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Port of Anchorage Commission Meeting
Date: July 29, 2020
Scheduled Time: Noon – 1:00 pm
Location: Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present	Port Commissioners:	Brad Kroon, Chair; Bob Pawlowski, Vice Chair; Stephanie Kesler; Simon Lisiecki; Aves Thompson; Ron Ward; Garret Wong
	Staff:	Steve Ribuffo, Port Director; Sharen Walsh, Port of Alaska Modernization Program Director; Cheryl Beckham, Finance and Administration Manager; Shannon Martindale, Operations & Maintenance Superintendent; Roy Blain, Engineering Manager; Jim Jager, Director of Security and Business Development; Diane Bickford, Executive Assistant
	Guests:	Dylan Faber (Matson); Chris Taylor & Ryan Zins (ABI); Tom Reuter, Amanda McGuinness, and Brittany Kennington (ALMAR); Lev Yampolsky (Petrostar)
Absent	Port Commissioners:	Andrew MacLeod, Moire Bockenstedt
	Staff:	Paul Rotkis, Safety Coordinator

- I. **The meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm**
 - A. Roll Call of Port Commissioners – Attendance shown above. There was a quorum.
 - B. Self-introductions by those present – See “Guests” above. Time was also taken to introduce Mr. Roy Blain, the Port’s newly-hired Engineering Manager.

- II. **Safety Minute** – In Mr. Rotkis’ absence, Mr. Ribuffo went over the face mask, social distancing rules now in effect for visiting the Port, and suggested that these were good practices everywhere in keeping with the present situation.

- III. **Approval of Agenda**
 - A. It was moved for approval by Commissioner Kesler, and seconded by Commissioner Pawlowski.
 - B. The Agenda was approved unanimously.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes of May 13, 2020**
 - A. Commissioner Kesler moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The minutes were approved with two minor edits to typos identified by Commissioner Thompson.

- V. **Port Director’s Comments** – Mr. Ribuffo formerly introduced Roy Blain to the attendees, and mentioned the status of bringing on board a GIS Technician for the Port’s program. By way of review, we are co-funding the position with Street Maintenance and sharing the individual’s time. While not on the Port staff, they will have a desk for when they are on site. By next meeting, that person should be assigned.

VI. Informational Items

- A. PAMP – Ms. Walsh shared photos of the progress being made on PCT construction, and answered Commissioner questions on the construction effort’s details. Also answered were marine mammal-related questions, construction barge buoy placement and markings. Ms. Walsh also briefed the Commission on the results of the bid opening for the 2021 construction season, and an Assembly proposed ordinance to establish a PAMP Design Advisory Board, and the associated public hearing and vote to be held at the August 11 Assembly meeting. Also shared was background on the Port’s ongoing grant applications. Commissioner Ward requested that the project team consider putting lights on the construction barge’s anchor buoys to make them move visible. Ms. Walsh said she would pass along the request.
- B. Operations & Maintenance – Ms. Martindale provided Commissioners a status report on hydrostatic testing, support to the Corps’ dredging operations, and upcoming port calls of interest—to include the September planned port call by the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (who were last here in 2017).
- C. Finance – Ms. Beckham provided an update on the Port’s finances through the end of June 2020. A hard copy was given to all Commissioners. Ms. Beckham also gave an update on the effort to re-examine the petroleum/cement tariff rates in light of the bid opening for PCT Phase 2. Also answered were questions about COVID-19 impacts on the Port’s finances.
- C. Engineering – Mr. Blain discussed the status of all the ongoing maintenance efforts around the Port as related to the POAVY, storm drains, anode sleds, earthquake repairs, security infrastructure, and the Ship Creek Boat Launch.
- E. Security & Business Development – Mr. Jager covered the impact of COVID-19 on the Port’s otherwise-busy tour and briefing schedule, TWIC rule changes to security operations and other port-wide security enhancements, and our initiatives regarding power resiliency and independence.

VII. Old Business - None

VIII. New Business – None. However, Commissioners Kroon and Pawlowski asked several questions followed by a brief discussion regarding the proposed Plan of Finance for the cargo docks and user responses to it.

IX. Public Comments: Mr. Ryan Zins (ABI) offered comments regarding the PCT construction contractors, the source of supplies used, and the lack of tariff-related revenue. Mr. Tom Reuter (ALMAR) extended a personal welcome to Mr. Blain and opined on what we hoped would be continuous positive communications between the port staff and vessel agents.

X. Port Director’s Closing Comments: Mr. Ribuffo took the opportunity to thank Petrostar for donating the fuel that was being used for the majority of the hydrostatic testing.

XI. Commissioners Around the Horn: Commissioners Kesler, Pawlowski, Kroon, and Lisiecki shared how pleased they were with the lack of adverse impact from COVID-19

on the Port's revenues. Mr. Thompson commented on the effectiveness of the recent port staff duty re-alignments and staff changes.

XII. Next Meeting: September 30, 2020. As the date approaches a decision will be made regarding the safety of re-convening in the Port Conference Room, or if the Teams format will be used again.

XIII. Meeting Adjourned at 1:23 pm

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