

May 15, 2000
Port Commission Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richardson convened the meeting at 7:35pm. In the Port of Bethel Offices, Bethel, Alaska.

II. ROLL CALL

**Present: Richardson, DeSousa, Kreider, Rodgers and Leary
Also Present: H. Elliott & J. Walsh**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. PORT DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. Elliott reported on how the dock office and port facilities had fared over the winter including some repair needed on the Terex. Two Padi's broke off and there did appear to be some damage to some of the bumpers on the new seawall and Mr. Elliott reported he had been in contact with the contractor, Udelhoven and they were scheduled to come out on May 16 to look at the problem. This may require some gussets to be added for additional strength were they are welded

Mr. Elliott also reported about a sinkhole in the river bottom off Brown slough and the steps he will be looking into dumping A & B rock in the sink hole to stop any additional erosion, we are currently have a very low stockpile and will need more rock. It may be possible to get some A & B from Red Samm Construction when they get to town. We are should have 12000 ton of rock in reserve and will need what ever is necessary to fill this hole. Discussion on possible causes of the sink hole. Methods of placing the rock to fill the sinkhole were also discussed.

The old Crowley building is ready to be moved and the area filled.

VI. REPORT FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Rodgers gave the council report, now is budget time. It is time the commission checks the by-laws and new officers may need to be elected and new members sworn in. Mr. Rodgers was asked about the standing of the City of Bethel purchasing the crane from Crowley, apparently, during the last meeting, when Mr. Herron was present, he said, they were just waiting for the crane to be fixed before they wrote the check.

VII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Mr. DeSousa, he wondered if port-a-potties had been put out at the small boat harbor. He also asked if the phones were up yet, Mr. Elliott said he was waiting until the floats were in, to delay any possible damage until needed.

Mr. Kreider, asked when the floats would be put in, Mr. Elliott expects the end of this week after the ice is out of the small boat harbor.

Mr. Leary, said things are starting to happen around here. He said it was really nice to have the additional dirt in on the seawall along Front Street, the water drained thru the pipe like it should.

He commented the 3 & 4 Wheelers are really causing problems to the seawall and there was a discussion on what could be done to stop this damage. No solution was found at this time. When pipe is put up to stop them, it is just rolled down the hill; the port attendants also patrol this area and try to stop people from riding in this area. Maybe this could be a designated park area and that would help stop the problem.

Mr. Leary also suggested we put signs up on the building and gate giving the marine channel the port monitors and the phone numbers to reach the dock and an emergency number.

Mr. Richardson, asked if we could do anything with the old blue barge that is partially torn apart at the small boat harbor. Or could we just remove it? We need to send the owner Mr. Avalos a certified letter giving him a time limit to move it.

Mr. Richardson also asked about the status of the seawall up from Brown slough, Mr. Elliott advised the repair had been contracted out.

He also asked about the status of the Yut Bait, and Mr. Elliott reported the attorney is working on attaching this property which the city could sell to pay the debt.

Mr. Richardson also suggested we seawall pipe or sand bag a 3 or 4 ft high seawall on the west side and fill the area to serve as a vehicle parking area for of persons who park their boats on the west beach. This would also help maintain the bank and stop the erosion that contributes to the fill in of the small boat harbor. Depending on which material we use to build the retaining wall this could be a relatively inexpensive project and would serve several purposes.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

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- A. **Video cameras, are they all working properly? Mr. Elliott reported they were not working when he returned this spring, having been damaged when the office was broken into in April 2000. Mr. Elliott, does have them working now, except for #4 & 5 are still having problems. Guardian Security has been contacted and will be sending someone out to work on the cameras. Mr. Elliott, requested a motion sensor be installed in the office, one that will call the police dept when triggered so we will have 24-hour coverage especially during the winter. After discussion it was decided to board over the windows each fall when the port office is closed.**
- B. **Dumpsters at the small boat harbor, they should be set up soon, there was discussion about getting more dumpsters at the small boat harbor and getting one at the petro port.**
- C. **Several years ago the port rates were raised so the port could provide better services to the users of the port. However, it looks like the City Council is again looking at using some of the profit from the port for general fund use. This money was intended to provide new floats at the small boat harbor when the ones that are currently in place are no longer usable. The money is also needed to purchase more rock to keep the seawall repaired as needed. There was discussion on advising the council the port needs the money it generates to keep the port facilities in good repair.**
- D. **Joanne mentioned it is very difficult to set minutes especially when doing them from a tape recording when you were not present at the meeting. The discussion that followed presented many valid points. Mr. Rodgers did say that as a City commission the committee did need to adhere to Roberts Rules of Order. It was also agreed upon to request of the chair to go off record for discussion and back on record for items that need to be on record. Several commission members said they had not been given full membership packets with the by-laws and other pertinent information.**

Mr. Richardson called for additional comments, when there were none he moved for the meeting to be adjourned; it was seconded by Mr. Rodgers, passed unanimously.

Respectively Submitted

