

Minutes of the Regular Wrangell Port Commission Meeting

Held January 5th, 2023

Chairman John Martin called the Regular Port Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. January 5th. 2023

PRESENT: Martin, Yeager, Davies, Buness, Morrison

Harbormaster Steve Miller was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval minutes from meeting November 3rd, 2022

M/S: Yeager/Buness to approve the minutes, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - None.

CORRESPONDENCE/PERSONS TO BE HEARD –

James D. Leslie states his interest to buy tidelands Lot 15, Block 1-A the lot they have been leasing for their building.

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

Steve attended the Annual Marine Expo in Seattle November 15th through the 17th. Every year Wrangell has a booth promoting the harbors and marine service center which has always been a great way to promote Wrangell services to the marine demographic.

New hires at the harbor continue their training with their new jobs, they are adapting quickly and now have all shifts covered. On December 25th we had a vessel sink that incurred substantial damage to our Fish and Game Float. There was a 2nd boat that almost sank but with the help from our Wrangell volunteer Fire Department were able to detain the problem. Big thanks to our volunteer Fire Department.

In the MSC we have finished our last quarterly report for the storm water pollution prevention plan and will be filing an annual report to the DEC. The Harbor will be shipping the first container of abandoned vessels this month and will be on track in the future to make the process smoother.

Dec 14 Steve attended a public forum for the 6-mile Zimovia deep water industrial site that was really productive with plenty of good ideas and tools to learn from, Steve would like to use these tools for future public forums.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Yeager- Would like to press on the fact abandoned vehicles are a problem in the harbor's parking lots, also would like to praise the harbor crew on the snow and ice removal this year so far in these cold months.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Insurance in the harbor's discussion has been moved to next Port Commission Meeting with a public workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

James D. Leslie states his interest to buy tidelands Lot 15, Block 1-A

The Tidelands have been in the Leslie Family for 44 years and currently has a building on this property. This property is no longer adjacent to water and could be considered uplands. The sale of this property will not affect the Ports and Harbors.

M/S: Buness/Yeager to recommend to approve motion as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS – Insurance.

The next Regular meeting February 3, 2023

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

