

Southeast Conference

A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE SIGNATORY NAMES AND AUTHORIZATIONS ON THE BANK ACCOUNTS FOR SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

Resolution 10-02

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference is a non-profit corporation in the state of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, The Corporation Board of Directors President is Maxine Thompson; and

WHEREAS, The Corporation Board of Directors 1st Vice President is John "JC" Conley; and

WHEREAS, The Corporation Board of Directors Treasurer is Leo Luczak; and

WHEREAS, The Corporation's Executive Director is Shelly Wright; and

WHEREAS, The Corporation's Chief Finance Officer is Cheri Lancaster; and

WHEREAS, In order to update signatures required for signing payroll, accounts payable, and any other checks & transfers needed and necessary for the purpose of doing business;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Directors of Southeast Conference at their Annual Business Meeting on September 17, 2009 has determined to establish multiple "certificate of deposit" accounts at First Bank and Alaska Pacific Bank (number of CD's, amounts, and terms as determined by the Finance Committee); and

FURTHER, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Directors of Southeast Conference has appointed Maxine Thompson – President, John "JC" Conley - 1st Vice President, Leo Luczak – Treasurer, David Stone – Director, Linda J. Snow – Secretary, and Shelly Wright - Executive Director, as signers for said corporation's accounts with Wells Fargo (account number 101-4847451), First Bank (account numbers 0805700256, 551120, 551100, and the new CD accounts), and Alaska Pacific Bank (new CD account numbers), Also authorizing Cheri Lancaster, Chief Finance Officer, to do all necessary business with said accounts.

Adopted by the Southeast Conference Board of Directors on September 17, 2009

Witnessed by:



Maxine Thompson
President

Attested by:



Shelly Wright
Executive Director

Southeast Conference

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE FUNDING FOR THE INTER-ISLAND FERRY AUTHORITY, THROUGH THE STATE OF ALASKA'S OPERATING BUDGET.

Resolution No.10-03

WHEREAS, the Inter-Island Ferry Authority is a municipal corporation established under the Alaska Municipal Port Authority Act, and,

WHEREAS, the Inter-Island Ferry Authority provides public marine transportation to the communities of Prince of Wales Island, and,

WHEREAS, all public transportation requires a level of public support to offset operating costs, and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southeast Conference supports the establishment of annual operating assistance for the Inter-Island Ferry Authority, through the State of Alaska's Operating Budget.

ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERS OF SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2009:

Witnessed by:

Attested by:



Maxine Thompson - President



Shelly Wright – Executive Director

Southeast Conference

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES OPPORTUNITIES BE PROVIDED IN OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES.

SAVE OUR CHILDREN

Resolution No.10-04

WHEREAS: Moving the Office of Children's Services (OCS) from Petersburg and Wrangell will cause unnecessary delays and added stress on families who already are in a critical; emotional state.

WHEREAS: Moving OCS from the rural communities of Kake, Petersburg and Wrangell will only further erode the economic disparity between rural and urban communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Southeast Conference opposes the proposal for moving the Office of Children's Services from Petersburg and Wrangell to Juneau.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Southeast Conference continue to support as many health and social services opportunities be provided in our rural communities.

ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERS OF SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2009:

Witnessed by:

Attested by:



Maxine Thompson - President



Shelly Wright – Executive Director

Southeast Conference

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP URGING GOVERNOR PARNELL AND THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE TO EVALUATE AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE CRUISE SHIP TAXATION, REGULATION AND DISCLOSURE BALLOT INITIATIVE AND ITS IMPACTS ON THE ECONOMY OF THE STATE OF ALASKA.

