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Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

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

MINUTES

Call to Order: Board President, Pete Andrew called the Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting to order on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 7:00 p.m.

Directors Present:

(Quorum Established)

Pete Andrew, President (phone)	Henry Strub, Vice-President, (phone)
Wanda Wahl, Treasurer (phone)	Annie Fritze, Secretary (phone)
Josh Bullock, Director (phone)	Sue Flensburg, Director (phone)
Steve Noonkesser, Director (phone)	

Directors Absent: Bruce Baltar, Director
Chris Napoli, Director

Staff Present: Robert Himschoot, CEO/GM (phone)
Trung Vo, Telecom Operations Manager (phone)
Angie Venua, Senior Accountant (phone)
Jim Denslinger, Power Plant Superintendent (phone)
Will Chaney, Electric Operations Manager (phone)
Gayla Powers, Human Resource Generalist (phone)

Guests: None

Approval of Agenda: Wanda Wahl motioned and Annie Fritze seconded the motion to approve the, January 19, 2021 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Minutes: Wanda Wahl motioned and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion to approve the December 15, 2020 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes. The motion carried 7-0.

Guests and Member Comments:

Reports:

- A. Bob Himschoot – Submitted a written report.
- B. Angie Venua – Submitted a written report.
- C. Angela Thames – Submitted a written report. Pete Andrew pointed out that the 3 incumbents up for re-election have submitted letters for intent to run for the upcoming 2021 Annual Meeting.
- D. Trung Vo – Submitted a written report.

Safety Moments: Read by Will Chaney. Wanda stated she appreciated the information.

Discussion/Review:

- A. General Board Discussion – Pete Andrew talked about the state legislature starting up that day. He stated that some bills in regard to power generation and renewable energy were pre-filed and everyone will keep up on the happenings in Juneau. He stated that it is important to be available at an instant to speak on important topics. Wanda Wahl liked in Will Chaney's report about "growing" our own local employees. Steve Noonkesser talked about CTE (Career and Technical Education) programs through the local school districts that Nushagak could use to set up work study programs so kids in high school could learn trades associated with Nushagak Coop work. Annie Fritze also stated that BBNC education foundation is a good resource and listed some names. Steve and Annie volunteered to help set up a committee to get these programs started. Bob Himschoot asked Steve and Annie to send him more information on the CTE programs.
- B. General CEO Discussion – Mr. Himschoot stated that Mr. Rovito sent out an email stating that HB56 was introduced. This bill will help protect the PCE and take it out of the PFD fund. This will eliminate the necessity for the yearly need to authorize the fund. He stated depending on how Nushagak does with the AEA Renewable Energy Fund application there may be opportunities to support the legislative budgetary process to put money into the fund to be able to fund Nushagak's application. Mr. Himschoot stated that the Reconnect Grant was resubmitted and he is waiting to hear the outcome. Mr. Himschoot stated that the Aquatic Resource Working Group will meet on Thursday and it looks like good progress is being made building a consensus within the group. They are still working on project nexus. Still on the schedule to have the consensus studies out in April/May 2021. He stated that we have not had the opportunity to fill out our PPE forgiveness. He stated that round 2 is out and just now learning what is available and he and Angie will keep an eye on it to see if there is an opportunity for Nushagak to get more of that money. Mr. Himschoot stated that he followed up with Petla Noden after the last board meeting and stated that Petla has a good basis of an idea but he needs to flesh much out before he brings it back to the board. Mr. Himschoot gave an update on the planning of the upcoming annual meeting.

Action Items:

- A. **Resolution 2021-01 Wells Fargo Credit Card Holders** Sue Flensburg motioned to approve Resolution 2021-01 and Wanda Wahl seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

- B. **Recommend adding Bylaw Proposition 1 to 2021 Nushagak Cooperative Annual Meeting Ballot for Member Vote.** Steve Noonkesser motioned to approve adding Proposition 1 to the 2021 Annual Meeting Ballot and Wanda Wahl seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

- C. **Recommend adding Bylaw Proposition 2 to 2021 Nushagak Cooperative Annual Meeting Ballot for Member Vote.** Steve Noonkesser motioned to approve adding Proposition 2 to the 2021 Annual Meeting Ballot and Wanda Wahl seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Future Board Items- Sue Flensburg asked about any plans on resurrecting the implementation of a board policy manual. Mr. Himschoot stated that he will talk to Andy Leman to get this restarted at a later date in 2021.

Unfinished Business-

Future Meetings & Conference Dates:

Adjournment- With no further business before the board Pete Andrew President adjourned the January 19, 2021 Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Gayla Powers, Human Resource Generalist

02/16/2021

Date

Approved By:

Annie Fritze, Secretary

Date