

**PORT COMMISSION MEETING  
AUGUST 28, 2000**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Richardson, at 7:40PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present were Richardson, DeSousa, Leary, Rodgers, Kreider, commissioners, Port Director Elliott & Walsh.

**MINUTES:**

Motion made by Rodgers to approve minutes of 7/17/2000 meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kreider, passed unanimously.

**AGENDA:**

Additions to agenda, Old Business:

Rodgers:

- A. Change location of meeting, to allow for a dinner meeting.

Additions to agenda, New Business:

Leary:

- B. Phone booths at Port Office and Small Boat Harbor.

Motion made by DeSousa to approve agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leary, passed unanimously.

**PORT DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Since the rock was added to stabilize the seawall bulkhead upriver from Brown Slough, The soundings Mr. Elliott has done show the seawall is currently stabilized, also the sink Hole in front of the dock face has moved out farther into the river and maybe filling in some. Mr. Elliott has been wary of deepening the mouth of Brown Slough due to the current apparent changes in the main channel of the river and the problem with the seawall upriver. He does feel there maybe a natural change when the Yut Bait is moved. Since the owners of the Yut Bait are not making efforts to pay the back bill or keep current with new charges, this account may be turned over to the attorney. Attachment and sale of the Yut Bait would satisfy the financial debt currently owed. The new owner would have to remove the vessel from Brown Slough.

All welding and repair of the dock face was completed 3 weeks ago. Comments were made that these new bumpers are working very well.

Status of the rock stockpile. We will be getting reimbursed for the rock it was necessary to use to stabilize the upriver seawall, from money found by Sen. Ted Stevens. Currently we have enough rock in the stockpile for this year. This is approximately 6 to 7 thousand yards. We will need to order more next year as the amount specified to have on hand is 10,000 yards. It is too late to get the needed replacement rock this year.

The dump truck is down for repairs, the broken hoist could not be repaired so a replacement one has been ordered, it should be here any day, the city shop plans to install it as soon as it is received. The port is still expecting to get the 950

From the city and they will get a replacement piece of equipment. This trade will suit both out needs better.

Purchase of the crane from Crowley Marine has been delayed as the Crowley person in charge of making the transfer has been in the field (Kotzebue) overseeing their operation there all summer. This transaction should be completed sometime this winter.

Mr. Leary of Kuskokwim Transportation has been leasing the crane and is a crane operator so at least the crane has been available for use this summer.

The gentleman from Guardian Security has started installing the motion detector, armed the windows and doors in the office and will complete the installation on Tuesday (tomorrow). When completed, each person with necessary access to the closed port office will have a security code to alarm or turn off the system. We will be able to remove their code easily when they no longer need access or can add new codes for new personnel just as easily. This will give us greater security in the office. This system will automatically dial the police dept to notify them if any of the doors or windows are accessed without turning the alarm off or if there is any movement in the building when the system is turned on.

The security cameras at the Small Boat Harbor will not be installed until next spring. By the time the equipment could be ordered and installed, it would almost be time to remove them for the winter. It would be best to wait until spring so we would have the entire summer and next winter to make any corrections on warranty. The warranty is good one year from installation.

Mr. Elliott informed the commission he would be gone the week of 9/4/00, he will be in Anchorage.

#### **COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

Mr Rodgers said there was nothing to report and the next council meeting would be tomorrow night. He was asked if the rumors about Ms. Hout resigning from the council were true. He said he had heard that she was planning to resign so she could devote her time to a business she was starting.

#### **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:**

Leary: Commented on how bad business had been and how slow it was for everyone.

**Kreider:** He was glad there had finally been some commercial fishing openings. He recognized the work Mr. Elliott and the port attendants had been doing at the small boat harbor. Especially putting the sandbags and more gravel around the access to the floats in the small boat harbor. Since the tape recorder used to record the commission meetings has disappeared out of the office he requested we get a new one. Mr. Leary suggested we purchase one that is a part of the computer so it can not leave the office.  
Mr. Kreider voiced appreciation for the port caps.

**DeSousa:** Asked if Mr. Elliott had talked to the Corps of Engineers about the problem at the bottom of the loading ramps in the small boat harbor. Mr. Elliott replied no he had not yet, but would be able to see them when he was in Anchorage next week.

**Richardson:** Asked if we had more rock or gravel available to use on the city dock surface. Mr. Elliott said yes, we have more gravel, and he will start working on the dock again as soon as the dump truck is fixed, and Casey from roads will come and spread it.  
Mr. Richardson commented that the "NO WAKE" buoy had helped in the small boat harbor channel. This buoy had disappeared and has now been replaced with a larger one, with a light on it. A light will be installed on the buoy in the small boat harbor also.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None there are no committees at this time.

**PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:** None at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion on how often a dinner meeting should be held and if it would be necessary to change the time of the meeting.

Mr. Rodgers made a motion the next meeting be held at Sadiks restaurant and the members should be there at 6pm so they could order and be finished eating prior to the meeting starting at 7PM. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kreider. Everyone was reminded no port business could be discussed until the meeting was officially opened at 7PM. Notice will go up one week before the meeting to allow the general public to know of the change in time and place. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Leary felt phone booths should be built next year, especially for the phone outside the port office. The way it is now, there is quite a lot of noise and hearing is very difficult. If there is bad weather they must now stand in the wind and rain to talk. As many of these calls are business, the crew of visiting vessels request to use the office phone to make calls. If there were a phone booth, they would have less noise and could be out of the weather. After discussion it was also decided this booth should be large enough to have a bench seat and small desk type shelf, so they could write. It will need a bullet proof or unbreakable window. This booth will be closed and locked during the winter.

The pros and cons of putting booths at the small boat harbor were also discussed; it was decided these might cause more problems than they would solve. Everyone was in agreement a booth outside the port office should be built, Mr. Elliott was asked to contact a local person to do this.

With no additional business to be discussed Mr. DeSousa made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Leary, passed unanimously, meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Buster Roberts". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.