Meeting called to order at 12:35pm.

Board Members Present: Doug Helton, Phil Johnson, Rick Bernhardt, Bill Lindow, Diane Durham, Joe Banta, Angela Totemoff and Chuck Meacham.

Staff Present: Katrina Hoffman and Scott Pegau.

Motion by Meacham to approve Coastal and Ocean Resources and Leigh proposals. Joe Banta second. Bernhardt requests the motion be amended to address the proposals separately and to include their dollar value.

Original motion rescinded.

Motion by Bernhardt to approve the Leigh proposal in the amount of $349,821. Lindow second.

Bernhardt: It’s important to evaluate this remediation alternative.

Lindow: reviewers really support it and it fills gaps. How does it affect our financials?

Pegau: This is in the range we were expecting and we budgeted for it. It will impact this fiscal year’s budget as well as the following two years. We don’t have any other large multi-year projects on the funding horizon right now, with the exception of possible NPRB collaborative funding (determinations for that to be completed in early May). The RFP allowed for a request up to $350K in value.

Pegau: Gives an overview of STC comments and reviews. The two proposals to the biodegradation RFP took a different slant on evaluating how well a product does bioremediation.

Banta: Research shows that evaluating bioremediation is difficult; there are issues with partial biodegradation. I’d like to know we can see that Mary Beth Leigh is up to date on that and is able to test for that.

Pegau: I thought this addresses what the degradation endpoints are.

Bernhardt: They’re going to look at contaminant levels to see how much reduction you get; but that doesn’t mean measuring different compounds that evolve.

Pegau: This study does have one of the newer systems involved.

Banta: Is Mary Beth Leigh doing this work or Kelly McFarlin?
Pegau: Mary Beth Leigh.

Bernhardt: And a new student that she would bring aboard.

Motion passes unanimously in favor of Leigh proposal.

Bernhardt: Have we funded ShoreZone work in the past? The link to OSRI's mission is not clear to me.

Hoffman: Yes, we have.

Bernhardt: That alleviates my concerns.

Johnson: Unimak pass area gets a lot of vessel traffic. High priority work.

Motion by Durham to fund ShoreZone proposal
Meacham second.
Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Lindow move to adjourn.
Banta second.
Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 1:04pm.