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Board of Directors Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 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 20, 2024, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 6:11 p.m.

Directors Present: *(Quorum Established)*

Pete Andrew, President
Annie Fritze, Secretary (Zoom in at 6:16)
Bruce Baltar, Director
Sue Flensburg, Director
James Hall, Director
Mark Lisac, Director

Directors Absent: Henry Strub, Vice President
Wanda Wahl, Treasurer
Jean Barrett, Director

Staff Present: Will Chaney, CEO/GM
Dennis Payne, Telecom Operations Manager
Joel Collins, Electric Operations Manager
Angela Thames, Business Office Manager
Angela Lopez, HR Generalist/Executive Secretary

Guests: N/A

Approval of Agenda: Sue Flensburg motioned, and Mark Lisac seconded the motion to approve the February 20, 2024, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Agenda, with the following changes:

Addition to VIII. Discussion/Review Items:

D. Call for Executive Session. AS 10.25.175 Board Meeting Open:
Exceptions: Remedy (C1) matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the public entity.

The motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes: Bruce Baltar motioned, and James Hall seconded the motion to approve the January 16, 2024, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.

The motion carried 5-0.

Guests and Member Comments: None at this time.

Reports:

- A. Will Chaney – No questions at this time.
- B. Dennis Payne – Mr. Payne had an additional comment to add to his report. Michael Timmerman has passed his most recent test and is now a certified Telecom Specialist. Congratulations, Michael.
- C. Joel Collins – No questions at this time.
- D. Angela Thames – No questions at this time.
- E. Angie Venua – No questions at this time.

Safety Moment: Work Safe: Housekeeping and Accidents was read by Will Chaney.

Discussion/Review:

- A. 2022 Single Audit Report (Final) – Documents were distributed to the board.
- B. General Board Discussion – Pete Andrew thanked the board and staff for their availability and participation during the Strategic Planning Session.

Mr. Andrew presented board member, Mark Lisac with his Certificate for becoming a Credential Cooperative Director. Congratulations, Mark.

Mr. Andrew would like to see more information communicated to the public about both the Nuyakuk Hydro Project and the Fiber Build Project. Mark Lisac suggested that a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) could be helpful. Bruce Baltar noted that information should contain why these projects are beneficial or more advantageous to the membership. Sue Flensburg added that it is essential that the key points be identified and explained in a way that speaks to multiple audiences. Dennis Payne suggested that, in addition to the FAQ's or White Paper, that a multimedia presentation be available as well.

- C. General CEO Discussion –

Nuyakuk Hydro Update:

Will Chaney gave a brief rundown of the meetings that he has participated in this last month, including the Recreational, Terrestrial, Cultural and Substance Technical Working Groups.

The Initial Study Report (ISR) comment period ended today, 02/20/24, 24 comments were posted to the FERC website.

A request for a Letter of Support for the Nuyakuk Hydro Concept was sent to surrounding communities that may benefit from the potential project.

Fiber Project Update:

Drafting an Agreement between Nushagak and Levelock Natives Limited.

A meeting is scheduled with Ekwok Natives Limited's attorney to discuss the land use agreement.

Other:

Management is tracking the current price of fuel as well as the geopolitical events that could impact the overall price.

Will Chaney, Joel Collins and W. Chris Williams responded to three (3) snow related outages over the past weekend.

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Sue Flensburg motioned, and James Hall seconded the motion to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 6-0. The time was 7:11 pm.

Sue Flensburg motioned, and James Hall seconded the motion to move out of Executive Session. The motion passed 6-0. The time was 7:42 pm.

Action Items:

- A. Approve Resolution 2024 – 02 Tariff Changes – Broadband Packages.** Sue Flensburg motioned to approve Resolution 2024 – 02 and Mark Lisac seconded the motion.

The motion carried 6-0.

- B. Approve Resolution 2024 – 03 Authorizing Repayment in Partial of Outstanding Electric Division Indebtedness.** Mark Lisac motioned to approve Resolution 2024 – 03 and James Hall seconded the motion.

The motion carried 6-0.

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. CFC KRTA & Strategic Planning Workshop, February 15 – 16, Dillingham, AK
2. APA Safety Summit, March 14 – 15, Anchorage, AK
3. NETC 2024 Annual Meeting, April 2, 2024, Dillingham, AK
4. ATA Annual Meeting 75th Anniversary, May 20 – 22, Anchorage, AK
5. Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference, May 20 – 23, Anchorage, AK
6. APA Federal Legislative Conference, June 4 – 6, Washington, DC
7. APA & ARECA Annual Meeting, September 10 – 13, Fairbanks, AK

Adjournment: Sue Flensburg motioned, and James Hall seconded the motion to adjourn and with no further business to come before the board, Board President Pete Andrew adjourned the February 20, 2024, Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting. The time was 7:50 pm.

The motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Angela Lopez 3/19/2024
Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist Date

Approved By:

Annie Fritze 3/19/2024
Annie Fritze, Secretary Date

