

1. 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 3:05 p.m. by Port Operations Manager Dave Griffin.

Commission members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Dane Crowley
Mr. Fred Elvsaas
Mr. John Pike
Mr. Christopher Gerteisen

Commission members not present were:

Mr. Bryan Scoresby

Staff in attendance were:

Mr. Dave Griffin, Port Operations Manager
Ms. Valerie Hendrickson, Port Administrative Specialist
Mr. Joe Metzger, Asset Manager
Mr. Gregory Snell, Building Maintenance Specialist

There were no Assembly Members in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. The Port Commission approved the agenda as presented.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. The Port Commission approved the minutes from the following meetings:

- Regular Meeting, January 29, 2024

4. ELECTIONS

A. Chair – Mr. Dane Crowley elected as Chair.

B. Vice Chair – Mr. Fred Elvsaas elected as Vice Chair.

5. AGENCY AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Mr. Dave Griffin, Port Operations Manager

- Discussed nomination of Chair and Vice Chair.
- Outlined purpose and role of Port Commission.
- Discussed requirements for Chair and Vice Chair.
- Discussed length and terms of each Commission member.
- Introductions: New Port Staff

- Welcomed Mr.Christopher Gerteisen, filling Seat 4 on the Port Commission.
- Presented a PowerPoint presentation of Port MacKenzie to Commissioners.
- Discussed history of Don Young Port rename and proposed State-run Port Authority.
- Considerable discussion among Commissioners about the benefit of a State-run Port Authority.
- Discussion of pros and cons on State and Federal management of Port Authority and whether this is in Port MacKenzie's best interest.
- Mr. Crowley spoke that a Port Authority could weaken our position.
- Mr. Metzger noted it would be in the best interest of the State and could benefit both Ports.
- Mr. Gerteisen mentioned a Port Authority could potentially get the Rail Extension built sooner and the possibility of a third-party company to do the construction.
- Group discussion of the role Unions could play in operation of a Port Authority.
- Mr. Griffin spoke of his presentation to the Transportation Committee? in Juneau during the Legislative session, and our efforts to counter the continuing misinformation still circulating with regard to Port MacKenzie.
- Mr. Griffin brought up ENSTAR's new interest for natural gas at the Port.
- Mr. Griffin pointed out the military has visited the Port fifteen times in the last twelve months and is eager for construction of the Rail Extension.

Commissioner Elvsaa commented about the lack of information on what Port MacKenzie is capable of, and thus should be marketed better.

Discussion followed on increased business, activity brings activity, reaching out to container shippers, other potential users of the port, mass mailings, contact information of potential customers from Commissioners, and starting a Media Campaign to highlight Port MacKenzie's exposure and benefit to the State.

B. Mr. Joe Metzger, Asset Manager

- Stated we have 3 permits and 1 lease in the Port District bringing in roughly \$17,000/month. Colaska has permits for the 2 warehouses, North Star Supply has a permit for 1 acre of the paved 5-acres pad to store salt and Central Alaska Energy (CAE) has a lease for 5-acres.

6. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

Discussion followed on location of the Knik Arm Shoal and how the Port of Anchorage accommodates vessels around the Shoal. Mr. Griffin brought up transportation corridors and proposed access. Commissioner Gerteisen brought up having a corridor to the Skwentna project, as it's gaining momentum, ready to break ground, and the potential to bring resource activity to Port

MacKenzie. Commissioner Pike discussed the pros and cons of trucking containers vs Rail cost and efficiency. Commissioner Gerteisen spoke of the metals potential from the Ambler project and how the Rail extension would allow projects up north to develop, bringing more activity to our Port District.

Chairman Crowley brought up the conveyor on the trestle and the lack of use for the last several years. He explained expanding the dock face out was always part of the plan, and that QAP used the conveyor system, designed to handle five commodities. There was discussion of bringing in another trestle and having a sling conveyor to completely fill the hold, and that it would work well for coal, gravel, wood chips and aggregate.

There was continuing discussion among all Commissioners about the lack of information on what the Port is capable of and that it should be marketed better. Chairman Crowley noted that Matson, for example, was unaware of Port MacKenzie and suggested Matson attend one of our meetings.

Mr. Griffin commented that ENSTAR and the military (DOD) munitions shipments are what's happening now, and that both parties would bring in their own infrastructure and pay for it. QAP plans to bring in cement every other year.

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. ADMINISTRATION AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Griffin gave a brief infrastructure update:

- Work is underway on the pile sleeve project
- Moving forward on acquiring a new crane and monster forklift
- Electrical upgrades
- Port security gates and cameras
- Improved signage
- Barge ramp – design project underway

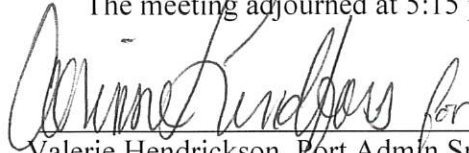
Mr. Griffen further mentioned he received positive feedback on the dock from stevedores and workers. Chairman Crowley spoke of keeping employees such as crane operators and stevedores in house rather than hiring from out of state.

General discussion among Commissioners on defining goals for the Port, one, three, five years out. Permits approved, equipment purchases, and getting grant funding is ongoing.

The Assembly approved a regular full-time position to assist the Port Operations Manager in the FY25 budget.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.



Valerie Hendrickson, Port Admin Specialist
Minutes Approved 10/7/2024



Chairperson, Dane Crowley