



MAYOR'S REPORT APRIL 8, 2024

UPDATES

Alaska Airlines Summer Schedule and Law Enforcement Issue. AKDOT&PF has a plan to hire part-time law enforcement officers to fly to Gustavus and return on the jet each day in order to fulfill the federal Airport Security law requirements.. Funding has been secured, DOT has notified interested officers, and job solicitations could go out in the near future. A lot must happen in a short period of time but the plan has the best chance of success for the Alaska Airlines service period from June 1, 2024 – Aug. 29, 2024.

Public Access on the Hydro Road. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has engaged in dispute resolution between the Olneys and AP&T, and on Feb. 2, 2024 a meeting was held, attended by FERC, the Olneys, Mike and Karen Taylor, Jim Mackovjak and me. We have not been advised of any activity since then, and on March 28th I sent a letter to AP&T and FERC with a draft copy of Resolution CY24-10 and our request for a solution to the 2-year old public access dispute before summer arrives.

Conservation Lands Advisory Committee. A work group has formed to discuss the formation of a Conservation Lands Advisory Committee and to review a draft Resolution to be introduced at the May Council meeting.

The Xunaa Borough Petition. Hoonah filed a Reply Brief with the Local Boundary Commission by the April 1st deadline, consisting of a 28-page brief and 240 pages of attachments, in response to the 143 public comments which were submitted. The approximate date for the LBC staff to file a preliminary report is May 20th, following which the public will have 49 days to submit comments.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS

On April 1st, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Gustavus. Fifty community members have served on the Council and I am the lucky 13th person to serve as Mayor. We thank and honor those who served on the Gustavus Community Association. The first Council consisted of Becky King, Hank Lentfer, Lou Cacioppo, Tim Gibson, Martha Romero, Wayne Howell, and Sandi Marchbanks. Sandi was the first Mayor, Wayne was the first Vice-Mayor, and Ben Sadler was the first employee as Secretary/Treasurer. The Council met in what is now the front room in City Hall which had no plumbing. The Gustavus population was estimated at 450, and ADF&G published a report that we had twice as many moose as people. Happy Anniversary Gustavus! *Shelley*

