

## Port Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday June 18, 2001 @ 7:30 PM

A quorum was established, therefore Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:33.

### Roll Call

The following were in attendance:

Buster Richardson

Irvin Kreider

Allen DeSousa

Tundy Rodgers

Brandon Leary was excused.

Also present Joanne Gallart, several representatives of the Bethel Search and Rescue, and Gary Vanesse of the Kusko 300 Race Committee.

M/M by Rodgers & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kreider to approve minutes of May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting all in favor by voice vote.

M/M by DeSousa & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rodgers to approve agenda, all in favor by voice vote.

### Port Directors Report:

Alan Jeffries and another representative of the Army Corps of Engineers were in Bethel last week to do their annual inspection of the seawall, they were very pleased with the repair done last year and found only 2 places in the mission road seawall that needed repair. Stosh Hoffman has been assigned this duty, after filling the gullies; he is to hydroseed all bare areas on the seawall to help stop the erosion.

Mr. Jeffries & associate met with Mr. Herron & Mr. Malone and Mrs. Gallart to discuss the upcoming seawall from the entrance to the small boat harbor to the Brown Slough Bridge. This project is slated to start next year. The Corps personnel were advised the port felt it was important this seawall be able to double as a dock staging and barge loading area for the river barges when the main dock is being used. A prime example was last week when the Osborne barge had to wait for the Northland barge to leave and the Bering Pacific barge had to wait for the Osborne barge to depart. In total there were barges of over 300 ft docked at the main dock for over 7 days, during this time no smaller barges could be loaded at the city dock.

There was discussion on how the channel of the river is moving and the problems it is presenting.

ASCG has done the depth survey I will make sure the report is presented to all the commissioners.

Some mooring bits and the fence on the upper end of the seawall between the office and Arctic Salmon were damaged by Faulkner Walsh Constructors, when approached Harry said they would fix them to date this has not been done.

Yutana Barge Lines has requested we add more mooring bits on the lower end of the seawall between 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank & the Joe Lomack building. I have checked with the Corps of Engineers about this and as long as they are installed like the others it will be ok. At one point Yutana said they would even help pay for installing the mooring bits in this area.

"NO PARKING BETWEEN SIGNS" have been ordered and will be put in place soon. Trailers and boats left in the small boat harbor area in excess of 12 months have been red tagged for impound.

### Commissioners Reports

Tundy – says Thor Williams, is the new City Council member, he related the way the tie vote was broken. He says river is high and fishing is good and area "M" fishermen are on strike which will help our area. Spoke about restrictions on fish limit on this river and still our fish are being commercial fished before they reach our river.

Kreider – Apologized for not making the work session, advised he has a job in Soldotna and this will be his last meeting. Said he has enjoyed working with everyone and has learned a lot.

DeSousa- Asked about the shooting report our port attendant was instrumental in advising police of and about the fire at Riverfront restaurant that caused the fire to be contained with limited loss of property and no loss of life. To receive a commendation their names, dates of the incident and what the incident was need to be added to the managers reports so the city council and city manager can act on it.

He asked about the North side ramp and what plans were for repairing the broken area. This is to be done before the summer is over, but must be done when manpower, equipment are available and tides are very low. Ramp needs to be fixed but is not bad enough to cause real problems with vehicles. Asked Joanne about phones and port-a-pots, yes they are in and all are working.

Richardson – Inquired if Inlet Salmon is paid up.

DeSousa – thanked Kreider for his work on the commission and asked if all members could be called prior to each meeting to make sure there is a quorum each time.

M/M by DeSousa & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rodgers to table item "A" as Colleen is out of town and not able to give presentation, passed with voice vote.

Item "B" – Buster – Parking at small boat harbor south ramp, says people are not pulling far enough ahead and are blocking the ramp area, wanted to have the area marked off with 55 gal drums. After discussion on various ways to solve this problem or to at least alleviate the problem, Tundy said he would get some drums for us to do this.

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

Respectfully submitted,