

City of Edna Bay - Special Meeting

1 — Meeting Date, Place and Call to order:

This Special meeting was held on Wednesday, July 1st, 2015 at Edna Bay School.
Councilor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

2 — Roll Call:

Heather Richter	- Mayor / Presiding Officer	(Absent)
Karen Williams	- Vice Mayor / City Council	(Present)
Tyler Poelstra	- Clerk / City Council	(Present)
Myla Poelstra	- Treasurer / City Council	(Present)
Carleigh Fairchild	- City Council	(Present)
Paul Haag	- City Council	(Present)
Doris Greif	- City Council	(Present)

2.1 — Public Participants:

Sharon Wargi	Logan Richter	Lee Greif	Spencer Lamkin	Curtis Greif
Mike Williams	Eddy Hash			

3 — Consent Agenda:

A: Approval of Meeting Agenda:

The current agenda was read by Mr. Poelstra.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor, and no objections were noted.

- **Approved by unanimous vote of the council**

3.1 — Special Business:

- a: *Department of Natural Resources Interagency Land Management Assignment ADL 108253 Discussion, Comment Letter and Resolution.*

4 — Special Business

Item A – DNR ILMA ADL 108253 Discussion, Comment Letter and Resolution:

Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra read back the ILMA Preliminary Decision public notice and projected the attached maps and documents onto the wall and reviewed them with all in attendance.

Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra stated that as clerk, he received a copy of the public notice for the ILMA to provide to the council and public, and felt strongly that the public should have the opportunity to be informed and participate in the next step of this process. He also felt that regardless of what is in a letter, that it is important to stay in the conversation.

To share the history on previous comments before deciding to form a new one, Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra read back previous letters submitted for the ILMA and regarding the Corps. Permit related to the area and activities identified in the management area being requested. Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra read back a correspondence received by Mayor Richter from Clarence Clark (DNR) regarding questions that have been raised by community residents.

Councilor Fairchild felt it was important to discuss that there are residents that have voiced concerns or opposition to the rafting grounds, and felt that those views should be represented by the City. Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra referenced two residents that had requested he voice their opposition to rafting; one was contested by the public. He noted that the number of residents he has heard from tonight at the meeting weighed clearly in favor of his position for the City continuing not to oppose the rafting grounds in the ILMA.

It was agreed that it would be valuable to send a letter, and show support for the changes that have been identified by DMLW in the ILMA in response to local questions and concerns, and to convey other local questions and concerns that remain.

Councilor Haag explained how the language of the letter can be written to incorporate that the City is not opposed to the upland or rafting area, but that there are concerns that still exist in the community that could be addressed by helping the public access the reports from regulatory and monitoring agencies. It was also

agreed that it would be valuable to know if an anchorage area will be available at all times for emergency use at the rafting grounds, since it is not clear at this time if that is the case.

The following bullet point topics were identified for the letter:

- 1: We did not oppose the 35 acres of upland, but the community still has concerns about log rafting activity and would like to have a clear document and referral to where residents can look up APDES findings to help them stay apprised of environmental impact(s).
- 2: We appreciate the concern for safe anchorage for mariners being addressed in this ILMA, and would like to know if it will be available for emergency use at all times.

No further points were suggested for inclusion in the letter.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of submitting the letter addressing the items discussed, and no objections were noted.

Motion:

Councilor Haag moved to write and submit a letter to DMLW regarding ILMA ADL 108253 including the two points as per the discussion.

- *Seconded by Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra*
- **Approved by unanimous vote of the council**

5 – Persons to be Heard:

Councilor Haag described how it is hard to hear the feeling that is represented by the general attendants of the meetings that other members of the public who choose not to come should not be represented at the meetings when making decisions. He felt that the reaction to those who didn't speak the popular opinion of the public in attendance was attacking and not an appropriate way to support the minority view.

Adjournment

Councilor Greif moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion seconded by Councilor Williams

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.