

**CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD**  
**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**For Tuesday, November 17, 2009**

I. Call to Order

Chair Ms. Jebe called the Operations Committee Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

The following Committee Members were present: Ms. Jebe, Mr. Preston, Mr. Williams and Mr. Wostman.

Absent: Mr. Etheridge.

Also in attendance were the following: Mr. Stone – Port Director and Mr. Benner – Harbormaster.

III. Approval of Agenda.

**MOTION by Mr. Preston: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

**The motion passed without objection.**

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items.

There was no public participation.

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.

Amendment to the October 13 operations meeting: Mr. Preston was present but was not included in the roll call.

**MOTION by Mr. Preston: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 13, 2009 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED.**

**The motion passed without objection.**

VI. Items for Action.

1. Discussion of Auke Bay Loading Ramp Fees.

Mr. Stone said the Harbor Board is proposing changes to the Auke Bay Loading Ramp Fees. Mr. Weltzin the owner of the Liteweight is the primary freight operator at the new facility. Mr. Weltzin has several issues with the freight fees.

We are currently using the 2007 fee rates. Mrs. Jebe asked if the cost of living is included in the rate. Mr. Stone replied no, it was not included.

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**VI. Items for Action (continued)**

The Commercial fee is \$30.00 for the first half hour and then \$1.50 for each minute beyond the half hour. The Freight Staging Fee, we are proposing the fee will stay the same at \$ 25.00 per day, but the amount of square footage will change to 1000 square feet. Mr. Stone said the new loading facility has an acre that can be used and we do not want one person to use the whole facility for only \$25.00 per day. Mr. Stone also included this year amount for freight usage we have accumulated for the fiscal year. The FY 10 total is \$ 4946.50, FY 09 is \$ 7981.00, and FY 08 is \$ 11,133.50 these totals are since July 1, 2009.

Mr. Stone said Mr. Weltzin primary concern is the facility it is difficult to use since it is not completed. This has to do with the surface core that is presently consisted of 6 inch minus rock. Gary and a local contractor are working together to find a new surface that is not so rough. They have found one type of material called Recycled Asphalt Pavement that binds together. The Core of Engineers are checking to see what type of material will work well with the conditions of the tide water so we do not have a problem with the permit when we replace the surface. If the Recycled Asphalt does not work then they are looking at a certain type of D1 rock to put down. Gary has also submitted the grant application for getting the facility completed which would include the concrete planks. We should hear something by January 2010. If we get the grant then we can finish the project as we originally designed it.

Mr. Stone said Mr. John Gitkov has a loading facility and charges \$75.00 per hour compared to our facility charging \$ 90.00 per hour. He has a lease with us but his facility is smaller than ours. Paul Wetzin uses his facility sometimes along with ours. Mr. Preston said we should try to find some kind of a break for Paul Wetzin. He is being charged \$1.50 per minute and due to the surface conditions can not get his job done quickly. Mrs. Jebe asked how much longer does the Liteweight take to load his boat. Mr. Benner said about 1/3 longer than what it normally should take him.

Mr. Benner said Mr. Weltzin has come into some hard times and owes the harbor department over \$10,000 dollars for harbor fees. Mr. Stone said during the winter time he could use the Statter Harbor facility since we are not busy on the launch ramp area. Mr. Benner said he would rather let Mr. Weltzin use the Statter Harbor facility instead of trying to change the regulatory fees which could take months.

Further discussion among board members.

**VII. Items for Information/Discussion.**

**1. Harbor Recycling Efforts.**

Mr. Benner said Mr. Dobyms has the recycling for the fishing nets and shipped out a crate of 20 + nets. In the past year; Petersburg and Cordova have been filling up to 10 crates per year. In the future Juneau should be able to do close to this count. Mr. O'Claray has the aluminum recycling; he picks up the container weekly and seems to be doing well. These recycling businesses are helping the harbors by keeping the nets and aluminum cans out of the landfills.

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2. Harbor Accomplishments.

Mr. Benner said we had a severe weather situation come up and at AG-018 and AG-019 the finger floats had broke loose. The two boats that were moored at AG-018 and AG-019 ended up on the shore next to each other. There was minimal damage done to both boats. They are both back in the harbor now but at a different location until we can repair the float where they were. Mr. Benner said the staff did an exceptional job with all of the situations that came up during the storm. Mrs. Jebe asked how the Nordic Tugs did on the fuel dock. Mr. Benner said they did fine and that the Fuel dock is a great location for them.

Mr. Benner said the staff has been replacing the light bulbs and heat tapes for the winter in all the harbors. We have shut down Deharts water for the winter and have closed the Horton's Lot for the winter. The staff has been getting all of the snow removal equipment done for the winter. We are just getting ready for the snow and ice. Mr. Benner said we sent a certified letter to Mr. Hillstead about his vessel being cleaned up immediately. Mr. Preston asked if Mr. Hillstead doesn't follow through with cleaning the vessel, what happens next? Mr. Benner said then we will declare the vessel a nuisance and start the impound process.

VII. Staff & Member Reports.

Mr. Benner announced that we are having a Christmas party at the Yacht Club on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Social hour starts at 5:00 and dinner is at 6:00. This will be a pot luck dinner so please bring a dish of your choice. Hope to see you there.

IX. Committee Administrative Matters.

The next operation meeting will be at 5:00 pm on December 15, 2009 at the Aurora Office.

X. **MOTION by Mr. Preston: ASK TO ADJOURN THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING.**

**Motion Passed without objection.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm

