the Port facility. The new agreement would use dockage fees for the daily use of the sea wall and the moorage fees for the long term or seasonal use of the dock. The elimination of daily moorage would increase the daily dockage 15 cents a foot.

Rodgers will be talking to the council about the change due to the monetary change the new daily dockage would encompass. Rodgers made a motion to eliminate the daily moorage and replace it with the existing dockage rates. Brandon Leary seconded the motion; everyone except DeSousa voted for the motion to pass, DeSousa abstained his vote.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

DeSousa made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.; the committee unanimously agreed.