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Anchorage Port Commission Meeting
Date: April 20, 2022
Scheduled Time: 12pm – 2pm
Location: Port Commission Chambers

Present	Port Commissioners:	Ron Ward, Chair; Garret Wong, Vice Chair; Paul Mehler; Kevin Mackey; Chris Manculich; Mike Robbins; Peggy Rotan; Scott Selzer; Aves Thompson
	Staff:	Steve Ribuffo, Port Director; Cheryl Beckham, Finance and Administration Manager; Ronnie Poole, Operations and Maintenance Superintendent; Jim Jager, Director of Security and Business Development; Paul Rotkis, Safety Coordinator; Diane Bickford, Executive Assistant
	Guests:	Bal Dreyfus, Dylan Faber, Tony Davenport, Jeff Clopton, and Rob Olson, Matson; Bert Mattingly, Menzies; Casey Sullivan, Marathon; Lev Yampolsky, Pat Duffy, Petro Star; Alex Hofeling, Mike Thrasher, TOTE; Ryan Zins, ABI; Tom Rueter, ALAMAR; Donna West, USACE; Jacob Wynn, JT Acquisitions; Craig Valdez, AK Legislature; Joe Collins, Self; David Ames, Jacobs; Kathleen King, Port Staff; Nichole Rehm, PTS

- I. **Meeting was called to order at 12pm**
 - A. Roll Call of Port Commissioners – Attendance shown above. There was a quorum. Chairman Ward began proceedings.
 - B. Others present – See “Guests” above
- II. **Safety Minute** – Mr. Rotkis discussed use of 811 to get utility locates even for home projects. He also announced that Municipal Safety Director’s position vacancy was announced and that anyone who felt they knew of a worthy candidate should encourage them to go to Municipality’s HR web site and apply.
- III. **Approval of Agenda [See NOTE]**
 - A. Agenda was moved for approval by Commissioner _____ and seconded by Commissioner _____.
 - B. Agenda was approved unanimously with addition of three New Business items.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes from the February 2, 2022 Meeting [See NOTE]**
 - A. Commissioner _____ moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner _____. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- V. **Port Director’s Comments** – Mr. Ribuffo briefed commission regarding efforts to fill vacancy left by Sharen Walsh’s retirement. Two applications were received, one was forwarded to the mayor’s office for approval. We are awaiting a decision.
- VI. **Informational Items**
 - A. Operations and Maintenance – Ronnie Poole presented on the Port’s acquisition of new Yokohama fenders, a recap of the successful snow removal season and start of spring clean-up, the recent start to annual dredging operations, pending addition of

new fencing between the big Marathon terminal and PCT property, and Port's attempt to schedule PCT line handling training with a barge at the berth.

- B. Engineering Matters – In Brian Weigand's absence, Nichole Rehm (PTS) presented on the upcoming POL 2 cathodic protection anode sled replacement project, plans for relocating the sand tent in advance of construction starting on the new port admin offices, surface repairs at trestles 3A and 3B, ongoing heat trace repairs, Ship Creek Boat Launch dredging, and continuing storm drain system repairs.
- C. Port Modernization Program – David Ames (Jacobs) gave an update on the PCT construction status, plans for relocating the south floating dock, and final dredging at the dock before opening the facility up to tanker operations and turning over dredging to the Corps of Engineers. Mr. Ames also mentioned dredging plan for the cargo dock construction, a lesson learned from PCT was the positive impact of including the capability to have dredge equipment on hand to get to those berth areas that the Corps cannot because of construction equipment. David also discussed the handoff of PCT fuel line flushing procedures to the Port, that will work with users to agree on a process for executing that activity. Mr. Ames also addressed ongoing RFP process to hire a design-build contractor for the new port admin offices. He also mentioned that cargo dock design work is continuing, as is effort to complete the north extension stabilization phase 1 project. There were questions relating to PAMP and funding efforts through both grants and the state budget from commissioners, which Mr. Ames answered.
- D. Finance Matters – Cheryl Beckham reviewed Port's current financial status with the commissioners and walked them through line items associated with revenues related to tariff increases for PCT debt service. Cheryl addressed several questions related to debt service. Cheryl also mentioned that FY2021 close out activities were winding down, and we'd soon be starting work building the FY2023 budget.
- E. Security and Business Continuity – Jim Jager who, among other things, oversees the Port's grant writing efforts gave a comprehensive presentation on all ongoing federal grant actions. He also talked about our recent award through FEMA's 2021 Port Security Grant Program and what would be done with it.

Additionally, there was a conversation regarding timing of anticipated tariff changes related to cargo dock design efforts. Conversation details can be found on the audio recording.

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

VIII. New Business

- A. Port Power Plan – Upper Cook Inlet Marine Energy Alliance – Mr. Jager provided the Commission with a presentation he had given to the Port Mackenzie Port Commission a week earlier. The goals were: 1) to introduce the Commission to the marine alliance concept and gain support for our engaging with the Mat-Su Borough to mature this relationship, and 2) to gain support for commissioners to approve signing on to item VIII.B.
- B. Commission Resolution 22-03 in support of creating the Upper Cook Inlet Marine Energy Alliance [Added during agenda item III's approval] – After some discussion and requests for amendments, Port Commission Resolution 22-03 was edited and signed by Chairman Ward.

C. Agreeing to a joint meeting with the Port Mackenzie Commission [Added during agenda item III's approval] – After some discussion, it was agreed to accept the invitation of the Port Mackenzie for a joint meeting: time and place to be determined. Port staff took the action to arrange for it.

IX. Public Comments – No guests had signed up for public comments.

X. Port Director's Closing Comments – Mr. Ribuffo informed the commissioners about planned upcoming port call of the USS Anchorage and the crew's intention to do both public and VIP tours. Mr. Ribuffo said he would keep the Commission abreast of the plans as they develop. He also updated the Commission regarding MARAD lawsuit, specifically the appeal filed by MARAD that will extend final determination of the court for an additional year as the appeals process plays out.

XI. Commissioners Around the Horn – Commissioner Thompson told the Commission about a USS Anchorage memorial project that he was working with former Port Commissioner Bob Pawlowski at Ship Creek near the small boat launch. Commissioner Ward thanked the port staff for their work on the Marine Alliance.

XII. Next Meeting: June 8, 2022

XIII. Meeting Adjourned at 2:07pm

NOTE: The entire recording was documented as the words of the port director. There was no capture on the audio recording of names of the commissioners who moved and seconded agenda items III. and IV. We need to do a better job of identifying ourselves when we speak.