

CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
For Thursday, October 11, 2007

I. Call to Order.

Mr. Preston called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Roll.

The following members were present: Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Fisk, Ms. Jebe, Mr. Kueffner, and Mr. Preston.

The following member was absent: Mr. Mehrkens.

Also in attendance were: Mr. Stone, Port Director, and Mr. McCall, Harbormaster.

III. Approval of Agenda.

MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. The motion passed without objection.

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items.

There was no public participation.

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Preston said that at the last meeting he stated he would not be able to make the October 18th meeting so it was changed to October 11th.

MOTION by Ms. Jebe: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2007 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED. The motion passed without objection.

VI. Items for Action.

1. Proposed Port Improvement Fee Regulation.

Mr. Stone said we are proposing changes to the current port maintenance fee to finance dock expansion work. There has been no official position from Industry yet. They may ask to look at it in regards to lightering. He went over a summary of the financial issues from the Assembly COW meeting of September 10th. The Assembly will be introducing a port development fee extension on Monday.

VI. Items for Action (continued).

Public Hearing.

Mr. Chip Thoma said should this process bog down at some point, the State fees are available to Juneau. There will be about \$120 million available for these kinds of projects. It will be an op-in process by the City of Juneau to go into the State system. Mr. Day has said that Princess is expanding into Kodiak, Seward, and Valdez in 2008. They will use their small existing docks at these ports right now and smaller ships because of that. He expects there to be pressure for other companies to do the same and bigger docks to be built in these towns. There will be a use for these State funds in the future.

Mr. Aaron Brakel said he opposes raising the money since it is not yet tied to a specific alternative.

Mr. Preston said we are looking at a minimum of \$11.9 million if we do nothing but fix what is there. If this is passed, and it is determined in the future that we have enough money, we could revisit it and amend or repeal it.

VII. Items for Information/Discussion.

There were none.

VIII. Staff & Member Reports.

Mr. McCall said he was asked if you could purchase two slips and put multiple boats in the slips at any given time. There would be a problem with the paid through date. You could pay for two slips and each slip would be assigned to one vessel. When you put a different boat in that slip, you must inform the office so we would not be billing them for the second vessel. However, if you have more than the two boats in, the additional boats would have to pay either the daily or the monthly rate. The vessels have to be registered or documented to the person who is assigned the space.

Mr. Stone said the new Administrative Officer would start on November 5th. The Alaska Harbormaster's conference starts October 22nd.

Mr. Fisk said he would be gone for the rest of the month. He has been working on the matter of NOAA home porting. He has a power point presentation for the Lands Committee on the 22nd and will need someone to present it for him.

IX. Committee Administrative Matters.

Mr. Preston said the next Finance Meeting would be Thursday, November 15th at 5:00 p.m.

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X. Adjournment.

MOTION by Mr. Kueffner: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. The motion passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.