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Anchorage Port Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: June 8, 2022

Scheduled Time: 12pm – 1:30pm

Location: Port Commission Chambers

Present	Port Commissioners:	Ron Ward, Chair; Garret Wong, Vice Chair; Chris Manculich; Mike Robbins; Peggy Rotan; Aves Thompson
	Staff:	Steve Ribuffo, Port Director; Cheryl Beckham, Finance and Administration Manager; Ronnie Poole, Operations & Maintenance Superintendent; Brian Weigand, Engineering Manager; Jim Jager, Director of Security and Business Development; Paul Rotkis, Safety Coordinator; Diane Bickford, Executive Assistant
	Guests:	Dylan Faber, Matson; Bert Mattingly, Menzies; Casey Sullivan, Marathon; Lev Yampolsky, Pat Duffy, Petrostar; Art Dahlin, Mike Thrasher, TOTE; Tom Rueter, Brittney Kennington, ALAMAR; Jacob Wynn, JT Acquisitions; Joe Collins, Self; David Ames, Jacobs; Kathleen King, Karen Schaf, Port Staff; Hadley Owen, NOAA; AlexAnna Salmon, Igiugig Village Council; Mike O’Shea, CIT&B

- I. **Meeting was called to order at 12 pm** – Commissioner, staff and guest attendance is shown above. There was a quorum.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** - This is a new agenda item. Port procured a flag for use at this meeting, but it was not delivered on time. This agenda item will commence at the next Port Commission meeting.
- III. **Safety Minute** – As it was the first in-person commission meeting in a while, Mr. Ribuffo reviewed administrative office earthquake evacuation. He also noted that AED is on wall outside the conference room, and that someone should remember to grab it on their way out of the building.
- IV. **Approval of Agenda** – Transcript failed to capture the details of this agenda item.
- V. **Approval of Minutes of April 20, 2022** – Because of extensive personal and business travel since the April meeting, Mr. Ribuffo did not have the audio recording of the April 20 commission meeting transcribed in time. The minutes will be ready for approval at the next Commission meeting.
- VI. **Port Director’s Comments** – Mr. Ribuffo commented about the ongoing effort to fill staff vacancy created by Sharen Walsh’s retirement. He told the Commission that Municipality expanded the search using Alaska-wide databases and industry professional organizations because of the initial lack of applicants. More to come regarding the success of this effort.
- VII. **Informational Items**
 - A. Operations and Maintenance (Ronnie Poole) – Mr. Poole provided an update about ongoing port-wide spring-cleaning operations, vessel port calls, cleanup operations on the North Extension in preparation for military outload operations and for the start of modernization program’s North Extension stabilization phase.

- B. Engineering Matters (Brian Weigand) – Mr. Weigand provided an update about recently-completed Trestle 3A and 3B repairs, upcoming on-dock water line heat trace repairs needed before winter, prep work being done for two large storm-drain repair projects, and planned relocation of sand tent to make room for new Port admin office construction.
 - C. Port Modernization Program (David Ames - Jacobs) – Mr. Ames described finishing work being done by PCT contractor in preparation for turning facility over to the Port. Namely: final construction-related dredging needed before the facility can be opened to tankers, pending installation of two anode sleds for the cathodic protection system, completing the preliminary design for Port admin offices-with groundbreaking planned for this August, and more details about North Extension Stabilization project previously mentioned by Mr. Poole. Mr. Ames also encouraged commissioners to spread the word regarding soon-to-advertised projects in hope of increasing number of bidders. Additionally, Mr. Ames gave a report about progress of cargo dock design effort and answered questions regarding North Extension Stabilization project steps.
 - D. Finance Matters (Cheryl Beckham) – Ms. Beckham walked the commissioners through Port’s most recent financials. There were no questions.
 - E. Security and Business Continuity (Jim Jager) – Mr. Jager ran through the list of federal grant applications and the one Congressionally-Directed Spending application that Port is submitting this year. He also listed projects that Port would be submitting for Port Security Grant Program. Further, as a follow-up to the presentation on the Upper Cook Inlet Marine Energy Alliance that was presented at last meeting, Mr. Jager reported signing of MOU between Anchorage and the Mat-Su Borough agreeing to the alliance’s formation and pledge to work together. He also presented on the start of relationship with the Department of Energy’s Sandia Labs as part of our Port Power Plan, as well as the metering of port infrastructure—particularly the gantry cranes—so we can collect energy usage data for the plan. Lastly, Mr. Jager detailed the Alaska Legislature capital budget items for the PAMP that if not vetoed by the Governor we could expect to receive over the next few years. A question was then asked about the status of the PAMP plan of finance. Mr. Ribuffo responded that it was being worked by the CFO’s office. They had a recommendation for the mayor, who hasn’t been briefed yet. It will be presented to the Port Commission for their action once approved by the mayor.
- VIII. Old Business** – There was no old business for the Commission to conclude.
- IX. New Business** – The one item of new business was the presentation of a draft resolution for the Commission’s approval and signature that would be sent to the Assembly supporting the establishment of a target date of 2035 for the Port to achieve zero net carbon emissions. Mr. Ribuffo introduced the topic, Mr. Jager presented the background information. Discussion surrounded the potential associated costs, as well as how a phased approach to executing a plan would look, to include integrating renewable power from several sources—again as envisioned through the Upper Cook Inlet Marine Energy Alliance, although this was a Port of Alaska stand-alone initiative. In the end, the Commission deferred action to until next meeting.
- X. Commission Actions for Introduction or Consideration** – There were none.
- XI. Public Comments** – No one signed up for public comments.

- XII. Port Director's Closing Comments** – Mr. Ribuffo announced that Navy cancelled USS Anchorage's scheduled port. There was no date pending for any future port calls.
- XIII. Commissioners Around the Horn** – Commissioner comments focused on the collective concern that something needs to happen quickly on a plan of finance for the PAMP, particularly as it pertains to tariff adjustments, as there will just not be enough money through the state or federal grants to cover the entire cost.
- XIV. Next Meeting: August 10, 2022**
- XV. Meeting Adjourned at 1:08 pm**