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Board of Directors Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 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, April 15, 2025, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 6:01 p.m.

Directors Present: *(Quorum Established)*

Pete Andrew, President	Jean Barrett, Director
Henry Strub, Vice President	Mark Lisac, Director <Zoom>
Wanda Wahl, Director	Cade Woods, Director
Sue Flensburg, Director <Zoom>	

Directors Absent: Annie Fritze, Secretary
James Hall, Treasurer

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

Guests: Chris Lallish, Aldrich CPA <Zoom>

Approval of Agenda: Wanda Wahl motioned, and Jean Barrett seconded the motion to approve the April 15, 2025, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Agenda with the following modification:

Move From:

VIII. Discussion/Review Items:

B. Elect Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer

Move To:

IV. Elect Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer

The motion carried 7-0

Elect Officers: Sue Flensburg motioned to keep the current officers as they are seated, and Mark Lisac seconded the motion.

The motion carried 7-0

Approval of Minutes: Sue Flensburg motioned, and Jean Barrett seconded the motion to approve the March 18, 2025, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.

The motion carried 7-0

Guests and Member Comments: No comments made.

Reports:

- A. Chris Lallish, Aldrich CPA – Mr. Lallish gave a presentation on the financial statement audit for the year ending December 31, 2024, which is still in draft form. He reports an unmodified opinion, indicating that the financial statements are materially correct and are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The audit reveals a decrease in accounts receivable, fuel inventory, and line of credit balance, while the equity balance decreased due to a net loss in 2024. Mr. Lallish also highlights changes in the Alaska Plan, which will result in increased revenue for the Cooperative starting in 2025.
- B. Will Chaney, CEO/GM – Jean Barrett inquired if there has been any advancement in filling the Electric Operations Manager position. Mr. Chaney stated that the position is still unfilled; however, both the Apprentice Telephone Technician and Power Plant Operator positions have been filled.

- C. Michael Timmerman, Telecom Operations Manager – No questions at this time.
- D. Electric Operations Manager (vacant) – No questions at this time.
- E. Deon Lopez, Comptroller – No questions at this time.
- F. Angela Thames, Business Office Manager – No questions at this time.

Safety Moment: Work Safe: Hand Safety read by Will Chaney.

Discussion/Review:

- A. Member Appreciation Day – August 15, 2025, was the date chosen for this year's Member Appreciation Day.
- B. General Board Discussion – Mark Lisac brought up the need for low-price packaging for the new fiber services that Nushagak will be offering, and how that could be used to incentivize members to leave Starlink and return to Nushagak. Will Chaney mentioned the need to factor in debt service for the loans associated with their current internet services, but noted that the revenue from the new fiber utility could help control costs. Michael Timmerman discussed the upcoming realistic number for packages and the potential offset. He also mentioned the high cost of licensing and the benefits of fiber over satellite. Mr. Timmerman explained the process of speed performance testing and the need for it. He also highlighted the latency difference between satellite and fiber, which could be a selling point.

Mr. Timmerman discussed the ongoing projects and their progress, including the delay of the BEAD applications to August.

Cade Woods shared that he is an employee of Vitus, which may cause a Conflict of Interest for certain topics.
- C. General CEO Discussion – Will Chaney discusses issues with fuel delivery and tank maintenance, particularly focusing on Tank 4, which has contaminated fuel. Currently awaiting test results to determine if the contamination is biological, which will inform their decision on whether to take a spring fuel delivery or clean the tank first.

Mr. Chaney also reports on the recent annual meeting, which had approximately 80 attendees and received positive feedback about the hydro project. Mr. Chaney expressed gratitude to the board and employees for their participation in the Annual Meeting. He also thanked outgoing board member Bruce Baltar for his years of service as a Board of Director and welcomed Cade Woods.

Mr. Chaney discussed the progress of various projects, including the setup of fiber splicing training and the resolution of the river crossing issue. He also mentioned the ongoing single-state audits and the need for a cost service study. Mr. Chaney emphasized the importance of keeping rates low and the potential for a rate increase.

Action Items:

Adopt Board Capital Credits Policy – Wanda Wahl motioned, and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion to adopt the Board Capital Credits Policy.

The motion carried 7-0

Director Items:

- A. Future Board Items/New Business – None at this time.
- B. Unfinished Business – Pete Andrew asked when the board could expect to receive the 2025 budget. Deon Lopez explained that the budget process is being revamped, but there have been many obstacles. As a result, they had to change course and return to the previous process, which is causing the delay.
- C. Future Meetings & Conference Dates:
 - 1. ATA Annual Meeting, May 12 – 14, 2025, Kodiak, AK
 - 2. AK Sustainability Energy Conference, June 2 – 5, 2025, Anchorage, AK
 - 3. APA Federal Legislative conference, June 3 – 5, 2025, Washington DC
 - 4. APA & AIE Annual Meeting, Aug 5 – 8, 2025, Cordova, AK
 - 5. Reschedule the “Board of Directors Regular Scheduled Board Meeting” from June 17, 2025, to June 10, 2025. July’s meeting will remain as scheduled, and a poll will be taken at the beginning of July to determine if a quorum will be met.

Adjournment: Wanda Wahl motioned, and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion to adjourn and with no further business to come before the board, Board President Pete Andrew adjourned the April 15, 2025, Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting. The time was 7:53 pm.

The motion carried 7-0.


Respectfully Submitted By:



Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist

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5/20/2025
Date

Approved By:



Annie Fritze, Secretary

5/27/2025
Date

