

Port Commission Meeting Minutes  
May 24, 2001

With a quorum present Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order @ 7:30.

Roll call

The following were in attendance:

Brandon Leary, Allen DeSousa, Irvin Kreider, Buster Richardson, Tundy Rodgers was detained and arrived at 8:00.

Also present were: Jerry Galliard, Peter Atchak, Gary Vanesse, Mark Leary & acting port director Joanne Galliard.

M/M by DeSousa & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kreider to approve minutes of 4/16/01, all in favor by voice vote.

Port Directors Report

Joanne reported 4 port attendants have been hired.

All floats on the north side have been installed and we are working on the south side. Port attendants will be moving cleats on the floats to better fit the rented spaces and more cleats are ordered to replace the broken ones. The security cameras have been installed in the small boat harbor and are working well.

Phone lines have been activated outside the office and at the small boat harbor. Phones will be installed as soon as the floats are finished.

Many of the apparently abandoned or derelict boats, (including the big blue one parked on the south side) at the small boat harbor have been red tagged for removal.

Last year when we ran out of small boat harbor stickers and when I reordered, I found out the cost of printing the stickers had gone up. Due to this increase Howard decided to raise the price of additional stickers from \$5.00 to \$10.00. I have done to do so this year.

Stanley Hoffman Jr. will be returning from vacation in 2 weeks and will start bringing gravel to the city dock and doing the maintenance work Howard had planned to do, unfortunately it will not be until after the 1<sup>st</sup> line haul freight barge has arrived.

Mr. Herron, Mr. Elliott and myself have been working with the Corps of Engineers on a new seawall from Brown Slough up river to the mouth of the small boat harbor. Unfortunately the Corps of Engineers has misplaced the entire Bethel file, and I am in the process of trying to find the information they need, some of it going back to the 1985 graphs and records.

I have made changes to the projected 2001 fiscal year budget and I expect it to be approved with the corrections.

The fence along the seawall has been repaired as much as possible, until we ran out of materials. Plastic mesh fence has been ordered to complete the project. Later this summer some of the cable will also have to be replaced. All the life rings are up.

The front gate has been repaired from damage done when it was run into last winter and it is up and working.

Commissioners comments:

Leary – Northlands mainline freight barge is due in around the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Very little damage was done this year during breakup so there is little repair necessary.

DeSousa – Everything looks good, he checked seawall and small boat harbor on the way to the meeting. Joanne is doing a good job for being short handed.

Kreider – Hopes Howard is doing ok, glad he is out of the hospital. Glad the cameras at small boat harbor are up and working and floats are being put in.

Richardson – none

#### People to be heard

Gary Vanasse – Is here looking for land to lease for the Kuskokwim 300 building. They are wanting a long-term place for a building approximately 28 X 48, there will be very little activity except at race time. Their ideal spot would be on the north side of the dock, near where the gravel is stored now, this way they could have the entrance from the road and even fence off the building so they would not disrupt the dock operation. They are looking for an area near the river with easy river access and near fuel. They feel the city dock would be ideal because of location, and because of reduced operation on the city dock the city would have more room. If this were not available if we had someplace else that would be suitable they would be willing to consider it. The building will be site built by the students at BRHS the school will be responsible for general liability insurance. Mr. Vanasse will get with the Kusko 300 committee and be ready to provide us with the exact size of the building, parking area and any other use area they feel they might need at the next port commission meeting June 18. He also requested a favorable lease rate, as the City is a prime sponsor.

Bethel Search & Rescue – Requesting space on dock for a small building approximately 500 sq. ft and room for a boat & trailer, 2 sleds and some parking maybe 24 X 50. They need river access and easy access to fuel. This would be in addition to the storage van at the small boat harbor.

Jerry Gallart for Crowley – Requested the commission look into changing the wording on the moorage section of the tariff. Currently the tariff reads moorage for a specifically named vessel at a designated spot. With this wording he purchases mooring for vessel "A" at a designated spot, while vessel "A" is away from Bethel. If his company has vessel "B" arrive in Bethel and docks at the designated space for vessel "A", vessel "B" has to pay daily dockage. He would like to rent a designated spot where any vessel belonging to that company could be docked without additional charge. It is common for company's to rotate vessels in and out of ports.

#### New Business

"A" – tabled until next meeting, as city clerk Colleen Soberay was not available.

"B" – Ordinance #014.02.03 Per city manager Bob Herron, city council recommended a tariff change - per Rodgers council was not aware of change until last council meeting.

This change reflects a mandatory prepayment for all charges at the port. A motion was made by DeSousa to schedule a work session on Monday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leary, passed unanimously.

"C" – Guardian Boom truck. Not available for city use to adjust cameras as boom is not certified.

D. – Search & Rescue – discussed under people to be heard.

E. – Small Boat Harbor parking. Richardson asked for parking @ the small boat harbor along the north, south and west sides to be expanded. We also need signs "No Parking Between Signs" to place at ramps to floats in small boat harbor.

M/M by Richardson to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> DeSousa, all in favor by voice.