

Introduced by: Lee Foley, City Manager
Date: June 23, 2009
Action: Passed
Vote: 7-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 09-27

SUPPORT FOR THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF SFY 2011 MUNICIPAL HARBOR FACILITY GRANT

- 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 Alaska Legislature passed landmark legislation in 2006, establishing the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program, a 50/50 matching grant program that provides financial assistance for municipally owned small boat harbors;
- WHEREAS**, the City of Bethel owns and administers the Small Boat Harbor and float plane landing area along the Kuskokwim River as part of its Port of Bethel facilities, both of which are eligible sites for a municipal harbor facility grant project;
- WHEREAS**, the Port of Bethel intends to apply for funding to purchase, ship, and install two 20-foot wide cement boat ramps to replace the one on the south side of the Small Boat Harbor, and to apply for funding to pay for gravel and sand deliveries to the float plane area adjacent to the Kuskokwim River;
- WHEREAS**, the total grant project cost is not expected to exceed \$400,000, fifty percent of which will be grant funds and fifty percent of which will come from the Port of Bethel budget;
- WHEREAS**, the grant application is due June 29, 2009;
- WHEREAS**, the Port Commission, a seven-member volunteer body appointed by the Mayor, held a regular meeting on June 15, 2009 and voted to approve a formal recommendation to City Council that the City pursue an FY 2011 Municipal Harbor Facilities Grant;
- WHEREAS**, the City of Bethel is capable of completing the project(s) within eighteen months after award of a Municipal Harbor Grant;
- WHEREAS**, the City has adequate marine liability insurance and Small Boat Harbor property insurance;

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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;

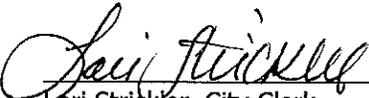
WHEREAS, the Port of Bethel revenues are sufficient to operate and maintain the Small Boat Harbor Facility and float plane area in the future without state assistance, including total replacement at the end of their useful lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council supports the preparation and submission of a grant application to the Municipal Harbor Facilities Grant Program administered by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) that requests funding to improve the small boat harbor and float plane landing area;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Bethel agrees, subject to available Legislative funding and project selection by DOT&PF, to enter into a grant agreement with the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to administer the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

ENACTED THIS 23rd DAY OF JUNE 2009 BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Joseph Klejka, Mayor