

May 24, 1999
Port Commission Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richardson convened the meeting at 7:48 p.m. in the City Offices, Bethel, Alaska.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Richardson, Rodgers, DeSousa, Kreider

Absent: Leary, excused

Also Present: Elliott and Hensch

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes from the previous meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DeSousa made a motion to add seawall under old business as item A. The motion was 2nd by Rodgers. Motion carries unanimously.

V. PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Workers from the previous year have returned and are busy straightening things up at the dock. Elliott filed for a new tariff and has been busy doing paperwork in the office with Hensch. The port has also been busy selling spaces at the small boat harbor along with small boat harbor stickers. The port attendants are going to be running a 24 hour coverage, but Elliott would like to keep two on during the day for a while to get all the cabinets up and do all the two person jobs around the facilities. He is also trying to get attendants to get their CDL's so they are able to drive the water truck and dump truck that the port is purchasing.

Richardson wanted to know about the sand that is piled up behind the stored tenders on the dock. Elliott informed him that Crowley brought in the sand to load up their crane and left it there so it is free sand. Richardson also asked about the intentions of Crowley Marine. The port directors stated that Galliert of Crowley is interested in moving a small office onto the bank west of the port office. Galliert wants to sell the standing office and have it moved off the city dock. Elliott mentioned the transition to Herron but no action has been taken thus far.

Howard Elliott informed the commissioners that the flood damaged the seawall fence extensively. Mission Road fence seems to be damaged the most. He will have the port attendants working on that problem for the next week or so until the damaged areas have been repaired or replaced. He also stated that the repair of the sinkholes would be an all summer job.

VI. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Rodgers stated that there was a work session in between the last meeting and now on capital projects. He stated that the city is looking into seeding Bethel as soon as they get a hold of the seeder that Stuart Greydanus got for the city. The commissioners had a small discussion about watering the roads for dust control. Rodgers also stated that the next city meeting is going to be held on May 25, 1999.

VII. COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Kreider- none

DeSousa- Welcomed Elliott and Hensch back. He also stated that the two are doing a good job dealing with all the hard work that comes with the new season.

Rodgers- Welcomed Elliott and Hensch back. Also stated that he has heard nothing but good things about the new format for receiving moorage space at the small boat harbor from the public.

Richardson- Wanted to know if any one was aware of the sand bar building up in the mouth of the slough on the city dock side and across. He stated that the slough is really shallow there. DeSousa made a motion to put the dredging of the slough in the budget for next winter. Motion fails due to lack of a second. Elliott brought up the possibility of at high water, using for example the Colville River to back wash the sand bar and in actuality, dredge the slough out. Richardson also brought up the question of allowing a grace time for the tenders to off load fish or to pick up ice. Elliott agreed and said that he didn't feel that the port should charge tenders for off loading fish or taking on ice. A motion was made by DeSousa to leave it up to the port director to determine an adequate time limit for tenders to off load fish and any time there after, the tenders be checked in and applied dockage fees. The motion was 2nd by Rodgers. Motion carried unanimously. Elliott stated that he would check in tenders after a two-hour time limit.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

IX. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

None

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Seawall

DeSousa wanted to bring it to the attention of the commissioners that they had decided previously that they were to remove any damaged plates and to fill in exposed piling with sand or gravel. He also noted that the seawall fence needs to be repaired as soon as possible so no one is hurt. DeSousa noted that there was still seawall fence money to take care of the fence problem. There was a further discussion about placing gaps within the new fence to allow boaters easy access on and off their vessels.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Launching Ramps

DeSousa recommends ordering more concrete slabs to place at the bottom of the existing ramps to decrease the problem of wash out caused by boaters gunning their motors to load their boats. He made a motion that the port director get a list of materials and costs needed for finishing the bottom of the north ramp and the bottom of the south ramp, and/or replacing the south ramp entirely. Once the information is attained, bring it to the commission so they can vote on it and recommend it to council. Motion fails due to lack of a 2nd. DeSousa suggests to mark the end of the last slab to warn launchers of the drop off. DeSousa makes a motion that the port director look at the problem with the launching ramps at the small boat harbor, find a solution for it and bring it back to the commission and let them know what he needs to fix it with. The motion was 2nd by Rodgers and passes unanimously. Elliott states that he is thinking about getting 3- rock to put at the end of the launching ramps. The commission asked Elliott to look into if Faulkner Walsh still owed the port gravel from their rock crushing operation on the dock facilities two years ago.

Richardson also brought up a suggestion to paint stripes down the launching ramps to indicate that it is now a three truck launching ramp. Commissioners commented that no one is supposed to park directly above the launching ramps because it makes launching more difficult. The port needs to put up signs to ensure this. Also discussed was having a derelict parking spot for old boats and trailers off to the side by the dredged material.

B. Delinquent List

Elliott wanted to inform the commission that he is going to follow the city manager's orders to not allow people or companies on the dock delinquent list to use the cities facilities until they either pay off their debt or make a payment plan with the finance department. There was much discussion on giving the tenders a break on their payments but no motions were made. DeSousa stated that previously the commission voted not to give fishermen a break for the fact that it might interfere with the monies they might receive from the state.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

DeSousa made a motion to adjourn the meeting. That motion was 2nd by Rodgers. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Delinquent Accounts as of 7-16-99

1. Coastal Village Fisheries
2. BT Alaska
3. C.S. Buster Richardson
4. Dave Gilbert Will be in this week to set up payment plan
5. Delta Western
6. Faulkner Walsh Constructors
7. Gilbert Industries Will be in this week to set up payment plan
8. Hammer Inc. Says has no intention of paying
9. Hubert Southern
10. Kuskokwim Fishermans Co-op Says was going to bring in \$3000 check, hasn't
11. Mike Ryckman
12. Ron Whittom Sr.
13. Woodbine Fisheries Says will pay up by the time they are back in town.
14. General Marine



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Memorandum

To: Bob Herron, City Manager
From: Howard Elliott, Port Director
Subject: Manager's Report
Date: June 28, 1999

With the completion of the new launching ramps, the port is now working of the damaged seawall fence. The port accepted quote for seawall repair and welding and gave the job to JV & Sons, Jerry Korthuis. He started work on the project this morning and the port anticipates the job being done in the near future. Once this welding is completed the port employees will install the new seawall fence.

Northland Services had a barge come to port on the 16th of June at 7:30pm. The wharfage revenue for this voyage was \$7,927.16. We are expecting another Northland barge around the 2nd week in July.

Since the last report, two fuel barges have off loaded fuel at Bethel Fuel Sales. The first barge off loaded 135,235 gallons of fuel generating \$5,409.40 in fuel thru put revenue. The second barge generated \$86,744.60 in revenue by off loading 2,168,615 gallons of fuel.

The port is in the process of billing customers for storage of equipment on the dock facilities for the fiscal year that is just finishing up. We will start new billing for the new fiscal year the 1st of July. This will allow us to keep track of total revenue for each account for the entire fiscal year.

Red Samm off loaded 4000 tons of gravel generating \$5,000.00 in petro port wharfage revenue. They are at port right now off loading more gravel which we will get the figures on at a later date.

Faulkner Walsh Constructors have begun to bring in gravel. This summer thus far, they have off loaded a total of 2100 tons of gravel. This amounts to \$2,625.00 in Beach Wharfage revenue. The port plans on seeing many more gravel trips through out the summer from this company.

The port has also started to aggressively sell small boat harbor stickers. This too is bringing in much revenue for the Port of Bethel.

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