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Port of Anchorage Commission Meeting
Date: February 3, 2021
Scheduled Time: 12:00 – 1:30 pm
Location: Port Commission Chambers

Present	Port Commissioners:	Brad Kroon, Chair; Bob Pawlowski, Vice Chair; Paul Mehler; Kevin Mackey; Simon Lisiecki; Andrew MacLeod; 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; Paul Rotkis, Safety Coordinator; Diane Bickford, Executive Assistant
	Guests:	Bal Dreyfus, Tony Davenport of Matson; Bert Mattingly of Menzies; Jeff Bool of Jacobs Engineering; Britney Kennington, Tom Reuter of ALMAR/CLAA; Chris Vernon of Northstar Stevedores; Eugene Carl Habermann, Citizen; LT Hadley Owen of NOAA; Ryan Zins of ABI; Lev Yampolsky of PetroStar
Absent	Port Commissioners:	
	Staff:	

- I. **The meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm**
 - A. Roll Call of Port Commissioners – Attendance shown above. There was a quorum.
 - B. Self-introductions by those present – See “Guests” above

- II. **Safety Minute** – Mr. Rotkis’ presentation was to remind everyone that in the era of anti-lock brakes, you pump them to use them on slick surfaces—DO NOT hold them down.

- III. **Approval of Agenda**
 - A. It was moved for approval by Commissioner Ward, and seconded by Commissioner Wong.
 - B. The Agenda was approved unanimously with minor edits to the numbering of the agenda items.

- IV. **Approval of Minutes of December 2, 2020** - Commissioner Thompson moved to approve the minutes of Dec 2, 2020 as presented; seconded by Commissioner Kroon. The minutes were approved with several edits required due to typos found.

- V. **Port Director’s Comments** – Before deferring to the staff for their reports, Mr. Ribuffo thanked the users for all their help and involvement in the planning for next summer’s limited access to POL 2 because of the final PCT construction.

VI. Informational Items

- A. Operations and Maintenance (Shannon Martindale) - Ms. Martindale informed the commissioners on the status of snow removal activities, forecast military operations, and a possible cruise ship port call in September. Mr. Kroon inquired about reports of ongoing shoaling in the vicinity of the PCT. Ms. Walsh handled the answer. Ms. Martindale added that Cook Inlet Tug & Barge did some prop washing at POL 1 in response to some infill found in that area. Commissioner Ward reminded the staff about minimum under-keel clearances for vessels at the dock (3 feet) for future consideration of responses to infill circumstances.
- B. Engineering Matters (Roy Blain) – Mr. Blain informed the Commission about the hiring of a new engineering services contractor—Michael Baker International (MBI) and provided updates on all the ongoing facility maintenance and repair activities. Mr. Balin also informed the Commissioners about the recently-completed pile condition study and potential restrictions on load limits on certain parts of the dock. The Commissioners will all be sent a copy of the report.
- C. Port Modernization Program (Sharen Walsh) – Ms. Walsh provided a PCT construction Year 1 wrap-up report as well as a look ahead to what was in store for the coming construction season. She also gave an account of possible dredging activity needed in advance of 2021 construction as a result of significant infill in and around the PCT. More to come. And she also thanked the users for all their help planning for the POL 2 closures during upcoming construction.
- D. Finance Matters (Cheryl Beckham) – Ms. Beckham briefed the Commission on the details of the Port’s current financial status and provided a written report in the handouts as well. She also informed the Commission of the upcoming annual audit scheduled for April 2021.
- E. Security & Business Development (Jim Jager) – Mr. Jager presented updates on several activities to include: plans for communicating with the Legislature during the upcoming session, the Port’s request for state capital funding support as part of the Municipality’s request, progress on the Port’s energy resiliency initiative, and Security-related updates needed for access control and surveillance.

Before moving on, a short update was given on the status of the MARAD lawsuit at the request of Commissioner Kroon. As it was partly a budget-related inquiry, the finance response was handled by Ms. Beckham; Mr. Ribuffo provided the trial-related update. Also budget-related Commissioner Mehler inquired about whether or not plans were being made to build a “sinking fund” of sorts for future major capital expenditures. Ms. Beckham suggested that a good time to discuss this in earnest would be after the September 2021 update on our financial position as it pertains to the tariff rates set for PCT debt service.

- VII. Old Business** – Mr. Ribuffo reminded Commissioners that the open item from their last meeting—a vote to approve a tariff change for debt service coverage for cargo dock design—was being deferred to the next meeting to allow for additional time to update calculations so that the proposed rates were more accurate.

VIII. New Business – There was no new business for the Commissioners.

IX. Public Comments – There was a lot of conversation from unidentifiable sources regarding how to fund design for alternate fuel infrastructure on the cargo docks, to include using some of what is being perceived as surplus collected revenue from the petroleum tariff rates set for debt service. Ms. Beckham said that would be part of the analysis done for the September 2021 update. Mr. Mattingly presented the suggestion that the Commission consider petitioning the Assembly to not use what they may consider extraordinary Port revenues to fund other non-port projects in the Municipality. The suggestion is being taken under advisement. Mr. Haberman reiterated his suggestion that commission meetings be memorialized in both audio and video. Mr. Jager mentioned that this meeting being recorded as such. Mr. Jager also thanked Mr. Haberman for reminding the group about doing a better job of identifying themselves when they speak.

X. Port Director's Closing Comments – Mr. Ribuffo took the opportunity to inform the Commission about an upcoming meeting with JBER representatives to discuss Port-JBER issues. These were scheduled meetings in the past, but hadn't been held for quite some time. There is interest now to re-start them.

Subsequently, Commissioner Ward asked for clarification on the future of POL 2 once the PCT was open. Ms. Walsh and Mr. Bool (Jacobs) offered a response. Then Commissioner MacLeod requested a copy of the pile inspection report. It will be sent to all commissioners.

XI. Commissioners Around the Horn – Commissioner Mehler commended the Port staff on its 2020 zero reportable incidents. The sentiment was echoed by several other commissioners.

XII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 24, 2021

XIII. Meeting Adjourned at 1:43 pm