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Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 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, February 16, 2021 in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 7:04 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)
Chris Napoli, Director (phone)	Bruce Baltar, Director (phone)

Directors Absent:

Steve Noonkesser, 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: Josh Bailey, Aldrich

Approval of Agenda: Wanda Wahl motioned, and Henry Strub seconded the motion to approve the February 16, 2021 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting agenda. The motion carried 8-0.

Approval of Minutes: Sue Flensburg motioned, and Wanda Wahl seconded the motion to approve the January 19, 2021 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes with changes. The motion carried 8-0.

**Guests and Member Comments:
Reports:**

- A. Bob Himschoot – Submitted a written report. Wanda Wahl asked how the Reconnect Grant would affect Nushagak’s goal for the Alaska Plan and Bob stated that it put us way ahead. Wanda also asked how not receiving the full USDA grant will impact the plans for the supplemental heat project. Bob stated that it will be scaled back to only replacing the current system but not expanding it. Wanda also gave kudos to the linecrew for the praise received in a letter sent from BBAHC’s CEO Robert Clark about their timely response during one of their outages. Henry Strub asked what grant we will use to pay for the environmental studies of the new proposed project. Bob answered that if Nushagak accepts the CFC loan funds it will come from there and if the loan is not accepted it will come from cash and Nushagak’s Line of Credit. Sue Flensburg asked if it felt frustrating after looking at the comments on the AYCG application where no explanation was given for denying the grant. Bob stated that after talking to the grant administrator she stated that there were many applications, and it was basically a lottery who was approved or not and that many were only given partial approval.
- B. Angela Thames – Submitted a written report.
- C. Trung Vo – Submitted a written report. Chris Napoli thanked Trung Vo for the pictures in his report of the Muklung hills. Henry Strub asked Trung Vo if others were reporting issues with email as he has been having issues. Trung Vo asked Henry to call the office the following day and they would investigate his issues.
- D. Jim Denslinger– Submitted a written report. Chris Napoli thanked Jim Denslinger and Will Chaney for spelling out acronyms in their reports.
- E. Will Chaney– Submitted a written report.
- F. Angie Venua– Submitted a written report. Chris Napoli asked about for an explanation for the seemingly high past due amounts reported in the financials. Angie stated that it being winter and unable to cut people off and COVID have been a direct result. Mr. Himschoot stated he would get with Angela Thames and Angie and get a full detail of the causes.

Safety Moments: Read by Will Chaney.

Discussion/Review:

- A. General Board Discussion – Annie Fritze asked when the board thought we would start meeting in person since most everyone has received their COVID vaccines. Pete Andrew stated that we will continue to follow the state guidelines and it could be a while yet and the Zoom meetings seem to be going well. Henry Strub stated that he attended the APA annual meeting and Wanda Wahl stated she attended the ATA winter conference meeting via Zoom, and they worked out well. Henry Strub stated that the APA had a government affairs meeting via Zoom about prop 69 on limiting independent power producers.

- B. General CEO Discussion – Mr. Himschoot asked the board to consider a planning workshop in the near future to go over grants and movement on the hydro project. The board stated that they felt it should happen before the annual meeting. Bob stated that he will get one set.

- C. Josh Baily from Aldrich gave a pre-audit update to the board and asked if the board had any areas of concern that they felt may need to be addressed. Pete Andrew thanked Josh and stated that the board was confident in Aldrich’s findings.

Action Items:

- A. **Resolution 2021-01 Patronage Capital-Early Retirement of Estates** Sue Flensburg motioned to approve Resolution 2021-01 and Wanda Wahl seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

Future Board Items-

Unfinished Business-

Future Meetings & Conference Dates:

Adjournment- Wanda Wahl motioned to adjourn and with no further business before the board President Pete Andrew adjourned the February 16, 2021 Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Gayla Powers, Human Resource Generalist 03/16/2021
Date

Approved By:

Annie Fritze, Secretary Date