

I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

The regular meeting of the Port Commission was held in the DSJ Lower-Level Conference Room and called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Chairperson Dane Crowley. Representative Kevin McCabe led the pledge of allegiance.

Commission members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Dane Crowley
Mr. Fred Elvsaas
Mr. John Pike
Mr. Christopher Gerteisen
Mr. Bryan Scoresby-late arrival

Assembly Members in attendance:

Mr. Bill Gamble

Staff in attendance were:

Mr. Dave Griffin, Port Operations Manager
Mr. Joe Metzger, Asset Manager

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITHOUT OBJECTION

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT OBJECTION

A. Regular Meeting, Jan 20, 2024

4. AGENCY AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Mr. Dave Griffin, Port Operations Manager

1. Quarterly Update – Activity updates and outreach efforts for the port.
2. Business Development
 - Introduction of Mr. Jack Barrett with Meritage Communities, LLC. Mr. Griffin provides a summary of the Site Analysis done by Meritage for the port.
 - Barge Ramp Update – 95% design complete, 3rd party cost review completed, permitting started, and funding status. I hope to begin construction in 2026.
 - Various energy companies are looking at the port for future use.
 - Northern Gravel & Trucking is looking to bring another salt ship into the port in the fall. They are also considering opening the Lorraine Pit.
 - Solicitation for the crane has begun.
3. Grants Update:
 - CRISI- The Port is preparing to submit additional grants for further infrastructure development.
 - Marad visited the port and welcomed insights and information on the port's needs and abilities.

B. Mr. Joe Metzger, Asset Manager

1. Review Port Lease/Permit Activities
 - Vitus Lease at the Port
 - QAP – in good standing.

- Permit with NorthStar, who is storing salt.
- There has been expressed interest in developing the Lorraine Pit.
- Terra Energy is looking to develop a large-scale project. 1200 acres for data center, coal fired power plant substation, and energy campus.

5. COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS FOR STAFF

Commissioner John Pike: comments that during strategic transportation discussions at the state level Port MacKenzie is not listed as an option. Suggests setting up a meeting with the port and the Alaska Trucking Association.

Discussion continues about misinformation circulating about Port MacKenzie's abilities and the need to re-educate the public and continue port marketing.

Representative Kevin McCabe comments on Cook Inlet Tug & Barge, and the Alaska Pilots Association meeting and comments about the port. He also comments on the lack of desire by the Alaska Railroad to finish the Point MacKenzie Rail Extension project.

Discussions continue about the PMRE and its importance to the state.

Mr. Dave Griffin, Port Director provides update on his presentation to Senate Transportation Committee and the meetings he had with other officials. He is also pursuing getting the SW Pilots Association report redone with updated current profiling information. This information will also be shared with the AVTEC for simulation and training.

6. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

- A. Mr. Jack Barrett thanks the commissioners for their time and provides a business and personal history. He outlines the September 2024 Site Analysis and explains its relevance to the Presidential Executive Orders that have come out pertaining to Alaska. He expresses urgency and enthusiasm for promoting and developing Port MacKenzie.

Discussion ensued; Subjects included future growth and long-range planning for the port.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Scheduling of a Special Work Session at Port MacKenzie on June 26, 2025
- Todd Duke from Resolve Marine to give a presentation.

9. ADMINISTRATION AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Bryan Scoresby apologizes for being late.

Commissioner Christopher Gerteisen inquires about Rock Island Rail coming to look at the PMRE.

Port Director Dave Griffin states that communication has been difficult. Manager Brown would still like to secure a third-party opinion on price and timeline.

Assembly Member Bill Gamble comments on the renewed interest and support of the assembly for the port.

Commissioner Dane Crowley comments on appreciating the support of the assembly. We have good people on the commission and things are optimistic.

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Representative McCabe comments on the bill to create tax free development zones. He is also meeting with the University of Alaska Land Trust folks next week.

Asset Manager Joe Metzgar comments that he had reached out to them a month ago.

10. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

11. ADMINISTRATION AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bryan Scoresby - Motions to adjourn.

Mr. Fred Elvsaa - Seconds motion

No objections – The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Corinne Lindfors, Assistant Port Operations Manager

Dane Crowley, Chairperson

Minutes Approved _____