

**CITY OF BETHEL
Port Commission**

Rescheduled Meeting of February 23, 1998

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:35 p.m. by Vice Chairman DeSousa at the Port Office, Bethel, Alaska.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Grifka, Richardson, Rodgers, DeSousa, Chris.
Absent excused: Wieble, Leary

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M by Rodgers to approve the minutes of December 15, 1997. 2nd by Grifka. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Rodgers 2nd by Grifka to approve agenda.
Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

V. PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Greydanus had submitted his written report. Greydanus also reported on sale of 110 seawall pipe to YKHC. Reported on dredging activity at the harbor. Reported on activity at the dock. Reported that he is preparing budget for next fiscal year and wants Commission input.

VI. Council rep. report.

Tundy Rodgers reported that the City is advertising for a new City Clerk along with the City Manager.

VII. Comments of Commissioners

Grifka wants Commission to develop budget requests for Port.

Rodgers reported that he received input from individuals about the ice road. Greydanus reported that the money has been expended.

DeSousa none.

Richardson stated That he felt the launch ramps at the harbor should be marked down the middle to ensure there is enough room for two vehicles to safely back down. M/M by Rodgers 2nd by Richardson to request that the Port Director place a yellow line down the center of the launch ramps. Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris None

VIII. **People to be heard**
None

IX. **Old Business**
None

X. **New Business**

Item A: FY 98 Capital Projects, budget amendment requests. (Greydanus)

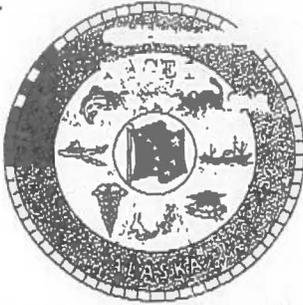
Greydanus reported that he would like the Commission to request recommending to Council the funding of various Capital Projects and minor equipment line item. Greydanus supplied the list of Capital Projects which included Dredging the City's portion of the harbor. Greydanus also requested a new launch ramp be installed on the South side and the North ramp be extended. Greydanus also requested 5 new gangways for the finger floats. Thews would be handicapp accessible. Greydanus also requested that the minor equipment line item be increased to provide for 30 life ring cabinets. Total funding request for those projects amounted to 458,585. After some discussion, M/M by Rodgers 2nd by Chris to recommend that Council fund all thes project requests. Voice Vote Motion carried unanimously.

M/M Chris for adjournment at 8:45 2nd by Rodgers. Voice Vote Motion passes.

Passed and Approved This _____ Day of _____, 1998.

Buster Richardson, Chairman

Stuart Greydanus, Port Director



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May 18, 1998

Port Commission Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Richardson in the Dock Office, Bethel, Alaska.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Richardson, Rodgers, DeSousa, Grifka, and Leary

Also Present: Stuart Greydanus, Jessica Rearden

Absent excused: Chris

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by DeSousa and seconded by Rodgers to change items IV and VI; the motion was passed.

IV. COUCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Rodgers reported on the City Council's budget meeting. He fears that one or two of the Port capital project will be budgeted for, but not all three. Rodgers refreshed the committee on the three projects that the council heard: fendering system, seawall fence, and the bull railing. Rodgers opinion was that Stew Robinson is the driving force in pushing for against the Port receiving its entire budget. Stuart Greydanus believes that the high dollar fendering system is unlikely to be approved due to the need for money for capital projects within various general fund departments within the City. Greydanus suggested the idea of getting a loan and do the fendering system project this year, but pay on the loan over a three to five year plan. Grifka mentioned that the engineering bid for 1.5 million bid was high and more than likely the job would cost less. All projects need to be done, and the committee is worried about losing funding for jobs that need to be done.

A motion was made by DeSousa that Stuart Greydanus prepare a document stating the Port Commission's anxiety over the loss of funding and the worry over losing needed projects. Rodgers seconded the motion; unanimous agreement.

V. PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Port director submitted a written report.

Greydanus also reported on the status of various Port projects. The pile driving at the small boat harbor is done and the last bit of welding is being completed. Greydanus is not happy about two piling that were driven in the wrong place. Stuart hired Jessica Rearden as a Port Admin. Assistant replacing Amanda Hensch until June 8, 1998. He also hired Travis Wold and will be hiring three more port attendants during the week.

Stuart also mentioned that break up was nothing. He also reported that there was a oil spill up Steam Boat Slough and that Bob Carlson is currently looking for the culprit. Red Samm will be seeding the slope around June 15 and was issued a permit to pump water out of the river.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with a unanimous vote.

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VII. COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Grifka reported that the Public Works will be doing dirt work for the seawall.

DeSousa voiced his concern over the dumpsters, port-a-potties, and the phones not being in place around the Port. Greydanus informed DeSousa that the Port phones are hooked up and working.

Rodgers noted the river being very low and so early in the season. He was glad the Port did dredging.

Richardson was happy to see Ben Dale's crane placed on a tarp and not leaking on the ground.

VIII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

None

X. OLD BUSINESS

None

XI. NEW BUSSINESS

Stuart Greydanus presented the idea of eliminating the daily moorage fee and replace it with the existing dockage rates. This would save confusion for the port attendants and the businesses using the Port facility. The new agreement would use dockage fees for the daily use of the sea wall and the moorage fees for the long term or seasonal use of the dock. The elimination of daily moorage would increase the daily dockage 15 cents a foot.

Rodgers will be talking to the council about the change due to the monetary change the new daily dockage would encompass. Rodgers made a motion to eliminate the daily moorage and replace it with the existing dockage rates. Brandon Leary seconded the motion; everyone except DeSousa voted for the motion to pass, DeSousa abstained his vote.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

DeSousa made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.; the committee unanimously agreed.

CITY OF BETHEL
Port Commission
Meeting of June 15, 1998

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:40 P.M. by Allen DeSousa in the Dock offices, Bethel, Alaska.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: DeSousa, Chris, Leary, and Wieble.
Absent: Grifka, Richardson, and Rodgers. All were excused.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was a motion made by Wieble to change Item II under Roll Call to read that he was present. The motion was 2nd by Chris and the vote carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was a motion made by Chris to add Vehicle Access on the Seawall as Item B under new business. The motion was 2nd by Wieble and it carried unanimously.

V. PORT DIRECTORS REPORT

Greydanus stated that boats are coming and going and stevedoring companies are starting to get freight moved off the dock. He also stated that the bids are open for driving deadman. DeSousa asked if the engineer who consulted for the small boat harbor figure at a normal high tide or what tides he figured for. Greydanus stated that we are having abnormally high tides and that he really doesn't think that there will be a problem with the gangways. DeSousa expressed concerns about the accessibility of elders to the new gangways at very high tides. Greydanus stated that if the commission wanted to, they could raise the walkways a foot. He said that it wouldn't take too much work to change. DeSousa asked about the guide rails for the gangways. The port director stated that after much discussion about the rails with his port attendants, they thought it was best if the rails weren't put on. The railing might be tried on one side of the harbor just to see how they work out. Chris expressed her thanks for the gangways. She said they have been very useful. DeSousa asked about the missing boards in-between floats. Greydanus said that they would be finished this week at the latest. Installation of the floats were slow this summer due to the anchoring system used in the past years being dredged out this winter. Leary was wondering if the port ever found out who caused the small oil spill in the Slough. Stuart stated that there was no way to prove who did it and was a dead subject.

VI. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Rodgers was not present to give report.

VII. COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Chris asked that when the port had enough time, she would like to see maintenance and repairs around the dock facilities. She knew they would be done eventually but just wanted to remind the port.

Leary stated that the small boat harbor looks nice and everyone seems to be pleased with it. He also stated that the gravel loading area was a nice place to unload. He wanted to know what Harry Faulkner Jr. Thought about the new unloading area. Greydanus stated that he was pleased with it and that it would work out good.

