



**SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE
BOARD MEETING**

June 20, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.
Call-in information: 888.550.5602
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AGENDA

I. Call to Order----- **Stutes**
Meeting called to order at 9:52am.

II. Roll Call ----- **Varner**
Paul Gronholdt, Layton Lockett, Louise Stutes, Trevor Brown, Shirley Marquardt,
Dan O’Hara, Dan Clarion & Joe Sullivan; quorum established.

III. Approval of Agenda ----- **Stutes**
Motion to approve agenda called by Layton Lockett, 2nd by Trevor Brown; with
no objections agenda approved.

IV. Consent Agenda----- **Stutes**
A. Board minutes for May 16, 2013
Motion to approve agenda called by Layton, 2nd by Marquardt, with no
objections consent agenda approved.

V. Policy and Program Issues ----- **Varner**
A. Comments on SW Transportation Plan
DoT and DOWL HKM have finished first draft of plan and are interviewing
community leaders, and SWAMC interviewed with them too. Comments to
Phase I are due June 24 (*Varner looked at their website after the meeting and
they have now changed the date to say that they’re accepting comments
anytime during the planning process*). Clarion stated that the Governor and Dot
Commissioner recently talked to Ouzinkie about getting more Borough and
regional support for a road extension to ice free water for Anton Larson Bay, a
critical project for north Kodiak. He was asking support for this project in
Borough and SWAMC’s CIP, and the project will be included in both.

Marquardt was concerned that the contractors are using outdated and
inaccurate information for many communities and projects. She found the study
to be cursory and oversimplified, from ferry service numbers to airplane models
to the number of cranes on the Dutch Harbor dock. Varner will summarize some
of these comments and send in to DOWL and DoT.

VI. Governance Issues

A. FY14 Draft Budget

Varner introduced the FY14 budget for year starting July 1, 2013. Finance Committee met in early June and approved the draft budget presented to the Board. Varner explained some of the revenue and expense line items, in particular the missing ARDOR money and how that might be resolved with the next Legislative session. As explained to the Board, that gap may result in the need to transfer from the reserve account to balance the budget, although staff and Board will do all they can to avoid that. Staff will continue to seek new funding opportunities and ways to cut operational expenses. Expense side will see a roughly 6% increase due to personnel, insurance and food costs (Captain Cook conference increases), primarily.

Lockett made motion to approve FY14 Budget, seconded by Sullivan. With no objections fiscal year budget was approved.

VII. Financial Report -----Varner

A. May 2013 Financial Statements

Varner provided a financial overview. Motion to approve Financials called by Lockett, 2nd by Brown, with no objections Financials approved.

VIII. Staff Report -----Staff

Cameron talked a bit about some of his workforce initiatives, including library centers and a new grant he is working on. Cameron will be leaving in August and we have a new VISTA, Mickey Morelli, coming on later that month.

IX. Board Comments / Other Business

Stutes commended staff on their good efforts. Clarion added that new docks and marine infrastructure do help bring down community costs in many areas, building on earlier transportation discussion.

Marquardt stressed that Board and SW communities need to write to DoT and AMHS regarding the Tustumena replacement, especially asking the questions why they are spending time and money looking at the design of day boats in Southeast when the Tusty is still laid up and SW communities need service more.

X. Adjourn -----Stutes

Board meeting Adjourned at 10:11 am.

Next Meeting

July 18 or TBD