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Anchorage Port Commission Meeting
Date: December 15, 2021
Scheduled Time: 12:00 – 1:30 pm
Location: Port Commission Chambers

Present	Port Commissioners:	Paul Mehler; Kevin Mackey; Aves Thompson; Ron Ward; Garret Wong; Mike Robbins; Chris Manculich; Peggy Rotan; Scott Selzer
	Staff:	Steve Ribuffo, Port Director; Sharen Walsh, Port of Alaska Modernization Program Director; Cheryl Beckham, Finance and Administration Manager; Brian Weigand, Engineering Manager; Jim Jager, Director of Security and Business Development; Paul Rotkis, Safety Coordinator; Diane Bickford, Executive Assistant
	Guests:	David Ames, Jacobs Engineering; Craig Valdez, legislative staffer; Dave Karp, Saltchuk; Patrick Duffy and Lev Yampolsky, PetroStar; Dylan Faber, Matson; Mike Thrasher, TOTE Maritime; Tom Reuter, Alaska Maritime Agencies; Casey Sullivan, Marathon Petroleum; Ryan Zins, Alaska Basic Industries; Travis Frisk, MOA CFO; Capt Brad Kroon, self
Absent	Port Commissioners:	None
	Staff:	None

- I. **The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm**
 - A. Roll Call of Port Commissioners – Attendance shown above. There was a quorum.
 - B. Self-introductions by those present – See “Guests” above
 - C. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – Mr. Ribuffo set the agenda so that this was the first order of business because the previous Commission Chair and Vice-Chair were both replaced with new commissioners. Therefore, a new Chair and Vice-Chair had to be appointed first to keep with decorum. In the interim, Mr. Ribuffo appointed the most senior serving Commissioner – Captain Ward – to run the meeting through the election. Nominations were made and an election was held. Captain Ron Ward was elected to be the new Chair, and Mr. Garret Wong was elected to be the new Vice-Chair.

- II. **Safety Minute** – In Mr. Rotkis’ absence, Mr. Ribuffo briefed about the location and operation of the Port’s AED equipment, mounted on the wall outside the conference room, as well as on the proper procedure for handling an emergency that would include the use of the AED.

- III. **Approval of Agenda**
 - A. It was moved for approval by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Mehler.
 - B. The Agenda was approved without changes.

IV. Approval of Minutes of October 6, 2021

A. Commissioner Robbins moved to approve the minutes of the October 6 meeting; seconded by Commissioner Mackey. Numerous spelling and grammar errors were pointed out to Mr. Ribuffo. The minutes were approved with the changes pending. Mr. Ribuffo said he would make the changes and ensure all commissioners receive the corrected version.

V. Port Director's Comments – Mr. Ribuffo began his remarks with the recognition of past Commission Chair, Captain Brad Kroon who off and on was a member of the Port Commission for over 15 years. Next, Mr. Ribuffo wanted to acknowledge the recent passing of Mr. Eugene Haberman who had become a faithful attendee of commission meetings over the last several years and who was a tireless advocate for the public process. Of late Mr. Haberman was heard to hold up the port commission meetings as some of the best examples of how to carry out the public meeting process. Next Mr. Ribuffo announced the recent departure of Shannon Martindale, Port Superintendent of Ops and Maintenance, to join her family's business; and presented her replacement Mr. Ronnie Poole, who was previously one of the Port's two security captains. He then announced to the Commission the favorable news the Municipality recently received from the MARAD lawsuit wherein the judge ruled in our favor and that, in fact, MARAD was at fault for the poor Port Expansion Program construction. Next, we await his ruling on the damages. No time was set for that ruling. There was a period of Q&A between the Commissioners and MOA CFO Travis Frisk regarding settlement money, the modernization program plan of finance, what/how settlement money can be used, how much it may be, and will a settlement disqualify/harm the Port from future federal grant awards. The taped transcript holds the detailed conversation. And finally, Mr. Ribuffo reported on the successful port visit made by the Republic of Korea Navy and their two vessels.

VI. Informational Items

A. Operations and Maintenance – In Shannon Martindale's absence, Mr. Ribuffo covered her report in his remarks, the highlight of which was the successful Korean Navy visit.

B. Engineering Matters – Brian Weigand briefed on the status of the Port's pavement repair and storm drain design activities in preparation for next construction season's activities. He also discussed the status of some pending Terminal 2 line-guard and crane-tie-down repair work, and the temporary repairs on the dock bullrail caused by one of the Korean Navy vessels that also must wait for warmer weather for the permanent repairs to be made.

C. Port Modernization Program – Sharen Walsh updated the commission on the status of the PCT construction, and that while all the in-water construction is completed, there are pieces parts for completing the hose tower, control building and lighting infrastructure that we are still waiting for. She also reminded all that next summer's construction will focus on clean up dredging so that tankers can use the facility and on moving and re-constructing the South Floating Dock. David Ames then stepped in, introduced himself, and briefed the commissioners on the actions under way to begin the Phase 2 cargo dock replacement.

D. Finance Matters – Cheryl Beckham stepped through the details of the Port's latest financial statements and answered commissioner questions.

E. Security & Business Development – Jim Jager presented the latest updates on the Port’s power plan/connected microgrid project.

VII. Old Business – There was no old business to close out.

VIII. New Business – There was no new business to conduct.

IX. Public Comments – Capt Brad Kroon welcomed the new commissioners, thanked the Port for recognizing him and his service, and wished us all well for the future. Mr. Casey Sullivan encouraged all the users to help support the modernization program with outreach to the Alaska legislature and through working with the Muni’s lobbyists. In closing, Commissioner Ward directed that for all future meetings, there will be a sign-up sheet for the public to use to reserve a spot for making public comment vs. the “free flow” commenting that has been the current practice.

X. Port Director’s Closing Comments – There were no closing comments from Mr. Ribuffo.

XI. Commissioners Around the Horn – The comments shared by all who spoke were in welcoming the new commissioners and thanking Brad Kroon for his many years of service. In addition, Commissioner Manculich mentioned that as a longshoreman he and his 255 brothers are also concerned about helping create a safe facility and seeing the modernization program succeed, and that he would keep the Port staff and the commission apprised of any issues associated with their activities here and would carry back what the commission is working on. Captain Ward closed by acknowledging just how many years of service each of the former commissioners had provided.

XII. Next Meeting: February 2, 2022

XIII. Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 pm