

COOK INLET CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 13, 2013

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Grace Merkes, John Williams, Gary Fandrei, Molly McCammon, Bob Flint, Carla Stanley, Robert Peterkin, Paul Shadura, Walt Sonen, Deric Marcorelle, Michael Opheim

Members Present by Teleconference: Scott Smiley, Rob Lindsey,

Staff Present: Michael Munger, Susan Saupe, Vinnie Catalano, Jerry Rombach, Lynda Giguere, Maritta Newgren, Dinelle Penrod, Cindy Sanguinetti

Others Present: Beth Wythe, Mayor, City of Homer; EO Director Ginny Litchfield, ADFG; Gary Koehler, USCG; Lt. William Albright, USCG; Lisa Parker, Apache; Joe Martin, SWAPA; Robert Archibald; Jack Jensen, Tesoro; McKibben Jackinsky, Homer News; Kristin Ryan, ADEC; Louie Flora, Office of Rep. Seaton; Senator Peter Micciche; Christina Anderson, Buccaneer; Mike Mahone, Buccaneer; Carol Harding; Betty Schorr, ADEC; Bill Britt, Hilcorp; Terry Thompson, Kachemak Bay Research Reserve; Representative Seaton

Others Present by Teleconference: EO Director Heather Crowley, BOEM

1. CALL TO ORDER/ APPROVAL

President John Williams called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Roll was called, establishing quorum.

Mr. Williams adjusted the agenda so that the presentation of the Financial Audit would precede its acceptance.

Gary Fandrei moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Carla Stanley. The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

Gary Fandrei moved to approve the minutes of May 3, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting and the 2013 Annual Meeting also on May 3, 2013. The motion was seconded by Carla Stanley.

Mr. Rombach noted that Mr. Smiley is not yet on the line, but had requested a correction on page 10 to note that the CIRT was used to choose the site for the safe harbor of the Kullik, not the grounding!

The motion was amended. The minutes were approved as amended.

At the President's request, guests introduced themselves.

President Williams introduced the Honorable Beth Wythe, Mayor of the City of Homer, and invited her to address the Board.

John Williams read a resolution recognizing Mr. Mitchell's dedication and commitment to Cook Inlet RCAC over 15 years, for his service and commitment to the state and his community, and his numerous accomplishments over his 92 years.

Gary Fandrei moved to adopt the Resolution Recognizing Merritt Mitchell, with corrected date. The motion was seconded by Paul Shadura. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

*******Public Comment*******

Public Comment was offered by Joe Martin, SWAPA, and Gary Koehler, USCG.

*******PRESENTATION*******

President Williams invited those on the agenda to deliver their presentations.

Sue Saupe, Cook Inlet RCAC Director of Science & Research provided a presentation on the **Cook Inlet Beluga Winter Prey Project results**, a collaborative project with Dr. Dana Wetzel and Dr. John Reynolds of the Motes Marine Laboratories.

Christina Anderson, Director of Environmental & Stakeholder Relations for Buccaneer provided an update of the company's activities and projections for 2014.

Leslie Pearson, Nuka Research provided an update on the **Cook Inlet Navigational Risk Assessment and Harbor Safety Committee**.

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- **2012 Financial Audit – Robert Lambe, Lambe, Tuter & Wagner, CPAs**

President Williams introduced Robert Lambe, representing our auditing firm. Mr. Lambe presented the audit process and final report.

Gary Fandrei moved to accept the 2012 Financial Audit. The motion was seconded by Paul Shadura. The motion passed unanimously.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **2013 Operating Budget/ Adjustments**

At the President's direction, Ms. Newgren presented adjustments to the 2013 Operating Budget and bank account transfers and checking account registers for information purposes only.

- **2014 Proposed Operating Budget**

Ms. Newgren presented the draft 2014 Proposed Operating Budget.

Mr. Munger reported on activity levels in Cook Inlet, recognized Hilcorp's growth, a Tesoro proposal to build a trans-Forelands pipeline, Cook Inlet Risk Assessment, Cook Inlet Area Harbor Safety Committee initiative, docking assist tug Bob Franco, DEC's approval of oleophilic disc skimmer, Cook Inlet RCAC Recertification by the Coast Guard, potential new funding, and his upcoming schedule.

4. STATUS OF PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

John Williams invited staff to provide updates on programs and projects. Presentations were made by

Linda Giguere - Public Involvement Program Report, Sue Saupe - Environmental Monitoring Committee Report, Steven "Vinnie" Catalano – PROPS & Protocol Control Committees Reports, and Mike Munger – Administration Report

4. CALENDARS & MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Williams urged members to supply the staff with information that should be posted on the calendar.

*******Closing Comments*******

President Williams invited closing comments from Directors, Ex Officio Directors and agency representatives.

Betty Schorr, ADEC, introduced Kristen Ryan, the new Director.

Molly McCammon, AOOS, reported her appointment to a National Academy of Sciences advisory group.

Walt Sonen, Grace Merkes, Robert Peterkin, and Gary Fandrei made comments.