



City and Borough of Wrangell
Port Commission
AGENDA

Wednesday, May 08, 2024
6:00 PM

Location: Borough Assembly Chambers
City Hall

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (*MOTION* - Move to approve the Minutes, as presented)**
 - [a.](#) 4/18/24 Port Commission Minutes
- 4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE**
- 6. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**
- 7. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT**
 - [a.](#) Harbormaster Report May 2024
- 8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**
- 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- 10. NEW BUSINESS**
- 11. NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**
- 12. ADJOURN**

**Minutes of the Regular Wrangell Port Commission Meeting
Held April 18, 2024**

Item a.

Chairman John Yeager called the Regular Port Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 18, 2024.

PRESENT: Commissioners Yeager, Buness, Martin, and Davies
Harbormaster Steve Miller was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of minutes from meeting held on March 7, 2024 .

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - none

CORRESPONDENCE/PERSONS TO BE HEARD -

- Don Pickett Insurance Correspondence

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

- Harbormaster Miller went through the April Report he prepared.
- Marine Service Center is full and the haul out schedule is completely full through the end of May.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Buness – none.
- Davies – Said it was good to see the Marine Service center full and busy. He is planning on bringing his class to check out the Anode Project on 4/22/24.
- Martin – none.
- Yeager – none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

9a. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION JON CAMPBELL REQUEST FOR 21 YEAR TIDELAND LEASE OF A 50'X50' PORTION OF LOT 5, BLOCK 7A

- Yeager felt that it would not be wise to lock up that property for 21 years. He feels the proposed motion 2 feels like a good intermediate ground and a fair proposal.
- Buness likes the freedom that motion 2 gives both parties – five years is an appropriate amount of time to be able to plan ahead for changes.

Motion 1: M/S: Martin/no second to approve the motion as presented. Motion died by lack of second.

Motion 2: M/S Buness/Davies to approve the motion as presented. Motion approved unanimously by poll vote.

NEW BUSINESS -

10a. APPROVAL OF LEASE TO TRIDENT SEAFOODS, A PORTION OF THE OLD MILL DOCK PARCEL 02-023-700, MORE SPECIFICALLY 20FT X 90FT NORTHWEST FROM THE SOUTHERMOST PORTION OLD MILL DOCK INCLUDING THE APPROACH NEAREST THE TRIDENT SEAFOOD PLANT.

A Trident representative was present to answer any questions.

- Trident and Pat Ellis of Wrangell Boatshop spoke about this proposed leased space and they agreed that both parties could operate in that area.
- Trident expressed interest in discussing a longer-term lease in the future.
- Commissioner Davies about the possibility of adding additional fill to that area. Miller said grants would be needed in order to do a project like that but would be open to discussing options down the road.

M/S: Davies/Martin to approve the motion as presented. Motion approved unanimously by poll vote.

10b. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION TO APPROVE 10 YEAR LEASE REQUEST BY JEFF GRANNUM PENINSULA SEAFOODS FOR LOT #1 MILL DOCK

Motion 1: M/S: Martin/no second to approve the motion as presented. Motion died by lack of second.

- Yeager stated that motion 2 is a good way to start looking at options for lease holders to potentially request longer leases in the future.
- Davies stated that it's great to see this long-term commitment.
- Buness appreciates their commitment to year round fisheries.

Motion 2: M/S: Davies/Buness to approve the motion as presented. Motion approved unanimously by poll vote.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS: - none.

The next Regular meeting will be held on May 8, 2024.

The Regular Port Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

PORTS & HARBOR REPORT

05/08/2024



Item a.

MEMORANDUM

TO: PORT COMMISSION, HONORABLE MAYOR, AND MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY OF CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

CC: MASON VILLARMA, BOROUGH MANAGER

FROM: Steve Miller, Port Director

SUBJECT: MONTHLY PORT & HARBOR REPORT

DATE: 05/08/2024

Security Camera Project Overview:

As of April 26, 2024, the security camera project has reached a significant milestone with the successful completion of both installation and fine-tuning processes. This advanced system has already proven its effectiveness and utility in a variety of situations.

One notable incident involved an individual who was under the influence and had fallen asleep on the dock. The security cameras were able to accurately identify this potentially hazardous situation, thereby enabling the team to take appropriate action to ensure the individual's safety.

