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Board of Directors Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

800 Kenny Wren Road

Nushagak Cooperative Conference Room

MINUTES

Call to Order: Board President Pete Andrew called the Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting to order on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 6:10 p.m. *Delayed due to technical difficulties.

Directors Present: *(Quorum Established)*

Pete Andrew, President
Annie Fritze, Secretary <Zoom>
Wanda Wahl, Treasurer <Zoom 6:41pm>
Sue Flensburg, Director
Bruce Baltar, Director
Jean Barrett, Director
Mark Lisac, Director
Cade Woods, Director

Directors Absent: Henry Strub, Vice President

Staff Present: Will Chaney, CEO/GM
Deon Lopez, Comptroller
Michael Timmerman, Telecom Operations Manager
Angela Thames, Business Office Manager
Angela Lopez, HR Generalist/Executive Director

Guests: Anna Sattler, Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy
Todd Halvorsen, Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy
Josh Bullock, DCSD Director of Technology
Kevin McCambly, Member
Robyn Chaney, Member

Approval of Agenda: Mark Lisac motioned, and Annie Fritze seconded the motion to approve the February 17, 2026, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Agenda.

The motion carried 7-0

Approval of Minutes: Sue Flensburg motioned, and Bruce Baltar seconded the motion to approve the January 20, 2026, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.

The motion carried 7-0

Guests and Member Comments: Will Chaney introduced Anna Sattler and Todd Halvorsen from the Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy. Mr. Halvorsen provided an overview of his experience in developing and financing clean energy projects. He noted that the Department of Energy's Office of Energy Dominance Financing currently has \$20 billion available, with only one deployment in the past four years. He discussed potential partnership opportunities with tribal entities that could help access these funds to support the Nuyakuk Hydro concept. Continued discussions between the cooperative and the Alliance about potential funding and support services will shape future planning efforts.

Kevin McCambly – No comments.

Robyn Chaney – No comments.

Josh Bullock – No comments.

Reports:

- A. Will Chaney, CEO/GM – No questions at this time.
- B. Michael Timmerman, Telecom Operations Manager – Annie Fritze inquired about the number of internet accounts added since the introduction of the fiber packages. Mr. Timmerman reported that three new accounts had been connected.

Mrs. Fritze further inquired about the new opportunities referenced by Mr. Timmerman in his written report regarding the ATA Winter Conference. Mr. Timmerman explained that these opportunities consisted of meetings with potential vendors and establishing connections with other industry representatives.

Mark Lisac requested additional information regarding the FAA line item referenced in Mr. Timmerman's written report. Mr. Timmerman explained that the FAA is in the process of upgrading and expanding its AWOS infrastructure in Alaska, with the system transitioning from copper to fiber technology. He further noted that the upgrade will not be difficult to complete.

C. Electric Operations Manager (vacant) – No questions at this time.

D. Deon Lopez, Comptroller – Mrs. Fritze requested confirmation of the date on which Aldrich would present the financial audit, noting that the audit is customarily presented at the Annual Meeting. Mr. Lopez confirmed that Chris Lallish with Aldrich will call in and present the Financial Audit at the April board meeting.

Mrs. Fritze requested additional information regarding Mr. Lopez's suggestion to form a committee focused on recruitment and retention strategies. Mr. Lopez clarified that such a committee does not necessarily need to be a board-level committee; rather, he was identifying an organizational need and expressing his willingness to participate in its work. Mrs. Fritze added that additional work is needed to establish summer internship opportunities for students and stated that she is awaiting additional information to proceed. Will Chaney will be sure to get Mrs. Fritze the information that she is requesting.

Mrs. Fritze would like to know what steps need to be taken to address the Division #2 Patronage Capital/Margins Y-T-D Budget deficit of **(\$593,743)**. Mr. Lopez explained that the Budget column of the report was based on the previous year's figures, which included estimated revenue from services that weren't generating as much as anticipated. In the Y-T-D Current column is the actual **(\$338,185)**. To reduce the deficit, an increase in revenue will be required. Mrs. Fritze inquired whether a Finance Committee meeting would be scheduled to address the issue. It was noted that once the draft 2026 budget is completed, the Budget Committee will address the deficit during its meeting(s).

