

Introduced by: Lee Foley, City Manager
Date: October 27, 2009
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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 09-43

SUPPORT FOR A FUNDING REQUEST TO THE DENALI COMMISSION AS PART OF THE FY 2010 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM WATERFRONT PROJECT NOMINATION PROCESS TO PAY FOR DESIGN, PERMITTING, AND PRE-CONSTRUCTION WORK AT THE BETHEL SMALL BOAT HARBOR

WHEREAS, the Port of Bethel is critical to the City of Bethel, villages in the Kuskokwim River Delta and the Donlin Creek Mine project because it provides the most inexpensive form of transportation for food, supplies, vehicles, equipment, building materials, petroleum products, and commodities, like sand and gravel;

WHEREAS, the Port of Bethel owns and operates the Bethel Small Boat Harbor, which includes a basin and approach to the channel of the Kuskokwim River as natural elements, and eight approaches and two boat launch ramps as permanent manmade elements;

WHEREAS, bank destabilization over the years, river infill, and changing environmental conditions have caused a need for the Bethel Small Boat Harbor to be dredged;

WHEREAS, the Bethel Small Boat Harbor basin and channel approach have not been dredged since 1998 and are in desperate need of dredging;

WHEREAS, the north and south boat launch ramps at the harbor are in poor condition and insufficient in length and need to be replaced or repaired;

WHEREAS, the banks surrounding the Bethel Small Boat Harbor must be stabilized to prevent slough and maximize the benefits from dredging;

WHEREAS, the Port Commission, a seven-member volunteer body appointed by the Mayor, held a regular meeting on September 20, 2009 and approved a formal recommendation to City Council that the City pursue FY 2010 Denali Commission funding for this design project;

WHEREAS, the Denali Commission annually administers the Transportation Program Waterfront Project Nomination Process for potential eligible Alaska grantees;

WHEREAS, the City intends to seek design funding that will allow for a complete dredging design, bank stabilization plan, boat launch design, necessary permit acquisition,

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environmental and archaeological clearances, and other pre-construction tasks associated with planned Bethel Small Boat Harbor improvements;

WHEREAS, the expected cost of the engineered project is \$299,000;

WHEREAS, the Denali Commission expects a 20% cash match for this project (\$59,800) and the City of Bethel Finance Director confirmed that match funds are available for use in the City's current FY 2010 Port Budget;

WHEREAS, the nomination form and supporting documentation are due November 1, 2009;

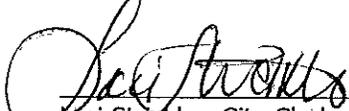
WHEREAS, the City of Bethel intends to adhere to its existing port facility preventive maintenance plan and finance plan before, during, and after completion of the proposed project;

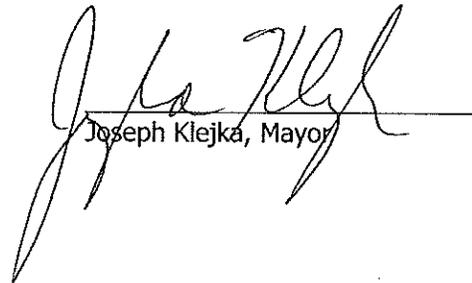
WHEREAS, the Port of Bethel revenues are sufficient to operate and maintain the Small Boat Harbor Facility in the future without state assistance, including total replacement at the end of their useful lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council supports the preparation and submission of a nomination form and supporting documentation to the Denali Commission requesting funding for design, permits, and other necessary pre-construction work as part of the FY 2010 Transportation Program Waterfront Project Nomination process.

ENACTED THIS 27th DAY OF OCTOBER 2009 BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Joseph Klejka, Mayor