Resolution 10-05

WHEREAS: a voter approved ballot initiative in 2006 created four new taxes and fees on large cruise ships and their passengers traveling to Alaska in addition to the local taxes and fees already levied by various communities and ports; and

WHEREAS: the ballot initiative also increased environmental operation regulations that only pertain to cruise ships and imposed disclosure regulations on pricing of tours; and

WHEREAS: Alaska is one of the most expensive regions in the world in which international cruise lines operate; and

WHEREAS: cruise travel to Alaska only represents approximately 7% of the global cruise market, and ports of call around the world that recognize the economic benefits of a healthy cruise industry are actively competing for cruise line business; and

WHEREAS: the cruise industry has announced major reductions in deployment to Alaska in 2010 in favor of other ports of call that promise better returns on investment, citing the cost of doing business in the state and specifically the ballot initiative's taxes and fees as one of the reasons for this decision; and

WHEREAS: the cruise industry is a critical part of the private sector economy in many SE Alaska communities and the redeployments will reduce jobs and local government revenues; and

WHEREAS: A substantial portion of revenues generated from the funds collected by the State of Alaska remain unspent due to veto by the Governor and have not been reinstated by the legislature instead of being put to use to improve visitor related infrastructure and services; and

WHEREAS: the Alaska State Legislature has the authority to review and amend a citizen's initiative two years after its passage and has already amended disclosure regulations in the initiative that were found would create problems for Alaskan tourism businesses;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Southeast Conference that Governor Sean Parnell and the Alaska State Legislature evaluate the impacts of the 2006 Ballot Measure: Cruise Ship Taxation, Regulation and Disclosure on the economies of communities that host cruise visitors throughout the state and develop appropriate recommendations.

Adopted by the members of Southeast Conference and the Board of Directors on September 17, 2009

Witnessed by:



Maxine Thompson, President

Attested by:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

Southeast Conference

RESOLUTION 10-06

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP
URGING THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE TO CREATE A MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELING SERVICE IN SOUTHEAST TO SERVE VETERANS.**

VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

WHEREAS, Military veterans often suffer from PTSP or head wounds that create mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, Military veterans have earned the gratitude of all Americas for their services; and

WHEREAS, The mental health services available to veterans in Southeast Alaska are entirely inadequate; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Southeast Conference that the Alaska State Legislature create a mental health counseling service in Southeast Alaska to serve veterans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Alternatively, that a process be established by the legislature to contract for mental health services for veterans in Southeast Alaska.

Adopted by the Members and Board of Directors of Southeast Conference on September 17, 2009

Witness by:



Maxine Thompson, President

Attest:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

Southeast Conference

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT (ANCSA)

AMENDED RESOLUTION 10-07

WHEREAS, the mission of Southeast Conference is to undertake and support activities that promote strong economies, healthy communities, and a quality environment in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference is a regional, nonprofit corporation that advances the collective interests of the people, communities and businesses in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, members include municipalities, Native corporations and village councils, regional and local businesses, civic organizations and individuals from throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, the United States Congress enacted the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) to recognize and settle the aboriginal claims of Alaska Natives to their traditional homelands by authorizing the establishment of Alaska Native Corporations to receive and manage lands and funds awarded in settlement of the claims of Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of ANCSA was to settle the land claims of Alaska Natives and to provide them with a means to pursue economic development for the benefit of Alaska's Native people; and

WHEREAS, many of the Alaska Native Corporations have become successful and powerful economic engines within their regions and throughout the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska, Sealaska Corporation, is the single largest private employer in Southeast Alaska, providing anywhere from 600 to 800+ part-time and full-time jobs, annually, and contributing as much as \$90 million, annually, to the Southeast Alaskan economy through its logging contracts, road building activities, other timber-related activities, and total Sealaska economic output; and

WHEREAS, Sealaska also provides a significant benefit to Alaska Natives throughout the State of Alaska through its annual 7(i) revenue sharing contributions, totaling more than \$300 million since Sealaska began operating;

WHEREAS, some Alaska Native Corporations outside of Southeast Alaska have expressed extreme gratitude to Sealaska Corporation because the 7(i) payments that they have received have, in many instances, kept the Corporations out of bankruptcy; and

WHEREAS, Sealaska, along with many other Alaska Native Corporations, *has yet to receive* conveyance for all of the ANCSA lands to which it is entitled; and

