

**LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH  
REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING  
Tuesday, February 16, 2016 9:00 a.m.  
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Assembly: Mayor Glen Alsworth  
Randy Alvarez  
Scott Anderson  
Myra Olsen  
Alvin Pedersen  
Michelle Pope-Ravenmoon  
Christina Salmon

Staff: Kate Conley, Clerk  
Susan Edwards, Finance Officer  
Nathan Hill, Borough Manager

Guests: Chuck McCallum, Fisheries Advisor  
Ty Mase, Superintendent, LPSD  
Hannah Colton, Report, KDLG radio  
Chad Senn, NWA Outfitters  
Earl Sutherlin, NWA Outfitters  
John Coleman, NWA Outfitters

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly was called to order by Mayor Glen R. Alsworth, Sr. on Tuesday February 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. via teleconference originating in King Salmon AK.

**B. ROLL CALL**

A quorum was established with Mayor Glen R. Alsworth, Sr. and Assembly members Randy Alvarez, Scott Anderson, Myra Olsen, Alvin Pedersen, Michelle Pope-Ravenmoon, and Christina Salmon were present on the conference call.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA -**

A motion was made by Assembly member Salmon and seconded by Assembly member Pedersen to approve the agenda for the February 16, 2016 regular meeting. There was some discussion of adding items, but the items were determined to be able to wait until the March meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No minutes were available.

**E. CONSENT AGENDA – none**

**F. MANAGER’S & STAFF REPORTS**

**1. Introduction of Guests** – The mayor asked the clerk to introduce those on the teleconference.

**2. Manager’s Report** – Mr. Hill explained that the report in the packet is not the right one, instead he gave an oral report.

- Kokhanok Wind – He will be meeting with stakeholders this coming month to discuss funding for the project. The project is currently in a holding pattern.

- Chignik Dock – He has been discussion the details of the construction, the funding and the management of the dock.
- Iliamna Dock – The construction of the ramp is nearing. All systems are go.

Ranya Aboras, has resigned and will be leaving employment at the end of the month, Mr. Hill is working with her on her transition. He attended the ribbon cutting of the Newhalen gym. While at the ribbon cutting, there was a community meeting. Several subjects came up and the Assembly and staff will revisit the issues when they are in Newhalen in April.

### **3. Consultant's Report**

No discussion

### **3. Community Development Coordinator's Report –**

Ms. Ranya Aboras, Community Development Coordinator (CDC) gave her report orally. She began by thanking everyone for the opportunity to work for and with the Borough. She said that, while she is leaving the Borough, she remains available for any of the communities' needs or questions.

The City of Chignik was awarded \$139,000 CDBG grant to develop plans to for an access trail to their hydro facility. With the match, the total project is \$180,000. They can use this grant money to match other agencies as well, like AEA. Six CAPSIS requests were submitted to the legislature. The requests looked good and the CIP priority lists corresponded well with the requests. This year communities were asked to breakdown their CIP lists by long term and short term projects. The break out was interesting.

Ms. Aboras met with Bill Gissel from US Fish and Wildlife and two employees of CIAP about the scrap project. They are all working together to develop a concrete outline for the end of the project. Pilot Point is working to develop a fish plant. Ms. Aboras expects the plat to be received in the next few weeks. She will be working with the City of Pilot Point to give them a realistic timeline. Writing instructions and wrapping up work will be Ms. Abora's priority. She said she will also be available for continuity & transferring information. She will be working from the Anchorage office until the end of the month. In closing she again thanked the Assembly and staff.

### **4. Planning Commission Minutes**

No discussion

### **5. Fishery Report**

Chuck McCallum, Fishery Advisor to the Assembly, began his report by explaining that preparations for attendance at the Board of Fish meetings are in place. The Borough will be sending five to six fishermen to the meetings. There are a least three pieces of legislation Mr. McCallum is tracking in the legislature, one of which is HB112, the CFEC issue that the Borough had a resolution for at the last meeting. He said that the current plan is to resubmit the bill with a name change and a slightly different focus, while still shifting CFEC over to ADFG. This was prompted by a study showing a \$1.3 million cost savings. He is also tracking HB220 re: hatcheries. Initially Mr. McCallum said, he was alarmed by this bill, so he called the chief aquaculture guy in Alaska for decades, and as they discussed the bill he was reassured there is nothing to be concerned about. The bill basically means that hatcheries would have to go through a regional planning process. Mr. McCallum is advising the Assembly to take no action on HB220. He is also keeping his eye on legislation that changes where the boundaries of the region are drawn. The maker of the bill has made some changes and Mr. McCallum read an email about the bill. He said the Borough needs to keep an eye on the bill; however, if it is well designed it could help. In general, Commissioner Cotten is leading the charge to change the future rationalization plans. The preparation meeting in Portland was difficult, but Cotten handled it well, despite the pressure. A resolution in support of Cotten will be upcoming for at

the next Assembly meeting. The last item he is tracking is an initiative by the sports fishing industry to form their own entity. There could be splash over effects were this to happen

Assembly member Olsen asked about the proposal to add a non-consumptive commercial user to the board of game. Mr. McCallum said that he noticed that proposal, but he doesn't usually follow game issues too closely. He said he would prefer to take direction from the Assembly. Assembly member Olsen said it is something the Assembly should think about. Having a lay person on the board may slow the process down. Mr. McCallum said he understands the board's struggle to get enough people on the committees to begin with. Assembly member Alvarez said that the bill is in the legislature and it would add one person on the board of game, but he does not think the bill will go anywhere. The Mayor requested the topic be added to the March Assembly meeting.

