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## **Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

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 18, 2022, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 7:01 p.m.

**Directors Present:** *(Quorum Established)*

Henry Strub, Vice-President (Zoom)	Annie Fritze, Secretary (Zoom)
Wanda Wahl, Treasurer (Zoom)	Bruce Baltar, Director (Zoom)
Chris Napoli, Director (Zoom)	Sue Flensburg, Director (Zoom)
Josh Bullock, Director (Zoom)	

**Directors Absent:** Pete Andrew, President  
Steve Noonkesser, Director

**Staff Present:** Robert Himschoot, CEO/GM (Zoom)  
Will Chaney, CEO/GM (Zoom)  
Angela Thames, Business Office Manager (Zoom)  
Trung Vo, Telecom Operations Manager (Zoom)  
Angie Venua, Comptroller (Zoom)  
Jim Denslinger, Electric Operations Manager (Zoom)  
Gayla Powers, HR Generalist/Executive Secretary (Zoom)

**Guests: None**

**Approval of Agenda:** Sue Flensburg motioned, and Annie Fritze seconded the motion to approve the January 18, 2022, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

**Approval of Minutes:** Bruce Baltar motioned, and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion to approve the December 15, 2021, Re-Scheduled Board Meeting with changes. The motion carried 7-0.

**Guests and Member Comments: None**

**Reports:**

- A. Will Chaney – Submitted a written report. Sue Flensburg asked about date reference in report if it should be 2022 instead of 2011. Mr. Chaney stated yes, it is a typo. Sue asked for clarification on the term campus. Will stated it was the total Nushagak compound. Mr. Chaney talked about needing upgrades and security improvements to the Nushagak facilities.
- B. Angela Thames – Submitted a written report.
- C. Trung Vo – Submitted a written report.
- D. Jim Denslinger– Submitted a written report.
- E. Angie Venua– Submitted a written report.

**Safety Moments:** Read by Will Chaney.

**Discussion/Review:**

- A. General Board Discussion Sue Flensburg stated she put her name in for the utility lectures and the date was changed. She stated that they need more participants to hold the class. Annie Fritze asked is they could offer other packages in the internet offerings. Angela Thames and Trung Vo stated that the bit buckets were implemented for this reason and there isn't enough interest in the middle ground. Chris Napoli asked what services will be brought to Manokotak. Trung Vo stated that internet will be offered. Annie Fritze thanked Gayla Powers for her years of service. Sue Flensburg asked if wording for the Nuyakuk Hydro Project be changed to Nuyakuk Hydro Proposal. Will Chaney and Henry Strub stated they had heard comments to this wording and Will stated that he is using the wording concept instead of project. Henry Strub stated that he was the (DOE) Dept. of Energy had grant money to distribute and he was wondering if Nushagak was trying for it. Will Chaney stated that Sean Eagen sent information about the grants to him. Bob Himschoot stated that he and Will are looking into it. Bob stated that Nushagak has a DOE grant at the current time, and he will look into any additional grants available.
- B. General CEO Discussion. Will Chaney gave an update on the position changes to include Angela Lopez taking over as Human Resource Generalist/Executive Secretary along with the other managerial changes. Will Chaney stated that Bryce Edgemon talked to him about possibly putting together a legislative citation for the people who participated in the storm recovery efforts and how he was impressed with the community effort and how they came together. Sue Flensburg asked about the downed trees in Nushagak's right-of-way and if people could salvage the wood. Will stated that landowners should be notified before any wood is taken. Henry Strub stated that it could be a safety issue if we allowed people in our right-of-way to salvage wood.  
Henry Strub thanked Gayla Powers for her service in helping out with the trade associations and all of her efforts while working for Nushagak and she will be missed.

**Action Items:**

**Future Board Items-**

**Unfinished Business-**

**Future Meetings & Conference Dates:**

1. ATA 2022 Winter Conference Jan 23-26. Big Island Hawaii
2. APA State Legislative Conference Jan 26-27 Juneau, Alaska
3. Northwest Hydroelectric Association Conference Feb. 23-25 Portland, OR
4. Alaska Telecom Association 2022 Annual Meeting May 23-25 Fairbanks, AK

**Adjournment-** Sue Flensburg motioned to adjourn and Bruce Baltar seconded the motion. With no further business before the board Vice-President Henry Strub adjourned the January 18, 2022, Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting at 7:38 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

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Gayla Powers, Human Resource Generalist 02/15/2022  
Date

**Approved By:**

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Annie Fritze, Secretary Date