Wieble stated that it was good to see the port so busy.

DeSousa wanted to thank Stuart Greydanus for his hard work over the years. He wished him well and good luck at the Port of Anchorage.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

IX. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

None.

X. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Overview of Port Facilities and Functions

Greydanus wanted to commission to be reminded of ongoing projects at the port so that the commissioners could clue in the new incoming Port Director. The first thing being that Ben Barnes barge, Zydell, is sunk along the seawall and Mr. Barnes is disregarding Greydanus' orders to remove it. The Coast Guard won't touch the matter because it is no longer leaking fuel and isn't an environmental threat. Chris stated that it was a liability due to insufficient lighting and sharp edges. The port needs to take care of this sunken vessel.

Installation of the ramp at the north harbor. Public Works said that they would put it in but the port needs to make sure it happens. A reminder being that the port gave Public Works seawall pipe in exchange for work to be done on port facilities. Public Works still owes the port many more hours of work. DeSousa made the suggestion that in order to get the work started, the port may need to address the City Manager on the matter.

Red Samm is going to hydroseed the slope and we may need to make signs or something to somehow keep people from ruining the chances for the seed to take hold. DeSousa suggested putting an ad in the newspaper advising the public not to be on the slope.

The small boat harbor was dredged this past winter and it needs to be dredged every five years. This would mean that it needs to be dredged again in 2003. The Corps of Engineers portion needs to be dredged in 2002. The city needs to request dredging in the form of a resolution a year in advance.

The port should request replacement of three of the floats down at the small boat harbor.

The City Council is providing funding for the installation of a seawall fence. The port commission may want to get together with the engineer to express concerns about sea land owner. It was brought up that it might be worth while to make openings for these sea land owners. Also brought up was to make the fence 6ft.high and maybe removable incase of a harsh breakup. This would insure that they would not get damaged in the spring.

The seawall caps are worthless and Greydanus suggests that the port take off the caps as needed and fill up the seawall pipe with dirt.

Make sure to remind the City Council that 2¢ a gallon at the fuel dock is to go to deferred maintenance. The city took money from the port fund to pay off their general fund debt. It is critical that 2¢ a gallon of bulk fuel product goes into effect at the beginning of the up coming fiscal year.

A new fendering system has been approved by the City Council along with a bull rail. DeSousa wanted to stress the importance of the engineer getting with the Port Commission as well as users of the facility to see what kind of fendering system they think is best for the cargo dock.

DeSousa wanted to suggest that if there is a large barge unloading during a scheduled meeting, to change the meeting to a later date. He also suggested that the port rehire current employees of the port for next year. This would help the new Port Director out as to how the facility was run in the past.

B. Vehicle Access

Chris wanted to know the port commissions view on vehicle access along the seawall. DeSousa recalled talking about the subject before. He stated that they had agreed that if anyone were to tie up to the south end of the seawall that there would be no unloading or loading along the lower end of the seawall. Leary stated that the gate along the seawall had always been locked. Chris stated she remember the engineers strongly stating that that area along the seawall would never be strong enough for vehicular traffic. Greydanus stated that the seawall pipes along that area were also shorter then those used along the rest of the sea front area. After much discussion, a motion was made by Chris that the Port Commission strongly recommend to City Council that vehicular traffic on the lower end of the seawall be limited to maintenance and emergency vehicles only, and that the gate be locked at all other times. The reasons for this are: To protect the integrity of the seawall based on the engineers recommendations, Secure the cities \$26 million dollar investment by protecting the existing embankment from encroaching cars, trucks, ATVs, motorcycles, and other vehicles thus preventing erosion and breakdown of the seawall, and Pedestrian safety. The motion was 2nd by Wieble and the motion carried unanimously.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

M/m by Chris to adjourn the meeting. The motion was 2nd by Leary. Motion carried unanimously.

Passed and Approved This _____ Day of _____, 1998.

Buster Richardson, Chairman

Stuart Greydanus, Port Director