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Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Nushagak Cooperative Board Room, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Call to Order: Board Vice President, Henry Strub called the Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting to order on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 6:59 p.m.

Directors Present: *(Quorum Established)*

Pete Andrew, President (Zoom)
Henry Strub, Vice-President
Chris Napoli, Director
Sue Flensburg, Director

Bruce Baltar, Director
Wanda Wahl, Treasurer
Steve Noonkesser, Director
Annie Fritze, Secretary

Directors Absent: Mark Lisac, Director

Staff Present: Will Chaney, CEO/GM
Angie Venua, Comptroller (Zoom)
Angela Thames, Business Office Manager
Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist

Guests: Chandler Kemp, Asst. Professor of Sustainable Energy, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Dillingham

Approval of Agenda: Sue Flensburg motioned, and Steve Noonkesser seconded the motion to approve the January 17, 2023, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Agenda, with the following changes:

Addition to VI. Reports: D. Budget Committee

Addition to X: Director Items: **A. Call for Executive Session. AS 10.25.175 Board Meeting Open: Exceptions: Remedy (C1)** matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the public entity.

The motion carried 8-0.

Approval of Minutes: Annie Fritze motioned, and Chris Napoli seconded the motion to approve the December 20, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion carried 8-0.

Guests and Member Comments: None at this time.

Reports:

- A. Will Chaney – Submitted a written report.
- B. Angela Thames – Steve Noonkesser asked how many internet accounts we have lost to Starlink, Angela Thames answered 64 accounts as of today.
- C. Angie Venua – Submitted a written report.
- D. Budget Committee – Wanda Wahl handed out Budget Committee Notes: Division 2, Telecom, TIER is projected to fall below 1.5, the impact of Starlink, Training Budget, Pay Scales and a 3% wage increase were the bullet points of discussion.

Safety Moment: Stay Safe During and After a Winter Storm

Discussion/Review:

- A. General Board Discussion – Wanda Wahl commented that Will Chaney's one-year evaluation is due.

Wanda Wahl handed out a flyer for Employment in Electric Utilities. Wanda encouraged participation. Chandler Kemp spoke about his class Learn about Employment in Electric Utilities.

- B. General CEO Discussion – Will Chaney will be attending the Alaska Telecom Association's (ATA) Winter Conference and has been setting up additional meetings. Additional attendees will be Pete Andrew, Bruce Baltar, Sue Flensburg, and Angela Lopez.

Working with Bristol Fuels on a potential agreement to supply the propane for the Muklung Microwave Tower site.

Nushagak Cooperative was not an award recipient in phase one and two of Round 15 funding through Alaska Energy Authority (AEA). Will be in contact with AEA for phase three.

Alaska Power Association (APA) terminated its Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP) membership. Will Chaney signed a letter of support for APA.

The Budget Committee will have one more meeting prior to submitting the budget to the full Board for approval.

An Offer of Employment Letter has been sent to the potential candidate for the position of Telecom Operations Manager, he will respond when he returns to the country. Housing has been secured for this individual as well.

Will Chaney has been in contact with Tiara Turner, the General Manager of Levelock Natives Limited in preparation for the upcoming fiber project/construction season.

Action Items: None at this time.

Director Items:

- A. **Call for Executive Session. AS 10.25.175 Board Meeting Open: Exceptions: Remedy (C1)** matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the public entity.

Chris Napoli motioned, and Steve Noonkesser seconded the motion to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 8-0. The time was 7:39 pm.

Chris Napoli motioned, and Annie Fritze seconded the motion to move out of Executive Session. The motion passed 8-0. The time was 8:52 pm.

B. Future Board Items/New Business – None at this time

C. Unfinished Business – None at this time.

D. Future Meetings & Conference Dates:

1. ATA 2023 Winter Conference, Jan. 22–25, 2023, Lahaiana, Maui
2. APA Director Training, Jan. 31, 2023, Juneau, AK
3. APA State Legislative Conference, Feb. 1-2, 2023, Juneau AK
4. Nushagak Cooperative Annual Meeting, Mar. 21, 2023, Dillingham, AK
5. APA & AIE Safety Summit, April 6-7, Anchorage, AK
6. ATA Annual Meeting, May 22-24, 2023, Cordova, AK
7. APA Federal Legislative Conference, June 6-8, Washington, DC
8. APA Annual Meeting, August 2023, Valdez, AK

Adjournment: Steve Noonkesser motioned, and Wanda Wahl seconded the motion to adjourn and with no further business to come before the board, Board Vice President Henry Strub adjourned the January 17, 2023, Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting. The time was 8:54. The motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Angela Lopez 2/21/2023
Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist Date

Approved By: *Annie Fritze* 2/21/2023
Annie Fritze, Secretary Date

