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

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

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, February 15, 2022, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 7:01 p.m.

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

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

**Directors Absent:** Steve Noonkesser, Director

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

**Guests: None**

**Approval of Agenda:** Wanda Wahl motioned, and Henry Strub seconded the motion to approve the February 15, 2022, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting agenda. The motion carried 8-0.

**Approval of Minutes:** Wanda Wahl motioned, and Henry Strub seconded the motion to approve the January 18, 2022, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting with changes. The motion carried 8-0.

**Guests and Member Comments: None**

**Reports:**

- A. Will Chaney – Submitted a written report. Annie Fritze asked what is the SWASHP grant that was referenced in Will Chaney’s report. Southwest Alaska Salmon Habitat Partnership is a grant issued by Alaska Department of Fish & Game. Nushagak did not receive funds directly, but through a partnership with National Marine Fisheries Services to complete a Climate Change Study. Henry Strub gave an update on the Virtual Legislative Conference that he and Will Chaney attended. Mr. Strub reported that all the bills will die with this session and will have to be resubmitted next session, but believes we are in a good position.
- B. Angela Thames – Submitted a written report.
- C. Trung Vo – Submitted a written report. Annie Fritze asked when will NETC resume their work in Manokotak. Trung shared that the projects in Manokotak, as well as the ones in Ekuk/Clarks Point, will resume this spring. Annie Fritze also asked if there are any plans in place for the Muklung Tower, as well as training an individual for the Levelock Tower. Trung Vo explained that the Muklung Tower issues that Nushagak has experienced can be very challenging therefore requiring technicians with specific certifications in order to resolve the issue. Nushagak is looking into hiring a local agent for the Levelock Tower, however that may be challenging as well because the tower is not located in the village.
- D. Jim Denslinger– Submitted a written report.
- E. Angie Venua– Submitted a written report.

**Safety Moments:** Read by Jim Denslinger.

**Discussion/Review:**

- A. General Board Discussion – Wanda Wahl asked if the website still needs to be updated from Nuyakuk Hydro Project to Nuyakuk Hydro Proposal; Will Chaney and Sue Flensburg confirmed it should be corrected to Concept, not Proposal. Pete Andrew brought up the SWAMC meeting in Anchorage in March and asked if anyone else would like to attend. Will Chaney also mentioned that he and Bob Himschoot will be attending meetings with Larry Markley in Juneau at the beginning of March; Henry Strub mentioned that he would be interested in attending. Peter Andrew mentioned that he received his Annual Meeting Ballot in the mail today and thanked the board members for running again, as well as wishing them good luck.
- B. General CEO Discussion – Will Chaney gave praise to Ryan Luiten for completing his apprenticeship and tested out. Mr. Luiten will continue to gain time and experience for his state exam. Mr. Chaney also mentioned that the BBNA Appreciation Dinner is still something that we are working on and that the BBNC Training Without Walls Application has been submitted. On February 28<sup>th</sup> the auditors will be on site. Mr. Chaney reported that time-lapse cameras has been ordered for the Nuyakuk site and plan to get them installed

this spring. Mr. Chaney shared with the board that Trung Vo has some information he would like to share. Mr. Vo reported that as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Communications Supervisor Emil “Dang-It” Sorensen will have retired after 37 years at Nushagak Cooperative. The position will be opened internally first. Mr. Vo also mentioned that Ryan Savo might transition to Division 2. The Board and Management agree that Emil Sorensen is well deserving of public recognition for his years of accomplishment, weather it be at the Annual Meeting or at an employee event.

**Action Items** – None at this time

**Future Board Items** – None at this time.

**Unfinished Business** – None at this time.

**Future Meetings & Conference Dates:**

1. 2022 Directors Conference (NRECA) April 2–5 Austin, TX
2. Alaska Telecom Association 2022 Annual Meeting May 23-25 Fairbanks, AK
3. Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference May 24 – 26 Anchorage, AK
4. APA Federal Legislative Conference June 7 – 9 Washington DC
5. Industry Pathways to Sustainability Conference July 27 – 29 Cordova AK

**Adjournment-** Henry Strub motioned to adjourn and Wanda Wahl seconded the motion. With no further business before the board President Pete Andrew adjourned the February 15, 2022, Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting at 7:41 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

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Angela Lopez, Human Resource Generalist/Executive Secretary

04/19/2022

Date

**Approved By:**

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Annie Fritze, Secretary

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Date