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**Port of Anchorage Commission Meeting**

**Date: April 17, 2019**

**Time: 11:59 – 12:56 pm**

**Location: Port Commission Chambers**

Present	Port Commissioners:	Brad Kroon, Chair; Moire Duggan; Stephanie Kesler; Simon Lisiecki; Andrew MacLeod; Aves Thompson
	Staff:	Steve Ribuffo, Port Director; Cheryl Beckham, Director of Finance; Stuart Greydanus, Port Operations Director; Paul Rotkis, Port Safety Coordinator; Diane Bickford, Executive Assistant
	Guests:	Tony Davenport, Matson; Marion Davis, Matson; Brad Robertson, North Star; Bart Buessler, NOAA Coast Survey; Lev Yampolsky, PetroStar; Eugene Haberman; Scott DeWandle, ABI Cement; Paul Mayler, Marathon; Tom Reuter, Alaska Maritime; Bert Mattingly, AFSC; Wyatt Morgan, Delta Western
Absent	Port Commissioners:	Bob Pawlowski, Vice Chair; Ron Ward; Garret Wong
	Staff:	Sharen Walsh, Deputy Port Director; Jim Jager, Director of External Affairs

**I. The meeting was called to order at 11:59 pm**

- A. Roll Call of Port Commissioners
- B. Self-introduction by those present

**II. Safety Minute (Paul Rotkis)**

Mr. Rotkis gave a presentation on the merits of doing utility locates even around the home.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

- A. Commissioner Kesler moved to approve the Agenda as submitted , which was seconded by Commissioner MacLeod.
- B. The Agenda was approved unanimously as presented.

**IV. Approval of Minutes of the February 14, 2018**

- A. Commissioner Kesler moved to approve the minutes of February 14, 2019 with a comment that they were very detailed. Commissioner Kroon noted a couple of minor errors for correction on page two. Commissioner Lisiecki seconded, and the motion passed.

**V. Public Comments**

Mr. Eugene Haberman introduced himself and said he was at the meeting representing himself. He said he follows the public process and decisions made by the governing body is more likely in the public interest. Regarding his comments at the last meeting, he saw no change in the situation. There was no current agenda or packet on the website. He said he was also concerned about holding the meetings at the Port; the public shouldn't have to go through security and suggested moving the meetings

outside the boundaries of the Port. He also suggested changing the time of the meeting so the public could more easily attend.

Commissioner Kroon thanked him and said the Port will try to address those items he'd brought up.

Mr. Haberman said the minutes just approved were for February and asked what happened to the last month's minutes. Mr. Ribuffo said meetings are held every other month.

## **VI. Port Director's Comments**

Mr. Ribuffo said Ms. Walsh would not be attending and sent her apologies.

Mr. Ribuffo said the invitation to bid for the first phase of the Petroleum Cement Terminal Construction went out on the street the evening before.

The Assembly Enterprise Utility Oversight Committee was awarded \$100,000 from our budget to hire an expert with respect to the Port of Alaska Modernization Program so they could get their own independent assessment of the quality of what we're producing. Commissioner Kesler asked if he knew the due-date for the responses and if it was soon. Mr. Ribuffo said it is soon, they put a short time limit on it.

Mr. Ribuffo said regarding the next phase of the project, the cargo terminals T1 and T2, we have determined the best course of action was to do another design charrette, walk back through how we got to what we have now and sit down and have those serious conversations with respect to everything that was asked for that's got a preliminary best estimate cost against it, and is that all still where we want to go and if it is where we still want to go, then what help are we going to get from you finding the money to build it. That is planned to happen the week of June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Regarding the work that will start this summer, there have been truckloads of rock delivered and stacked at the south end for the shoreline stabilization part of this project. Manson, part of the Kiewit-Manson joint venture which has the work this summer, is going to bring up two clamshells to start the digging. And that should happen before the end of this month, definitely before the end of May.

Mr. Ribuffo said he would be traveling to Newport News, VA at the end of the month to attend the second annual Strategic Ports Conference sponsored by the National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA). There are 23 strategic seaports, every one of which has issues with DoD's expectations vs the financing contributions received from them.