Assembly member Alvarez said that BBEDC Sent an email that the ADFG is supporting an out of Cinder River district below Ugashik for Area M. Boats can probably see each other they will be so close together. He said there used to be a district there, but it hasn't been open in a long while. Assembly member Alvarez added that he will be at the Board of fish meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>, so he won't be there for the first two committees, which are Chignik area and Sports Fishing.

**6. Finance Report** – Ms. Susan Edwards, Finance Officer, said she had an addendum to the finance report with a lot of information that she produced yesterday. She suggested this be addressed at the next Assembly meeting. The Mayor asked if canneries have 30 days after the end of the quarter to file their reports. Ms. Edwards said that canneries have 30 days and guides have 15 days. By the end of July all information should be in. The Mayor said, for planning purposes, the forward funding is for a year or two previous. Ms. Edwards said that she is looking at trends and can get fairly close, but there will always be variation. Price and quantity of fish is always a question. The Mayor noted that the price and quantity of fish is not relevant to forward funding. Forecasting is important, but to base your budget on forward funding, price is irrelevant. Good policy and judgement in the past has allowed the Borough to not be forward funded in the immediate present. Mr. Hill said he wanted to note that the report is based on one of the worst fish years. This is a scary outlook on things and based on the worst case scenario. The Mayor said that this does not mean a massive layoff, but the Borough needs to be judicious and work to make the savings last. Assembly member Alvarez said we need to discuss this again at the next meeting. The Mayor thanked Ms. Edwards for her work and the reality check.

**7. Lobbyist's Report**

Mark Hickey, Borough Lobbyist, had submitted a written report. The Mayor noted that all bills in progress are listed, but there is not a request for advice or action on any of them. Assembly member Alvarez said that by next meeting, some of the legislation may be more advanced and Mr. Hickey would have a better idea of what he needs from the Assembly. Mr. Hill said that all committee meetings have been held up until the budget is worked out.

**8. Clerk's Report**

Borough Clerk, Kate Conley told the Assembly that the website is up and running, but there are still items to be worked out. She reminded the Assembly to get their APOC Financial Disclosure statements completed and filed.

**9. School Superintendent's Report**

Ty Mase invited questions of the Assembly. Mayor Alsworth said that he sees on the legislative report, that there are several bills for keeping the student allocation status quo. Mr. Mase said that he is hoping that a bill to increase the count is not introduced, but Representative Lynn Gattis is talking about it again. The Governor's budget increases the CSA but may be cut on the back side and said that all the schools can do is watch and wait. Assembly member Olsen

asked about HB36 regarding pre-Kindergarten requirement. Mr. Mase said that the bill will effect LPSD and everyone knows pre-K education is good and is something everyone wants, but the bill never gains momentum. He said it would be great if the bill did pass.

#### **10. Student Representative Report**

No students were present.

### **G. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Ordinance 16-01: 25 year Land Lease for NWA Outfitters, LLC - Introduction**

Assembly member Olsen made a motion to introduce Ordinance 16-01 and hold a public hearing at the March Assembly meeting. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Salmon. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimous by voice vote.

#### **2. Ordinance 16-02: 5 year Land Lease for F & J Hoff - Introduction**

**3.** Assembly member Olsen made a motion to introduce Ordinance 16-02 and hold a public hearing at the March Assembly meeting. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Pedersen. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimous by voice vote.

#### **4. Shared Fisheries Resolutions**

Motion was made by Assembly member Anderson to adopt Resolutions 16-03, 16-04 and 16-05 as presented. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Salmon. Ms. Conley explained that these are passed each year. The only variation from past years is with Ordinance 16-04 for FMA4, which is not using the usual agreement method, but because there was less money in the fund, the money is divided in a 50-50 split. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **K. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

**George Hornberger** – A letter from George Hornberger about the Iliamna dock project was distributed via e-mail. The Mayor said that the Assembly needs to respond. He said that Mr. Hornberger needs to be thanked for the effort and thought he has put in on behalf of all the communities affected by the Iliamna dock. The Borough has the funding to complete phase 1 – removing the liability of the old dock and placing a ramp for dock landing. There is value in the landing. At some future point, there may be funding or the ability to pool resources to do a different plan. There may be resources available the Borough does not know about. The Assembly agrees with the assessment that it is a regional facility and it is important to have it sheltered. The Borough does not have the money for a “Cadillac” at this time and will have to make do with the phase one option. The Assembly consented to send a letter in response.

### **L. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

**Randy Alvarez** – Said he is concerned that if the price of fish does not come up, the Borough may be short on finances from fish tax. He added that he as a feeling that not as many fish will return this year. The birds are dying and smelts aren't showing up. He said the reality is not likely to be as much as forecasted. Fish returns are cyclic and there have been good returns the last few years, so it is likely to be less return. He said he has not proof, but the ocean is warmer and a warm ocean produces less food. This will impact the budget. The Mayor agreed that this information is likely right.

**Alvin Pedersen** – Thanked Ranya for her work and wished her the best. Assembly member Olsen agreed, as did Assembly members Salmon and Anderson.

### **M. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

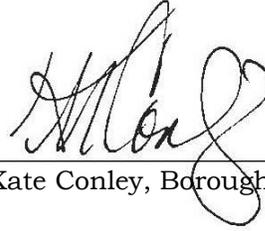
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**O. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:09 am.



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Glen R. Alsworth, Sr., Mayor



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Kate Conley, Borough Clerk

Date: March 15, 2016