WHEREAS, if Sealaska does not receive conveyance of all of the lands to which it is entitled in the near term, the primary economic activity of Sealaska – logging – will cease in the near term, which will impact Southeast Alaska’s Native people, the Southeast Alaska economy, and the Alaska Native Corporations throughout the State that have come to rely upon Sealaska’s 7(i) contributions.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Southeast Conference *hereby supports the enactment by the United States Congress of a bill to complete ANCSA land entitlement to allow Sealaska to continue to help meet the economic needs of the Native people of Southeast Alaska and Alaska Native Corporations throughout the State of Alaska.*

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Southeast Conference at a meeting on this 9th day of December, 2009, with a quorum present.

ATTEST:


Maxine Thompson, President


Shelly Wright, Executive Director

Southeast Conference

RESOLUTION 10-08

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA SOLID WASTE
AUTHORITY'S FY2011 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION REQUEST FOR
ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority (SEASWA) is a Municipal Authority formed in 2009 under the guidance of Alaska Statutes 29.35.800 – 29.35.925, and

WHEREAS, the SEASWA's primary goal is to allow the communities of Southeast Alaska to work together to stabilize the cost of disposal of municipal solid waste while also supporting regional economic development, job creation/retention and environmental stewardship and education, and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Conference (SEC) has received partial Authority startup contributions from member communities, sale of the SEC Household Hazardous Waste support van and from a Denali Commission grant for a combined amount of \$126,800, which the SEC holds and administers for the SEASWA, and

WHEREAS, the SEASWA has the need to continue the work of organizing its membership, recruiting additional membership, performing research into solid waste disposal solutions and developing plans and projects to address the goals of the Authority, and

WHEREAS, the SEASWA is requesting a FY11 legislative appropriation in the amount of \$125,000 to match existing organizational grants and contributions to the Authority and to fund the Authority's three year organizational budget, and

WHEREAS, this appropriation request is within the limits of allowable appropriations that are available to newly formed municipal authorities under AS 29.05.180 and .190.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors for Southeast Conference supports the formation and organizational efforts of the SEASWA and the Authority's legislative appropriation request for fiscal year 2011.

Passed and Approved by the Southeast Conference Board of Directors on January 19, 2010.



Maxine Thompson, President

ATTEST:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

Southeast Conference

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THAYER LAKE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT ON ADMIRALTY ISLAND NATIONAL MONUMENT

Resolution 10-09

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference is the State-designated Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR), the federally-designated Economic Development District (EDD), and the federally-designated Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) for Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Each of these designations allows Southeast Conference to take an active role in regional resource management and economic development planning; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska is blessed with abundant natural resources including forests within close proximity to abundant water and energy resources, the majority of which lay within the regulatory authority of the Federal agencies including but not limited to the USDA Forest Service, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Department of Interior (Agencies); and

WHEREAS, Thayer Lake hydroelectric and transmission (Thayer Lake) is just one such project that has completed its environmental review and needs constructing; and

WHEREAS, Thayer Lake will utilize local renewable energy for the benefit of Angoon, Alaska a community that produces 100% of its energy from diesel generation; and

WHEREAS, Thayer Lake has the potential to displace almost all diesel generation and foster community economic development through a stable lower cost of power;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Southeast Conference Board of Directors after review and consideration of its Energy Committee's recommendation supports all efforts by Kootznoowoo Inc., the State of Alaska, tribal governments and the federal government and Agencies in providing funding for the construction and initial operations of Thayer Lake located near the community of Angoon on Admiralty Island.

