

City of Edna Bay - Regular Meeting

1 — Meeting Date, Place and Call to order:

This Regular meeting was held on Monday, January 8th, 2024 at Edna Bay School and via WebEx. Mayor Poelstra called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2 — Roll Call:

Tyler Poelstra	- Mayor / City Council	(Present)
Sandy Henson	- Vice Mayor / City Council	(Present)
Myla Poelstra	- Clerk + Treasurer / City Council	(Present)
Mike Williams	- City Council	(Absent)
Doris Greif	- City Council	(Absent)
Jay Towne	- City Council	(Present - Teleconference)
Louise DiPaolo	- City Council	(Present)

2.1 — Public Participants:

Lacy Hamner (DNR)	Greg Staunton (DOF)	Matthew Yellen	Sarah Yellen
Roger DiPaolo	Caleb Kitson		

3 — Consent Agenda:

A: Approval of Meeting Agenda:

The current agenda was read by Mayor Poelstra.

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

B: Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The following minutes were presented for review:

1: Special (Postponed Regular) Meeting Minutes of December 18th, 2023 - No questions.

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

Motion:

Mayor Poelstra moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- *Seconded by Councilor Henson*
- **Approved by unanimous vote of the council**

3.1 — Business:

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- a: *Shared Fisheries Resolution #2024-39, Discussion and Decision.*
- b: *Comment Letter Regarding Division of Forestry Kosciusko East Timber Sale (SSE-1384-K), Discussion and Decision.*

4 — Mayor's Report:

Mayor Poelstra introduced two attendees from DNR and DOF (Greg and Lacy) that will be handling a Q&A session under Item B on the agenda.

5 — Clerk's Report:

No report.

6 — Treasurer's Report:

No report. No questions on the Treasurer's Report.

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Committee Reports

7.1 — Dock Committee:

Tyler Poelstra (Dock Chairman) stated he will be meeting up with the Harbormaster, Caleb Kitson, to review appropriate locations to install the first up-n-out ladder so we have a good idea what type of installation materials will be needed before ordering the remaining ladders.

7.2 — Road Committee:

Michael Williams (Road Chairman) not present. Mayor Poelstra reported that the grader chains have arrived and LED lighting is on the way. Joe Wargi is working on getting the tire chains installed now.

7.3 — EMS Committee:

No report.

7.4 — Search & Rescue Committee:

Roger DiPaolo (Chairman) has Search & Rescue contact/instruction sheets for incidents available at the store.

7.5 — Fire Committee:

Brian Mortensen (Fire Chief) not present - no report.

7.6 — Fish & Game Advisory:

No report. A meeting will be scheduled soon.

7.7 — Bulk Fuel:

Tyler Poelstra (Plant Manager) is watching fuel prices and waiting to take another load until they are at the lowest. The bulk City skiff is in the water and ready to use for breaking ice around the dock.

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Old Business

None.

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New Business

Item A - Shared Fisheries Resolution #2024-39 ...:

Mayor Poelstra read back the contents of the draft fisheries resolution to those in attendance. Copies of the draft were available in paper format and on the City website.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of adopting draft resolution #2024-39 as presented, no objections were noted.

Motion:

Mayor Poelstra moves to adopt resolution #2024-39, a resolution adopting an alternative allocation method for FY '24 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program and certifying that this allocation method fairly represents the distribution of significant effects of fisheries business activities in FMA19 - Southern Southeast Area, as presented.

- *Seconded by Councilor DiPaolo*

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

Item B - Comment Letter Regarding Division of Forestry Kosciusko East Timber Sale ...:

Mayor Poelstra introduced Greg Staunton with Division of Forestry to conduct a Q&A with the community via teleconference. He said Greg would have the floor for a short presentation then open for questions, and afterward they were free to leave the meeting while the Community hashed out details of what to include in the comment letter.

Greg summarized the 185 acre old growth sale in East Edna Bay. He explained the sale is around 7mbf and will include building 1 1/2 miles of road construction to access the harvest area. He noted that this sale is designed to bridge the gaps and combine two normal 30-day comment periods into one. Papac Timber has nearly concluded with other work in the area.

He said that while looking at the location of the two east side blocks of timber, they needed to determine a

way to move the timber from East to West. He heard details from the Community in Spring of last year regarding the road through Edna Bay. DOF's preliminary decision is to use the marine access facility near the East Edna Bay harbor.

Logs will not be in the water, they will be decked and moved twice a day from the East MAF to the West LTF. Barge loads are anticipated to be moved in the morning and evening. Interactions with planes and other barges will need to be modeled. This sale is estimated to be approximately 1400 loads of logs.

Conversation continued into the Q&A with those in attendance.

Community use of the MAF to launch boats and its historical use as a medivac landing area were noted. Loading schedule on the barge was discussed, along with float plane and fuel barge access while the MAF is loaded with logs or a log barge is docked at the facility. Concerns about the overly steep grade of Kosciusko Dr. and the fuel facility being at the bottom of a hill in line of a runaway truck were underscored.

Greg offered to prepare plans to show how Kosciusko Dr. would be improved from its current state. He also offered to call entities servicing Edna Bay that may be impacted by the proposed use of the MAF (Taqun, USCG, Petro, etc). He noted no barrier could withstand a 100,000lb truck coming down the hill if it were to run away. Greg noted there may be some different design elements on Kosciusko Dr. that may help the driver contain the load. They are aiming for 15mph coming down the hill.

Discussion continued on how residents accessing side streets will be able to move around. The road is very narrow in some places. It was noted that the sound of jake brake will be steady for the term of the sale. Roger DiPaolo noted Greg speaking to him and affirming his driveway would not be changed or the road next to it for this proposal. He asked that Greg put that in writing. Greg said they have not progressed with their design enough that he could say for sure.

Attendees noted their preferences for the sale to be hauled across the road locals call "5-mile" and then brought down the USFS road into the MAF so that the hill behind the bulk fuel facility on Kosciusko Dr. is not used. Consensus was that coming through town under Alternative 3 is not an option. Option 4 was viewed favorably as a way to mitigate all substantial concerns.

Greg said it is his intent to try and address concerns and talk in some level of reality. He suggested the effort going into moving this amount of timber is not minor. He suggested DOF could be able to make a better situation with the road for locals and said the shortest route is the most reasonable for their interests.

After closing discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk and Mayor would draft a letter based on existing information and present it at a soon to be scheduled Special Meeting.

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Persons to Be Heard

None.

Adjournment

Mayor Poelstra moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn seconded by Councilor Henson.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.