

Introduced by: City Manager Herron
Date: September 25, 2001
Action: Passed
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #01-28

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS LETTER REPORT, "RIVER BANK STABILIZATION, BROWN'S SLOUGH TO SMALL BOAT HARBOR ENTRANCE, BETHEL, ALASKA" AND BEING THE PROJECTS LOCAL SPONSOR FOR THE ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED IN THE REPORT

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel operates a medium draft port that encompasses approximately 9,200 feet of shoreline on the south bank of the Kuskokwim River at Bethel, Alaska. This port function includes a general cargo dock facility, petroleum dock facility, small boat harbor, medium draft vessel mooring sites, and several access and mooring sites for skiffs and small boats; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Bethel is the largest receiving, shipment and transshipment port on the Kuskokwim River. It is a vital economic link for both the community of Bethel and the village communities of the Kuskokwim River and adjacent Bering Sea coast; and

WHEREAS, the Kuskokwim River along the Bethel port facility is prone to severe bank erosion and river channel scouring. Over the past twenty years, to stabilize these conditions, city, state and federal governments have made significant investments in a "seawall" infrastructure to both prevent river bank erosion and stabilize river channel scour; and

WHEREAS, changes in the river current patterns in 1998 contributed to increased scour depths along the upstream end of the "seawall" infrastructure, causing several of the pipe pilings to fail. Temporary repairs to this area have been carried out by the City of Bethel. The US Army Corps of Engineers (COE) has determined that a permanent engineering solution must be applied to these failing areas to prevent a catastrophic loss; and

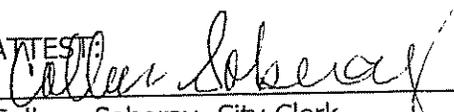
WHEREAS, the COE has published a report titled "River Bank Stabilization, Brown's Slough to Small Boat Harbor", dated August 2001, that addresses a permanent engineering solution to this failing area of the "seawall" infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska accepts the "River Bank Stabilization, Brown's Slough to Small Boat Harbor", report, dated August 2001 and the engineering solutions recommended to repair and stabilize the failing "seawall" infrastructure. Further, the City of Bethel is willing and able to be the local sponsor for this project.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2001, by a unanimous voice vote.



Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers, Mayor

ATTEST


Colleen Soberay, City Clerk