Adopted by the Southeast Conference Board of Directors on March 3, 2010

Witnessed by:



Maxine Thompson-Board President



Shelly Wright-Executive Director

Southeast Conference

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND CONNECT EMERGING LEADERS WITHIN COMMUNITIES AND BETWEEN COMMUNITIES IN SOUTHEAST ALASKA

Resolution 10-10

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska emerging leaders recognize the generational shift that will be taking place in the region's leadership and believe that now is the time to begin building the capacity of young leaders to assume leadership roles in their communities; and

WHEREAS, across the state young leaders are supported through emerging leader groups, leadership development programs and young professional networks; and

WHEREAS, young leaders in Southeast Alaska have already begun forming community peer groups- in Petersburg, Ketchikan and Juneau – that advocate for increased civic engagement and community participation; and

WHEREAS, opportunities should be available in all of Southeast's communities for young leaders to build their capacity for leadership; and

WHEREAS, recognizing, that Southeast Conference plays an integral role in the development of advocacy for region's critical issues and serves as a platform for connecting the region's leaders to one another and the issues; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Southeast Conference shall formally develop and support a Southeast Emerging Leaders Intertie;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the goals of this group are to (1) encourage the development of emerging leaders peer groups in each of Southeast's communities; (2) serve to connect each of these community groups to each other through web-based applications and face-to-face interactions; and, (3) connect these groups of young leaders to Southeast Conference and act in an outreach and education capacity to highlight the issues Southeast Conference addresses.

Adopted by the Southeast Conference Board of Directors on March 3, 2010

Witnessed by:



Maxine Thompson-Board President



Shelly Wright-Executive Director

Southeast Conference

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE SUPPORTING CHANGES TO STATE OF ALASKA LOAN PROGRAMS THAT ASSIST COMMUNITIES IN REALIZING THE BENEFITS OF THE COMMUNITY QUOTA ENTITY PROGRAM

Resolution 10-11

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference is dedicated to promoting strong economies, healthy communities, and a quality environment in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, many communities within Southeast Alaska are dependent upon fishery resources for their livelihood and way of life; and

WHEREAS, many of these communities experience high unemployment and high cost of living, are geographically isolated, have limited economic opportunities, all of which perpetuates distressed economies; and

WHEREAS, the ability of these communities to build self-sustaining economies with their traditional commercial fisheries participation are eroded due to numerous fisheries regulatory changes, transfer of fishing rights to non-resident fishers, and the high cost of entry into commercial fishing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council established the Community Quota Entity program with the goals and purposes of allowing community quota entities (CQE's) in rural coastal communities to purchase halibut and sablefish quota shares to lease to eligible permanent residents within their community; and

WHEREAS, this program is designed to provide coastal communities with a history of commercial fishing activity renewed access to eh harvest sablefish and halibut fishery resources and provide improved economic benefits to these communities; and

WHEREAS, the communities of Angoon, Coffman Cove, Edna Bay, Elfin Cove, Gustavus, Hoonah Kake Craig, Kasaan, Klawock, Thorne Bay, Hollis, Hydaburg, Metlakatla, Meyers Chuck, Pelican, Point Baker, Port Alexander, Port Protection, Tenakee Springs, Whale Pass and Yakutat are eligible for this program in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the current financing mechanisms available through the Alaska Department of Community, Commerce, and Economic Development (DCCED) for communities to purchase CQE shares are impractical and not financially viable; and

WHEREAS, in fact, no communities in Alaska eligible for the CQE program has utilized DCCED loan programs for this purpose because existing financing options have interest rates and repayment plans that ore excessive and burdensome; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation present changes to the CQE program and DCCED funding mechanisms that build incentives for this program to be financially viable for community participation; and

Southeast Conference

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Southeast Conference urges the Alaska Legislature to pass legislation to make changes to the CQE program and DCCED funding mechanisms for the CQE program to allow economically distressed coastal communities to fully utilize this program.

