

City of Bethel, Alaska

PORT COMMISSION MEETING

October 20, 2003

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Port Commission was held on October 20, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. at the City dock office.

Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

DeSousa
Williams

Leary
Severn

Richardson

Excused absence(s): Chris

unexcused absence(s): none

Also in attendance were the following:

Howard Elliott, Port Director
Tundy Rodgers, outgoing City Council rep.

MOVED BY:	DeSousa	To suspend the meeting for 10 minutes to review the port packets.
SECONDED BY:	Williams	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Meeting reconvened at 7:39PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY:	DeSousa	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 22, 2003 meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Leary	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	Williams	To approve the agenda.
	Severn	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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DIRECTORS REPORT:

Bi weekly manager's reports were included in port packets. In addition Mr. Elliott reported there were still several vessels in the water but they are expected to be out this week. All other tugs were already put in dry dock for the winter or had left Bethel headed south today. He informed the port of some damage that had been done to the bull rail when the last Northland barge was here and how much he estimated it would cost us to repair it and that it could be repaired in house. A letter had been written to Northland with the estimate and we were waiting to hear from them, if they wanted to pay the estimate or contact Udelhoven to come repair it.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Williams deferred to past rep Rodgers, who commented on the election of the new city council members and stated he was transferred to the planning commission. He plans on working to develop better traffic patterns and said the past 8 years on the port commission had been very enjoyable.

COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

RICHARDSON: Thanks to Mr. Rodgers we are sorry to see him go and a welcome to Mr. Williams. He asked if Howard would fill the area from the end of the seawall upriver to the willows on the south side of the harbor and if the west side could be filled to increase parking. Howard responded he has been working on this and is doing as much as he can in the time he has. There was also some discussion on where BNC property ended if the parking on the north side of the small boat harbor can be expanded. He also wondered if the port could maintain the road along the east side of the small boat harbor where it is caving in.

DESOUSA: Ditto on thanks to Rodgers and welcome to Williams. Said he had been told thanks by a citizen for the City taking over the city dock ownership from DOT. There was some talk between DOT and the city and even a resolution from the city council, but no one at the meeting was aware of an official acceptance on either party's part.

LEARY: Thanks to Rodgers and welcome to Williams. Leary said he was glad the season was coming to an end.

WILLIAMS: Hopes he can fill Rodgers shoes. Said he would follow thru with a resolution at the next city council meeting: RE: the purchase of Yukon Fuel by Crowley Marine.

SEVERN: Thanks to Rodgers and welcome to Williams. He drove by the Small boat harbor on the way to the meeting and was curious how much the dumpsters at the small boat harbor cost the port. It was mentioned a dumpster was needed at the petro port and questioned if the port should buy its own dumpsters. This would enable us to have the number and size of dumpsters we need at each facility. He also asked when the phones and life jacket cabinets would be removed from the small boat harbor.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM "A": Moving Port Office.

J. Galliard gave a short presentation on the move and the addition of one more room approximately the same size as the existing one. Discussion ensued as to the cost of moving the office to the lot across the beach where the Crowley office has been, this would mean putting all the dock security camera's on a remote system and repositioning the small boat harbor cameras. There was a brief discussion about building a new office instead of moving this one and adding on. After some comments on when to move the office, this winter versus having the cost added to the 2005 fiscal budget and then moving it next winter. Galliard was asked to get a cost estimate of moving the existing building including the cost of moving the remote camera receivers and present it at the next commission meeting. It was suggested if we did this then we could request the cost of an addition to the 2005 budget.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	DeSousa	To adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Leary	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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With no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned.

Richardson, Chairman