

**City Manager**  
Lee Smith

**Project Manager/Acting  
Port Director**  
Joy Baker

**Harbormaster**  
Lucas Stotts



**Nome Port Commission**  
Jim West, Jr., Chairman  
Charlie Lean, Vice Chairman  
Derek McLarty  
Shane Smithhisler  
Russell Rowe  
Gay Sheffield  
Drew McCann

**NOME PORT COMMISSION MINUTES**  
THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025 at 5:30 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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**WORK SESSION**

**ROLL CALL At 6:50 PM**

Members Present: Smithhisler; Lean; West; McCann; Sheffield; McLarty

Members Absent: Rowe

Also Present: Joy Baker – Project Manager/Port Director

In the Audience: Joe Fullwood; Roy Ashenfelter; KNOM- Ben Townsend;

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A Motion to approved agenda was made by Sheffield and seconded by Smithhisler.

At the roll call:

Aye: Lean; West; McCann; Sheffield; McLarty; Smithhisler

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Febuary 20, 2025 Nome Port Commission Meeting Minutes,

A motion to approve the meeting minutes made by Lean and seconded by McCann.

At the roll call:

Aye: West; McCann; Sheffield; McLarty; Smithhisler; Lean

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. 25.02.28 - USACE Alaska District Letter re Nome Inner Harbor CAP 107 Study
- B. 25.03.10 Arctic Development - Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies
- C. 25.03.11 - DNR Notice of Decision for IPOP Bonanza Channel
- D. 25.04.10 Bering Strait Highlighted in Arctic Presentation - Nome Nugget

**HARBORMASTER REPORT**

- A. 25.04.11 - FY25 3rd QTR HM Report
- B. 25-03-28 DNR - Derelict Vessel Removal Reimbursement Program

HM Stotts gave a brief overview of the HM FY25 3<sup>rd</sup> QTR Report including a financial/budget/impound update. Status of impoundments and potential June impound/surplus sale and collections process. He also provided info on the DNR - Derelict Vessel Removal Reimbursement Program, wanting to investigate costs for an environmental assessment of the abandoned vessel DUGON.

**PROJECT MANAGER – ACTING PORT DIRECTOR REPORT**

- A. 25.03.21 Port Projects Status Report
- B. 25.04.11 Port Projects Status Report

PD Baker led a brief group discussion on the Port expansion status, recent meetings and information on potential funding to keep the project moving. There is support for the project from the Federal level, Congress, our delegation, District/Division/Headquarters level at the USACE, as well as support from the armed services.

Cape Nome Jetty repair project went out to bid on 30, Jan 2025. It was awarded to Duwamish Services, LLC for just over \$7mil. Compiling contract documents now and will be going on this summer.

The PON Strategic Development Plan (SDP) is scheduled to have PND Engineers present Phase C information to the Port Commission during the upcoming May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS****NEW BUSINESS****CITIZEN'S COMMENTS****COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

McLarty – Commented congratulations on finally getting the USAF property conveyance complete as that was a long time coming. Stated we should add information about development of the East Gravel Ramp to the SDP.

McCann – Commented he is not happy with the State trying to pull funds from our Port project.

Lean – Commented he echos McCanns comments on the State and Port funds. Stated that he is attending various fish and crab meetings recently; that crab are of good quality, but there is no good stock coming behind them, so next year may be worse. Chum, Reds and Silvers in the Nome are are mediocre in numbers. There is also of concern for King salmon all over. Board of Fish meets in Novemeber and that is when discussion on regulation changes would be made.

Sheffield – Commented that this is the year the NOAA bottom trawl in the Bering Sea is slated to come back and will help with estimates which is helpful for everyone. Possible issues with research Federal funding.

Smithhisler – Commented that there are sometime questions on where the Port expansion project and wonders if we can share any timeline information timelines.

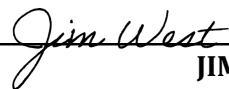
West – Commented that he agree with others on the State funding issue and that Rep Neil Foster will represent us well.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Lean for adjournment at 7:34 PM and seconded by McCann.

**APPROVED and SIGNED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2025**

  
LUCAS STOTTS  
HARBORMASTER

  
JIM WEST JR.  
CHAIRMAN