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PORT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 1993

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DeSousa called the regular Port Commission meeting of April 19, 1993, to order at 7:53 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Allen DeSousa, John Hawkins, Manny Konig, Allan Wintersteen
Absent, excused: Grant Fairbanks
Absent, unexcused: Buster Richardson

Stuart Greydanus, Port Director, and Nancy Gross, Interim City Manager, were also present.

APPROVAL/MINUTES

M/M by Wintersteen, 2nd by Hawkins to approve the minutes of the February 15 and March 11, 1993, regular meetings as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL/AGENDA

M/M by Hawkins, 2nd by Konig to amend the agenda by adding New Business Item D: J & B Proposal. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Port Director Greydanus referred the Commission to his written report and responded to Mr. Wintersteen's questions on the following items:

-In response to a question regarding comments made at a Joint Planning/Port meeting, Mr. Greydanus stated that he did lease the Open Space in front of First National Bank to a fish buyer; however, since that action was before the votes to leave the Open Space as is, he has since moved the buyer to another space on the seawall.

-Answering the question of Mr. Crow's current occupancy of Lot 4, Mr. Greydanus confirmed that Mr. Crow had not removed any of his property from the lot, adding that, since most of his property is

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located on the reclaimed tidelands portion of Lot 4, the City cannot enforce any removal of property until the lease with the state is finalized.

-Mr. Greydanus reported there had been no request for aid regarding the oil spill. Ms. Gross asked if the Port had an Oil Spill Contingency Plan, and, upon hearing that it did not, added that it should.

**COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT**

Mr. Wintersteen informed the Commission the Council had voted to accept the Comprehensive Land Use and Development Plan for the City of Bethel's Reclaimed Tidelands. The next step is to send the Plan to the Department of Natural Resources for review, which involved a long process and could result in changes.

**COMMISSIONERS'
COMMENTS**

Mr. Hawkins commented that, even though he and Mr. Greydanus may be on different sides of certain issues, he recognizes and respects Mr. Greydanus' positions.

Chairman DeSousa informed the Commission of Bruce Nerby's resignation from the Commission due to a conflict of interest with the issue of the Land Use Plan and his father's land. Mr. DeSousa will send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Nerby for his time served as a Port Commissioner and the vacancy will be advertised immediately.

**COMMITTEE
REPORT**

The Committee report was deferred to Old Business Item A on the agenda.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no people to be heard.

NEW BUSINESS

**Item A: Oaths of
Office**

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Those Commissioners present signed the Oaths of Office for the Port Commission and returned them to the Clerk.

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**Item B: Dept.
Justification**

PORT OF BETHEL DEPARTMENT JUSTIFICATION

Chairman DeSousa appointed Port Director Greydanus and Mr. Hawkins to a special committee to gather information to justify establishing the Port as a separate department in the City of Bethel, instructing the Committee to collect facts and figures from other ports. Ms. Gross recommended the Committee consider the advantages of keeping the Port under the Administration department, and weigh both sides. Mr. Wintersteen reminded the Commission that the Council has not approved this in the past and advised they bring fresh evidence to the Council how the change would improve Bethel and the Port to convince them.

**Item C: River
Pilot Surcharge**

RIVER PILOT SURCHARGE

Port Director Greydanus reported that Mr. Sumpstead had not responded to Chairman DeSousa's request for an explanation on the fee increase. A discussion on the impact on prices followed.

**Item D: J & B
Proposal**

J & B PROPOSAL

Port Director Greydanus informed the Commission that he had received a letter inquiring about leasing storage space on Tract 5 to stockpile milled lumber. Mr. Greydanus stated he would schedule a meeting with J & B to get more detailed information. Since the Port does not have control of that land, no other action was required.

OLD BUSINESS

**Item A: Takeover
Dock from State**

PORT TAKEOVER OF DOCK FROM THE STATE D.O.T.

Chairman DeSousa introduced Murph O'Brien from the Department of Transportation who spoke on the issue of the Port taking over the ownership of the dock from the State.

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Mr. O'Brien informed the Commissioners that the State had set up a fund to make improvements to harbor facilities and then transfer them to the local governments. Mr. O'Brien stated he was present to answer questions and provide information on the program.

A lengthy discussion followed on the type of improvements that could be made and the advantages and disadvantages of transferring the responsibility to the City.

**Item B: Capt.
Atkins Disposal**

CAPTAIN ATKINS DISPOSAL

motion

M/M by Hawkins, 2nd by Konig to recommend to the City Council to accept the high bid of \$153,000 from Moody's Sea Lighterage. Poll vote. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item C: Tariff
Rev. Acceptance**

TARIFF REVISION ACCEPTANCE

motion

M/M by Hawkins, 2nd by Konig to pass the tariff changes made by the Commission at the work session, and to send them to the City Attorney, after which the revisions will be sent to back to the Commission or to the Council (dependant upon changes necessary). Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

motion

M/M by Hawkins, 2nd by Wintersteen to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 PM. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.



Allen DeSousa, Chairman

ATTEST:

Connie Tucker, Commission Clerk