Adopted by the Southeast Conference Board of Directors on March 3, 2010

Witnessed by:



Maxine Thompson-Board President



Shelly Wright-Executive Director

Southeast Conference

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR JUNEAU BROADBAND Resolution 10-12

WHEREAS, Google is planning to launch an ultrafast broadband network in one or more pilot locations in the United States that will make access to the internet faster and better by delivering Internet speeds 100 times faster than what most Americans currently have access to , with open access and a choice of service providers at competitive prices; and

WHEREAS, Google has issued a Request for Information (RFI) seeking proposals from communities across the country (due March 26, 2010) to be considered as a pilot location and the City and Borough of Juneau is applying to be selected by submitting a proposal entitled Juneau Broadband; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference is tasked with promoting strong economies, healthy communities, and a quality environment in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Juneau offers extraordinary opportunity for this project because of Alaska's reliance on telecommunications technology for government, education, telemedicine and other human services, business, research, and other applications due to its geographic isolation and the vast distances between communities within Alaska and between Juneau and the rest of the country; and

WHEREAS, Improvements in Juneau's broadband infrastructure would enable the community's high-tech, academic, business and other stakeholders to become economic leaders within Alaska and more competitive nationally and globally; and

WHEREAS, This level of improvement in Juneau's broadband infrastructure would greatly improve all forms of communications between Alaska residents and the State Legislature when in session in the Capital City, and the State administration at all times of year; and

WHEREAS, Strengthening Juneau's status as State Capital will strengthen the stability of the regional economy as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Juneau is not only the State Capital, but it is the regional center for Southeast Alaska, and many residents of communities throughout the Southeast Alaska region use business, transportation and other support services available in Juneau; and

WHEREAS, This new broadband service will strengthen Juneau's business and support sectors, and so provide better service to the region as a whole; and


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Southeast Conference nominates Juneau Broadband for Google's ultrafast broadband network and encourages other regional members and stakeholders to do the same.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE MEMBERS ON March 24, 2010.

Witnessed By:


President, Maxine Thompson

Attested by:


Executive Director, Shelly Wright

Southeast Conference

RESOLUTION 10-13

A Resolution Supporting the Alaska Offeror's Preference, & Opposing HB 225 if it eliminates the Alaska Offeror's Preference

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska currently has an ALASKA OFFEROR'S PREFERENCE (2 AAC 12.260E) providing Alaska's many small businesses and companies a "level playing field" advantage over non-Alaska companies wishing to bid on State of Alaska proposals;

WHEREAS, since the 1980's this law has helped hundreds of companies across Alaska successfully compete for Alaska procurement opportunities, created thousands of employment opportunities for Alaskans, and has allowed millions (if not billions) of state dollars to remain in Alaska;

WHEREAS, keeping Alaska jobs and state dollars in Alaska through the Alaska Offeror's Preference has been a key support mechanism for Alaska's private sector and for Alaska's economy;

WHEREAS, the multiplier effect of the dollars spent in Alaska thanks to the Alaska Offeror's Preference in Alaska has provided significant beneficial economic impacts in communities across Alaska during the last two decades;

WHEREAS, passage of HB 225 would eliminate the Alaska Offeror's Preference;

WHEREAS, HB 225 is entitled, ""An Act relating to the State Procurement Code; relating to the procurement of supplies, services, professional services, construction services, state fisheries products, state agricultural products, state timber, and state lumber; relating to procurement preferences; relating to procurement by the office of the ombudsman, the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, the Alaska Energy Authority, and other state agencies and public corporations; and providing for an effective date";

WHEREAS, the language of HB 225 is confusing as while it eliminates the highly significant Alaska Offeror's Preference, it does maintain the less advantageous Alaska Bidder's Preference (thereby reducing the overall Alaska advantage on a proposal from 12% to 2%);

WHEREAS, the removal of the Alaska Offeror's Preference would put Alaska companies at a huge disadvantage in competing against outside firms, and would result in the loss of a significant number of Alaska jobs by shipping those jobs outside Alaska.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Southeast Conference opposes passage of HB 225 if it eliminates the Alaska Offeror's Preference and changes the requirement for valid Alaska Business license at time of bid opening.

Passed and Approved by the Southeast Conference Board of Directors on April 3, 2010

Witness by:



Maxine Thompson, President

Attest:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director