



Anchorage Port Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: March 20, 2024

Scheduled Time: 12pm – 2pm

Location: Port of Alaska Conference Room/virtual via Microsoft Teams

Present	Port Commissioners:	Commissioner Dick Traini, Commissioner Simon Lisiecki, Commissioner Christopher Manculich, Commissioner Mike Robbins, Commissioner Peggy Jean Rotan (virtual), Vice-Chair Aves Thompson, Chair Ron Ward (virtual)
	Staff:	Deputy Director Programs and Security Jim Jager, Finance and Administration Manager Cheryl Beckham, Operations and Maintenance Superintendent Ronnie Poole, Paul Rotkis, Kathleen King, Diane Bickford
	Guests:	Bert Mattingly (Menzies), Dylan Faber and Rob Olson (Matson), Jade Gamble and Cynthia Kirkham (ADEC), Shaun McFarlane (M&N), Casey Sullivan (Marathon), Lev Yampolsky (Petro Star)
Absent	Port Commissioners:	Commissioner Scott Selzer and Commissioner Stephanie Kesler
	Staff:	Port Director Steve Ribuffo, PAMP Engineer Manager John Daley, and Port Engineer Mike Rhodes were excused.

I. Meeting called to order at 12:05 PM – Vice-Chair Aves Thompson chaired meeting because Chair Ron Ward was participating virtually. Commissioners, staff and guest attendance shown above. There was a quorum. Incoming Commissioner Dick Traini (Seat 1) introduced.

II. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Commissioner Thompson.

III. Safety Minute – Mr. Rotkis discussed bear safety and bear spray.

IV. Approval of Agenda – Moved by Commissioner Robins and seconded by Commissioner Traini

V. Approval of Minutes of the January 24, 2024, Meeting – Moved for approval by Commissioner Manculich, seconded by Commissioner Robbins, and unanimously approved with no edits.

VI. Port Director’s Comments – Mr. Jager substituted for Mr. Ribuffo, who was traveling:

- Mr. Ribuffo is in Washington, D.C, meeting with Alaska delegation staff and Washington State delegation members regarding Port of Alaska and Washington-Alaska supply chain matters.
- Discussed proximity access cards for new commissioners



- Assembly Enterprise and Utility Oversight Committee meeting on Mar 21, 2024, to review PoA/PAMP economic analysis to help determine final dock design
- Ship Creek Small Boat Launch issue continues, and Municipal Manager is setting up stakeholder meeting
- Don Young Port of Alaska celebration being planned on Sunday, June 9 -- PoA will release details when they are available.
- PoA did not receive a FY2023 INFRA/MEGA/MPDG grant – we have been meeting with grant application reviewers and learned that challenges relate to BCA for Alaska’s small market size and demonstrating likelihood of facility failure due to seismic risk. We are revisiting our FY2025 grant writing strategy and how we address these issues.
- PoA is tracking legislative action in Juneau (SB 155A and HB 255) that could lead to state takeover of Port of Alaska and Port Mackenzie (Distributed and posted proposed legislation language after meeting)

VII. Informational Items:

- Operations and Maintenance (Ronnie Poole): Reported that PoA is installing bear resistant trash dumpsters. Discussed prop washes and said spring dredging is scheduled to begin the first week of April. Discussed snow removal. Mentioned next military deployment is scheduled in May. Said we expect three cruise ships this season, including two that will remain at dock overnight. Said we expect five cement ships this year.
- Engineering (Ronnie Poole for Mike Rhodes): Reported that Mr. Rhodes is working on RFPs needed to complete PCT fuel line testing and commissioning and we expect PCT will be operational in June.
- PAMP (Jim Jager for John Daley): Said Terminal 1 is a two-part RFP. The first part response to qualify bidders is due Mar 21. PAMP staff expects to release final plans and specifications to qualified contractors in Mid-April. Proposal will be due mid-summer with NTP on Oct 1. Said Designer of Record final construction drawings are due on Friday, March 22. Said we expect to start PoA administration office move into new building in April and aim to abandon old building by June 30. Demolition is expected to start later this year. Toward that end, old building demolition RFP should be released within next two weeks. Noted that T2 pre-economic analysis presentation on March 21 EUOC meeting by Moffat & Nichol team with final report expected in late April. Reported that NES1 construction start expected to resume in mid-April with completion before end of year. Said POL1 demolition and new T-1-related construction activities are expected to start in 2025 with T1 completion scheduled in Dec. 2028.
- Finance (Cheryl Beckham): Discussed January 2024 financial report and noted new listings for tracking surcharge. Noted that January tonnage is ahead of normal.
- Programs, policy and security (Jim Jager): Said grant season is underway: PoA is working on FY24 PIDP application (Due first week of May), Congressionally designated spending request (due March 22) and DoD-related port power plan applications (deadline pending). Said PoA is waiting for FY24 Port Security Grant and DCIP NOFOs, followed by FY2024 INFRA/MEGA/MPDG NOFO. Said new



access control system rollout continues with minor hiccups and delays. Said PoA is working to finalize CEA contract to install microgrid and first phase of battery project. Said PoA is working with Port MacKenzie officials to partner on Upper Cook Inlet clean power-related business opportunities and is working with JBER officials to develop combined facility power plan.

VIII. Commissioners Closing Comments:

- Commissioner Thompson welcomed Commissioner Traini.
- Commissioner Robbins asked about PoA plans for 3rd Avenue Hospital site. Mr. Jager responded that PoA does not have any plans for the site but is exploring options to determine if it could be used for cargo laydown, solar power production or other PoA-related uses.
- Commissioner Robbins asked if Port Commission could get brief from Moffatt & Nichol regarding final PoA economic study (before it is delivered to Assembly). Group discussed matter with Shaun McFarlane and determined that brief would be delivered virtually at next Anchorage Port Commission meeting, on April 24, 2024.

IX. Next Meeting: April 24, 2024 – site to be determined depending upon PoA administrative office status.

X. Meeting Adjourned at 1:05 PM