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**City of Bethel, Alaska  
Port Commission Meeting Minutes**

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June 17, 2002

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Bethel Port Commission was held on June 17, 2002, in the Port office in Bethel, Alaska.

Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Comprising a quorum of the commission, the following were present:

Buster Richardson

Tundy Rodgers

Allen DeSousa

Walter Suomela

Absent were Yager (excused) and Leary.

Also in attendance were: Howard Elliott Port Director & Joanne Galliard, Admin Assistant

**M/M** Rodgers to approve minutes of May 20, 2002 meeting as is, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Suomela voice vote passed unanimously.

**M/M:** Rodgers to approve agenda as presented 2<sup>nd</sup> by DeSousa, voice vote passed unanimously.

**Director's REPORT:**

Port Attendants have repaired the seawall fence. This required lots of welding as many of the fence pipes had been broken down by the ice and needed to be repaired or replaced. New cable was run almost the entire length and additional gates to the mooring and docking areas were added.

Director said there is a problem with the seawall behind the dock office; he will ask Mr. Jeffries of the Corps of Engineers to look at it when he is here on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps the Corps of Engineers will be able to add the cost of repair to the currently proposed seawall project. Mr. Elliott will also be asking Mr. Jeffries, to raise the seawall pipe along the down river side of Mission Road, where the pipe is shorter than the rest of the seawall as part of this project. Mr. Elliott reported he is working on building more parking area at the Small Boat Harbor. Today he started working on the seawall where erosion has taken place to show the Corps of Engineers we are an involved community and wish to keep the seawall in good condition, He will be adding additional road blocks to keep the motorcycles and 4 wheelers off the seawall. Next week he will hydroseed along the grass part of the seawall. The orange crowd control fence will be placed there to discourage use until the grass has a chance to grow. In an effort to give the grass a better chance he is putting topsoil along the seawall this week. A PSA will be put out next week to please keep motorized vehicles on the seawall, as they destroy the grass. Some parents have already been contacted in an effort to have them speak with their kids about not taking vehicles on the seawall.

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

**Rodgers:** Said previous rumor about Phase I of the water & sewer project being stopped because of damage and loss of materials on transportation to Bethel were false, project is still a go. The 2003 City budget was passed and there are already amendments being made. He advised is there was no major contamination to the Crow Property, the city will proceed with the purchase of this property. Test samples showed very little contaminants. Rodgers was asked to find out if the Calcium Chloride spreader in the Port budget is just for port use or will it belong or be used by another department?  
Welcome back to Howard and glad to see projects started last year is being followed thru on.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:**

- Suomela; Would like to follow up possible interested in fish processing by Norquest to see what their intent is.
- DeSousa: Would like information on the Calcium spreader cleared up as to where it will be used.
- Richardson: On next agenda he would like to see "cutting of Logs at Small Boat Harbor and along seawall." The problem is that everyone leaves the stumps for the port employees to remove. Discussion on ways to handle this problem ensued. Per city ordinance 14.10.040.M., bringing logs into the small boat harbor or into the entrance is not allowed.  
Mr. Richardson asked the port move forward with the sale of the boats and trailers impounded last fall as abandoned items. They did not have current use permits or registration and had been left unattended for the summer so no apparent owners. This has now been 9 months and anyone whose boat or trailer had been impounded should have contacted the port by now.
- Rodgers: Asked about additional parking Howard is working on at the small boat harbor. Commented about getting large dumpsters at the small boat harbor, there should be large ones on both sides, also one is needed at the petro port.

**THERE WERE NO COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

**PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:**

Mr. Tom Fazzini, from YKHC came to speak about the 'KIDS DON'T FLOAT' project. This is a state program and is set up and going in Napaskiak. The state provides loaner vest for persons who do not have life vest. These vests would be accessible to the public to take and use with the hopes they would return them at the end of their trips. His main concern they need a station to hang the vest at the small boat harbor. They will monitor the station and see that it is refilled with vest when necessary. He does need help with building and placing the station. It will need to be built in such a manner as to allow the vest to dry and keep dry when not actually in use. He is short handed and does not have the manpower to build the stations. He will also need help with the materials to build them. He asked if the port could help provide the manpower and materials. Port commissioners said they would like to see 3 stations, one on each side of the small boat harbor with 16 vest each and one near Hoffman Fuel on Brown Slough with 10 vest. They recommended the port assist Mr. Fazzini as needed to set this program up in Bethel.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Replacing the seawall caps.** Because of ice and other damages to the metal plates used as caps on the seawall pipes many are loose or missing. There was a suggestion we remove the caps and fill the seawall with sand or gravel. This was discussed several years ago and the port director is removing these caps as he has time and filling them with sand, this has been an ongoing process as time allows.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richardson', written in a cursive style.

Chairman Richardson