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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Port Commission Minutes

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May 3, 2005

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Port Commission was held on May 3, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairman Leary called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Commission, the following were present:

R. Thor Williams	Brandon Leary
Donna Chris	Allen DeSousa
Clair Grifka	

Excused absence(s):

Unexcused absence(s): Jeff Severn

Also in attendance was the following:

Joanne Galliard, Acting Port Director

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

#### M/M to Suspend Rules

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	A. DeSousa	Motion made to suspend rules to allow People to be Heard during discussion of agenda items.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	D. Chris	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Passed unanimously
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#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	A. DeSousa	To approve Agenda as is
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	D. Chris	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Passed unanimously
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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item A – SEAWALL MOORAGE – TARIFF CHANGE**

Overview presented by Acting Port Director, J. Galliard. Handout of revenue breakdown on moorage vs. dockage under current tariff provided. Currently, moorage is purchased for a specific vessel in an assigned spot if any other vessel even one operated by the company of vessel for which moorage was purchased docks in that spot, it is charged additionally. Due to limited number of feet useable for moorage and dockage, questions on allowing operators to purchase a specific number of feet for moorage and allowing them to moor any vessel they operate without additional charge have raised. To do this without increasing the per foot moorage fee would be a loss of revenue to the Port of Bethel.

Discussion on matter and input received from operators who were present.

**M/M to change Mooring Fee tariff**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Donna Chris	To change tariff to reflect mooring fees be for a specified length of space at a designated berth. Charges will be increased to \$26.00 per foot for the season and \$10.00 per foot if by the month. Any vessel under the flag of the purchaser may use the assigned berth, not to be more than 2 vessels wide for no additional fee.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	A. DeSousa	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Passed unanimously – B. Leary abstained
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**Item B – FUEL THRU PUT BARGE TO BARGE**

It has been brought to the attention of the port, that fuel for upriver villages is transferred from barge to barge while they are anchored in the river outside Bethel city limits. In an effort to provide a safer environment to transfer fuel barge to barge, we would like to encourage these transfers while barges are docked at the Petro Port in Bethel. Currently they are being charged .04 cents per gallon, the same as if they were pumping into the storage tanks on shore. Our current wharfage tariff, states freight transferred from barge to barge while they are docked at a port facility is only 1/2 of wharfage charged for freight delivered to shore at Bethel facilities.

**M/M to change wharfage tariff to include fuel thru put**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	D. Chris	To change the wharfage tariff to include fuel transferred from barge to barge while docked at the Petro Port to be 1/2 the rate of the thru put for fuel transferred to shore based storage tanks.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	A. DeSousa	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	3 votes to amend tariff as above, 1 vote no and 1 abstained
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**PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

**Harry Faulkner of Faulkner Walsh Constructors:**

Would like a place to unload bulk sand and gravel at Beach 1, by the dock. He has worked at beach 2 at the request of the Port Director, but finds that is very unsatisfactory and more costly for him. He has also tried to use a conveyer belt system off beach 2, again at the request of the Port Director and this was also unsatisfactory. He requested this be discussed by the port commissioners at the next regular port commission meeting.

**Jeff Coghill of Yutana Barge Lines:**

Voiced concerns about safety of crew when docking as it is difficult for crew to jump upon seawall especially when cable gates are closed or plastic fence is up. He would like to see more gates or somehow we could leave the existing gates open. Port Director suggested he radio port attendant 15 minutes before he is ready to dock and they can catch lines.

**M/M to adjourn**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	T. Williams	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	D. Chris	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Passed unanimously
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**APPROVED THIS** \_\_\_\_ **day of** \_\_\_\_\_ **2003.**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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Joanne Gallart, Acting Port Director

