

**I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The special meeting of the Port Commission was held in the DSJ Conference Room 203 and was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Chairperson Dane Crowley. Mayor Edna DeVries led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commission members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Dane Crowley

Mr. Christopher Gerteisen

Mr. Fred Elvsaa – via Teams

Mr. Bryan Scoresby

Mr. John Pike

Assembly member absent and excused:

Mr. Bill Gamble

Staff and officials in attendance were:

Ms. Mayor Edna DeVries

Mr. Dave Griffin, Port Director

Ms. Corinne Lindfors, Assistant Port Operations Manager

Mr. Joe Metzger, Land & Resource Management Division Manager

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2025, were approved without objection.

**IV. RECOGNITION**

Mayor Edna DeVries and Port Director Dave Griffin presented Commissioner Bryan Scoresby with a recognition certificate and an MSB seal in appreciation for his service on the Port Commission for a full three-year term.

V. AGENCY AND STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Dave Griffin, Port Director, provided the following report:

- Port Status Update: Recent windstorm events caused minor damage to a gate; no significant impacts were reported.
- Business Development Update: Operations continue to gain momentum. The salt contract is up for renewal in February, at which time it will be known whether Northern Gravel & Trucking is awarded the contract. If awarded, a vessel call is anticipated in April or May. Quality Asphalt & Paving is planning to bring in a cement ship in May. The 2026 season is shaping up to include two vessel calls. Barging activity remains variable.
- Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC): Representatives visited the port to review the rail alignment and port facilities as part of the AK LNG Project. While they are not currently planning to deliver pipe through the port, other cargo and project-support activities may utilize Port MacKenzie. Port staff welcomed Frank Richards, President of AGDC, to the site. A final investment decision for the pipeline could occur as early as February.
- Bulk Fuel Storage: The port has received visits from multiple companies interested in bulk fuel storage.
- Port Engineering Support: Staff are exploring hiring a consulting Port Engineer to assist with planning fuel terminals and fuel lines.
- Crowley Fuels: Crowley submitted a permit application to conduct due diligence and preliminary engineering, similar to the process previously used with Nova Minerals. This work could lead to a long-term lease. Interest generated by the Crowley proposal has resulted in additional inquiries regarding bulk fuel storage at the port. Staff will focus on advancing a lease agreement with Crowley over the coming months.

Discussion ensued.

- Staff continue to meet with other companies, including those interested in sustainable aviation fuel.

Discussion ensued.

- Denali Commission: Staff requested funding for the pile sleeve project, estimated at \$7–8 million. While funding at that level was not available, the Commission expressed interest in supporting projects under \$1 million. Staff identified the Port Master Plan update as a near-term priority. The current Master Plan dates to 2016.

- Grants: Three grant applications are currently submitted, including the U.S. Marine Highway Program for equipment, the Port Infrastructure Development Program for reconstruction of Cell 1 of the barge dock and a fabric tension storage building, and a planning-focused grant. Staff expect determinations in the near term. The BUILD 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity has been released with a February deadline, and staff recommend pursuing funding for the remaining pile sleeve work.

Discussion ensued.

- Cruz Construction delivered a barge in late November, an uncommon occurrence for that time of year.

Mr. Joe Metzger, Land & Resource Management Division Manager, provided the following report:

- Port Lease and Permit Activity: Terra Energy previously presented its coal development plans and port-related interests. The Borough has since executed an 18-month exclusive use permit. The permit allows for due diligence and testing with the potential for a future long-term agreement. Negotiations are ongoing.

## VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Representative Kevin McCabe commented on discussions with Matanuska Telephone Association regarding data center interest in Alaska and referenced the concept of a potential UAA land swap.

Discussion ensued.

## VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Corinne Lindfors, Assistant Port Operations Manager, presented the following:

1. Tariff Review and Discussion: Tariffs were collected from Seward, Whittier, Valdez, Anchorage, and Homer, with a focus on ports with both road and rail access. Comparative analysis was conducted to evaluate the current tariff structure in preparation for a comprehensive update anticipated next year.

Discussion ensued.

Master Plan Update Discussion: Port Director Dave Griffin will coordinate with the Denali Commission following a verbal commitment of approximately \$300,000 to support a Port Master Plan update.

Discussion ensued.

2. Port Assembly Resolution Discussion: The Commission discussed the use of resolutions to bring port priorities before the Assembly, including potential outreach to apprenticeship programs.

Discussion ensued.

## IX. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

None.

## X. ADMINISTRATION AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner John Pike discussed the possibility of securing an on-call stevedoring company.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Lindfors reminded commissioners that the January meeting will include the election of officers, selection of 2026 meeting dates, and that one Port Commission seat is currently vacant.

Port Director Dave Griffin reviewed the appointment process for new Port Commissioners.

Commissioner Bryan Scoresby emphasized Port MacKenzie's value as a key Borough asset and its economic potential.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Dane Crowley commented on the importance of attending the Alaska Mining Association Conference. The future importance of the mining industry. Invited staff to travel to Fairbanks for outreach and business meetings.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m. without objection.

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Corinne Lindfors, Assistant Port Operations Manager

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Dane Crowley, Chairperson

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Minutes Approved