In another instance, the system demonstrated its capability in accident detection and analysis. A minor vehicle accident occurred within the camera's field of view. The team was able to use the footage captured by the security cameras to accurately identify and understand the sequence of events leading up to the accident. This information was invaluable in determining the cause of the accident and implementing measures to prevent similar incidents in the future.

These instances underscore the value of the security camera project, not only in enhancing security but also in contributing to the overall safety and well-being of the community. The project team continues to monitor and optimize the system to ensure it remains a reliable and effective tool for safety and security.

Anode Project Overview:

The 26th of April 2024 marked a significant milestone for the anode project as well, with all tasks completed except for the final as-built documentation. The project was handled by Global Diving, who showcased their expertise by delivering the project on time and within the allocated budget, without any alterations to the original plan.

The project was extensive, with 830 anodes installed over a span of 26 days. This translates to an impressive daily average of nearly 32 anodes, reflecting the team's commitment and efficiency.

In a noteworthy act of community outreach, Global Diving partnered with Winston Davies to offer a group of high school students a unique glimpse into the world of underwater welding. This lesser known but potentially lucrative skill was brought to the forefront, providing the students with a valuable learning experience.

This educational initiative was a highlight, promoting a specialized skill and offering the students a look into a potential career path. The successful wrap-up of the anode project, along with this impactful educational program, underscores the dedication and capabilities of all involved parties. These accomplishments reflect their commitment to technical excellence and community involvement.

Port Operations:

The team has been preparing for the upcoming cruise ship season starting in May. This includes a comprehensive cleanup of the city dock to welcome the first cruise ship. A key task was the setup and thorough cleaning of the summer floats, ensuring they are ready for the season. The team will also position the camel logs, which are vital for the docking process. These logs needed substantial repairs, including the welding of new tabs as connection points, to be fully functional for the season.

To enhance their durability, the camel logs were coated with a special high-zinc paint known for its protective qualities. Alongside these tasks, I met with the Coast Guard and Marine Exchange to conduct security audits, a crucial step for the safety and security of the dock and incoming cruise ships.

These preparations highlight the team's dedication to a smooth and successful cruise ship season.

With 98 cruise ships, both small and large, scheduled to dock, it's going to be a bustling time at the city dock. This diverse mix of ships will certainly add to the atmosphere of Wrangell and its economy. The team's diligent preparation work will ensure a smooth and efficient operation throughout the season.

Marine Service Center

The Marine Service Center is bustling with activity, as is typical for this time of year. It appears to be a significant bottleneck during this period, with a high volume of work and a constant stream of vessels requiring attention.

Vendors are working tirelessly to minimize the turnaround time for each vessel. Their goal is to expedite the repair process and the application of bottom paint, a crucial maintenance task that helps protect the vessels.

This efficient approach not only allows for more vessels to be serviced within the same timeframe but also helps to alleviate the bottleneck. Despite the high demand, the vendors' commitment to quality service ensures that each vessel receives the necessary care and is back on the water as quickly as possible.

This busy period is a testament to the importance of the Marine Service Center and the crucial role it plays in maintaining the health and performance of the vessels. The dedication and efficiency of the vendors are key to managing the high demand and ensuring the smooth operation of the center during this busy time.

Administration:

Calleigh, along with the city staff, have been working tirelessly to establish an online payment system. Customers can now visit the Wrangell Port & Harbors Online Payments page to register and make their payments online. For those who need assistance with this process, they can reach out to the office at (907)874-3736 or email Calleigh directly at harbor@wrangell.com. She is more than willing to assist with the setup process.

In addition to the online payment system, after extensive preparation and installation, the cranes are now operational and accept credit card payments. The process is straightforward - simply select the dollar amount, then insert, tap, or wave your card in front of the reader to pay. The system also accepts Apple Pay and Google Pay. This new payment method will aid in offsetting the costs associated with maintenance and annual hoist inspections, ensuring the continued smooth operation of the facilities.