E. Angela Thames, Business Office Manager – No questions at this time.

Call for executive session. Executive Session. AS 10.25.175 Board Meetings Open; Exceptions; Remedy. (C1) matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the cooperative; to discuss Broadband Internet Package Pricing.

Jean Barrett motioned, and Mark Lisac seconded the motion to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 7-0. The time was 7:09 pm.

Jean Barrett motioned, and Mark Lisac seconded the motion to move out of Executive Session. The motion passed 7-0. The time was 7:57 pm.

Safety Moment: Work Safe – Slips Trips & Falls was self-read.

Discussion/Review:

- A. **General Board Discussion** – Board President, Pete Andrew, thanked Will Chaney and Mark Lisac for attending the APA State Legislative Session in Juneau, and then followed up with a verbal report on his attendance at the ATA Winter Conference in Poipu, HI.

Mr. Andrew mentioned that the Annual Meeting is approaching. Angela Thames, Business Office Manager, confirmed that the meeting will be held on April 8, with registration beginning at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Thames provided a brief update on the timeline of completed tasks and the remaining checklist items still requiring attention.

Mr. Andrew requested an update from Comptroller Deon Lopez on the status of the 2026 Budget. Mr. Lopez reported that a draft budget should be ready for board review within the next one or two board meetings.

Mr. Andrew asked for an update on Lineman Apprentice, W. Chris Williams. Mr. Chaney reported that Mr. Williams is about to complete year three, with one year to go. In his third year, Mr. Williams is considered a Hot Apprentice, which means he has been working on jobs and projects more frequently and has been the initial responder to outages.

Mark Lisac commended Mr. Chaney for his representation of Nushagak at the APA State Legislative Session and offered an overview of his experience during the conference. Mr. Lisac's key takeaway was that the PCE subsidy is underfunded by \$4 million and may be prorated by 2027, potentially reducing subsidies for the cooperative.

- B. **General CEO Discussion** –

A leak has been identified in the supplemental heat system, affecting the well capacity. As a result, we have been unable to supply supplemental heat to the businesses connected to this system. The City of Dillingham was already working with ARWA (Alaska Rural Water Associates), which was in town with leak-detection equipment, and they have begun assisting us in locating the source of the leak. The fix is anticipated to be complete by weeks end.

There was an electric outage on February 10th, the initial reported cause was the fuel system on Unit 10, but the actual problem was the stator on the generator. Circuit 4 was lost for 36 minutes due to underfrequency. Ran affected 3 phase, verified safe, and brought back online with other generators.

Inspection reports for tanks #2 & #4 have been received, and both tanks are recertified until July 2028.

Action Items: None at this time.


Director Items:

- A. Future Board Items/New Business – None at this time.
- B. Unfinished Business – None at this time.
- C. Future Meetings & Conference Dates:
 - 1. WAISC, April 7 – 9, 2026, Bethel, AK
 - 2. AK Sustainable Energy Conference, May 19 – 21, 2026, Anchorage, AK
 - 3. ATA Annual Meeting, May 19 – 21, 2026, Valdez, AK
 - 4. APA Federal Legislative Conference, June 2 – 4, 2026, Washington DC
 - 5. APA 75th Annual Meeting, September 29 – October 2, 2026, Anchorage, AK
 - 6. AK Rural Energy Conference, October 27 – 29, 2026, Fairbanks, AK

Adjournment: Mark Lisac motioned, and Bruce Baltar seconded the motion to adjourn. With no further business to come before the board, Board President Pete Andrew adjourned the February 17, 2026, Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting. The time was 8:25 pm.

The motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist



3/17/2026
Date

Approved By:



Annie Fritze, Secretary

3/17/2026
Date