



SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

SWAMC BOARD & CEDS COMMITTEE MEETING

June 12, 2014 at 10:00 am
Call-in information: 888.550.5602
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AGENDA

I. Call to Order ----- Ruby/Austerman

Meeting called at 10:30

II. Roll Call ----- OBrien

Layton Lockett, Shirley Marquardt, Paul Gronholdt, Dan Clarion, Carol Austerman, Cynthia Berns, Dan O’Hara; Quorum established. Guest: Shelley Wade

III. Approval of Agenda ----- Ruby/Austerman

Berns moved to approve agenda, Lockett seconded. No objections.

IV. Consent Agenda ----- Ruby/Austerman

A. Board Minutes May 15, 2014

Berns moved to approve, Marquardt seconded. No objections.

V. Policy and Program Issues -----OBrien

A. CEDS Draft & CEDS Committee Meeting

- Wade stated that revisions will be made based on board comments today and draft will be posted for EDA required 30 day comment period.
- Wade addressed a comment from Lockett regarding the organizational structure graphic. Board members agreed to remove organization chart and explain the organization textually.
- Lockett and Marquardt recommended changing wording of “cheap energy” and expanding the definition.
- On page 23, Berns commented on the need for more data on the self-employed of the southwest, especially those who fish. O’Brien noted that identifying the data available and the data needed is a large potential future project.
- Wade said that coordination with other organization is a clear next step. O’Brien said that SWAMC worked extensively with DoL to identify and understand much of the current data.
- Lockett’s comment on Aleutian broadband coverage was addressed. O’Brien suggested using SWAMC’s RADE report for additional data. Lockett suggested a discussion of availability and cost in the document.
- Marquardt’s comment suggesting a reference to the Norwegian carrier in Dutch Harbor was addressed. Wade stated that she feels it should be included in the arctic shipping section. Lockett also suggested speaking with the Aleut Corporation and said arctic shipping is going to be a key economic driver for the region.
- Wade discussed the work plans and the focus areas and priorities listed in the document. O’Brien stated that energy efficiency should be included in the energy planning list. Austerman requested the inclusion of fisheries in the priority list, possibly in priority one or two. She stated that fisheries are critical to the region and should be included. Additionally, she suggested moving priority 2 to the top and stated that she does not feel the business council should be the only resource guiding this document. Wade stated that while the priorities were formulated by the business council, the ones included in the document were based on voting at the economic summit in March and added that the priorities are not listed in order of importance. Austerman suggested removing the numbers. She also requested

rewording the document so as not to reflect that the business council is a governing body of SWAMC. Lockett agreed that less emphasis should be placed on the business council.

- Austerman summarized the board’s concerns: 1- The business council does not drive SWAMC. 2- The board does not feel that the information derived from the voting mechanism at the conference was valid, primarily because the questions were generated by the business council. 3- Fisheries should be highlighted much more in the document and made a priority, as it is the main economic driver for the region. O’Brien noted that fisheries and seafood processing are highlighted extensively in the strengths section. Wade said that a change could definitely be made to make fisheries a higher priority in the document.
- Gronholdt moved to approve the draft, incorporating the suggested changes. Lockett seconded. No objections.

VI. Board Comments / Other Business

VII. Adjourn ----- **Ruby**

Next Board Meeting
TBA @ 9:30am