## **VII. Informational Items**

### **A. Operations – Stuart Greydanus**

- Vessel traffic at the Port has been steady. There is a tanker coming in next week and the first cement ship is due to arrive on the 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The PortCall system we implemented is working very well; it's forcing the parties to work together to resolve conflicts.
- Working with Purchasing on the Port's next five-year security contract.

Commissioner Kesler asked if the current contract was with Doyon Universal. Mr. Greydanus said it was with Denali Universal Services which is the same company but a new name.

- Our Security Plan requires we do a drill in May so we're working to decide what kind we'll do, possibly an intruder drill.

- There was a deployment of AH-64 Apache helicopters that started April 11<sup>th</sup>. Fifteen helicopters were brought in, along with all of their gear for a total of about 74 pieces. Mr. Greydanus shared that it all happened without any problems.
  - The Port is gearing up for a deployment in August of 1,500 pieces of Army equipment.
  - The Israeli Defense Forces will be deploying missile components out of the Port on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The components will be loaded onto Matson ships and shipped to Kodiak for training as part of their Star Wars program to counter inter-continental ballistic missiles.
  - The Port is working with Swalling Construction on the fender pile repairs.
  - Dredging activities have started. Commissioner Kroon asked if that project would go out to bid next year. Mr. Greydanus said he wasn't sure if it was a three or five year contract but would check.
  - The first 2019 cruise ship is due in port on May 16<sup>th</sup>, the "Queen Elizabeth". Mr. Greydanus said the Port would be doing a plaque exchange so the Commission might be able to join in that.
  - Mr. Ribuffo said next Tuesday's Assembly Agenda has the contract for the Annual Wharf Pile Repairs; Global Diving and Salvage was the successful bidder for that. Commissioner Kroon asked if the Port was able to do a comprehensive review of the pilings. Mr. Ribuffo said it is scheduled for May and possibly June.
- B. Finance Director - Cheryl Beckham
- Ms. Beckham said the year was off to a great start regarding revenue. A copy of the current financials was included in the Commissioners' packets.
- Ms. Beckham said the audit starts on Monday; BDO are the auditors for the Municipality and they'll be at the Port starting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- C. External Affairs – Mr. Ribuffo said he had nothing to report on behalf of Mr. Jager.

## Old Business

Mr. Ribuffo said there was no Old Business.

Mr. Yampolsky (Petrostar) voiced concern about the value of having a cargo dock-only charrette when there were still (in the users' minds) unresolved issues with the PCT. In the end, the intent was to proceed with the June 3<sup>rd</sup> charrette as scheduled, and continue to address the PCT users' concerns in other forums.

## IX. New Business

- A. Port Tariff – Mr. Ribuffo informed the Commission that work would begin shortly on updating the terminal tariff. The current five-year tariff, version 8.2, expires on December 31<sup>st</sup>, and must be replaced. A new draft version will be presented to the Commission for review before the end of the Summer.

## X. Commissioners Around the Horn

Commissioner Kesler asked if there were any thoughts on the Legislature or the Governor. Mr. Ribuffo said the Mayor, the Municipal Manager, Mr. Jager and he did go to Juneau when we were invited to speak to the Senate Finance Committee. The group did also talk to Legislators, and there's a lot of support for the matter at hand, and everybody acknowledged that something has to get done. That's the good news is there isn't anyone who thinks we're doing this because we've got nothing better to do with our time. He thought everybody agreed that there is a situation here that needs to be dealt with, the challenge is to figure out the "how". It was thought that possibly the best to hope for was to get the Legislature to stand behind any debt we undertook so

that if for some reason we were challenged to pay it back, the State would stand behind it. So talk of that being undertaken. The City is also looking at what the Legislature gave AIDEA permission to do for Fairbanks Natural Gas. With similar terms of finance, we could smooth out the debt service coverage to something more manageable. That research is continuing.

**XI. Next Meeting:**

After discussion the next meeting was scheduled for June 19, 2019.

**XII. Meeting Adjourned at 12:56 pm**