Sincerely,

Steve Miller
Port Director

Wrangell Long Range Transportation Planning Meeting
 Tuesday, April 23, 2024
 City & Borough of Wrangell Assembly Chambers

Attendees

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Attachments

DOT Wrangell needs list

Projects

- Emergency Access Road/Back Loop Road - 10
- Barge Ramp - 9
- Continued rock slope mitigation - 6
- Ishiyama & Shoemaker - 5
- Wrangell Harbor Basin - 4
- Downtown Corridor - 4
- Pat's Lake development - 3
- Rainbow Falls access - 3
- Inner Harbor - 2
- Petroglyph Beach Trail - 1
- Sea Trails - 1
- Middle Ridge Road - 1
- Airport SREB (snow removal equipment building) & rehab - 1
- Dock electrification - 1
- Power Line Paths
- Shakes Island Bridge
- Elementary School Paving
- Airport hangar space
- Zarembo road reconditioning
- Potential FLAP bucket

Priority Projects

Rock Slope Mitigation

Project Description: ~6-mile to 8-mile pullout; rock fall and debris slides, potential options: 1) remove vegetation to prevent leveraging (\$), rock bolting and drainage/seepage holes (\$\$), laying back slope (\$\$\$). NOT a rock mesh solution in this location.

Project Justification: Safety, connectivity, longevity/resilience

Resources: PROTECT (DOT leverage existing annual \$5m to bundle projects from around the state), Statewide Slope Mitigation program, USFS decommission roads, DOT's LIDAR data, ROW issues -- AMHT and private land ownership, CBW public engagement

Ishiyama Drive/Shoemaker Loop Road

Project Description: Two different roads with similar issues. Potentially transfer ownership from DOT to CBW, after DOT does repairs. Shoemaker: ROW issues (needs to be realigned/cleaned up), address utilities. Could maybe do resurface only right now but would need to happen short term. If wait too long, will have to do utilities as well. Sidewalks. Ishiyama: Rehab/reconstruction of surface, eventually expand utilities, heaving is a concern.

Resources: CTP, potentially new DOT programs, CDS, lobby legislature/political & policy action to make it easier for DOT to transfer road to borough

Emergency Access Road/Back Loop Road

Project Description: Terminus of Ishiyama to terminus of FS 6259; 12 mile project part of larger 26 mile loop. Road reconstruction and conditioning, 1/4 mile new construction, 3 existing bridges. Partners are DOT, DNR, CBW, USFS, WCA. Estimate \$5-12m

Resources: SSE (could be funded by FLPP), \$200k for planning, \$5m of CDS, Document public support and engagement, USFS bridge from Zarembo to be moved to project, DNR easement (ongoing), more potential funding sources include TTP bridge program, PROTECT, BRIC

Barge Ramp

Project Description: Barge ramp relocation and replacement, at the 6-mile deep water port site, project would include uplands improvements like roadway, utilities, site development, water & sewer extension, power, etc. Likely a PPP to construct the ramp itself. Estimate for barge ram \$5-18m, no current estimate for uplands improvement.

Project Justification: Current barge ramp is not rated for the weight and size of current loads, deterioration, safety, state of good repair

Resources: CBW owns the land and tidelands. Partner with Alaska Marine Lines and Samson, public participation, conversations with DOT on regulations for overweight loads on Zimovia, DOT ROW, DOT permit for change of use, Traffic Impact Analysis, DEC for contaminated sites, permitting for utilities, PIDP grant of \$420k for planning, Thriving Communities, zoning changes, pursue PIDP grant for NEPA and construction, CDS, State Rural Ports & Brage program

Next Steps

Barge Ramp

- CBW: Negotiate and sign MOAs with Alaska Marine Lines and Samson
- EA 1 and 2
- NEPA for PIDP --> grant agreement

Rock Slope Mitigation

- CBW: technical conversation with Mitch & Travis (DOT)
- CBW: request high-res LIDAR from DOT
- USFS: Follow up on road decommissioning
- AML: Research eligibility for PROTECT grant; possibility of leveraging DOT's annual \$5m for design to go after construction funding from discretionary programs

Ishiyama/Shoemaker

- Mason: Lobby Senator Stedman!
- CBW: Create scope estimate for DOT, consider schedule for utilities (at what point is resurfacing insufficient, need to address the utilities)

Emergency Access Road

- CBW: Project description clean up and share with partners
- CBW & USFS: Conversation about scope
- USFS: Work with WCA on bridge replacement
- USFS: Develop SSE
- CBW: Secure \$200k for planning
- CBW: Fill out application for DNR easement
- CBW: Document public support/engagement
- CBW: CDS follow up

FLAP Bundle

- Emergency Access: some segment of
- North Country Trailhead Access
- Rainbow Falls Trailhead parking
- Pat's Lake

Other:

- Chris Goins & CBW talk about airport hangar space