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Board of Directors Rescheduled Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Nushagak Cooperative Conference Room

MINUTES

Call to Order: Board President, Pete Andrew called the Rescheduled Board of Directors Meeting to order on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 6:00 p.m.

Directors Present: *(Quorum Established)*

Pete Andrew, President
Annie Fritze, Secretary
Wanda Wahl, Treasurer
Sue Flensburg, Director

Steve Noonkesser, Director (Zoom)
Bruce Baltar, Director
Mark Lisac, Director
Jean Barrett, Director (Zoom)

Directors Absent: Henry Strub, Vice-President

Staff Present: Will Chaney, CEO/GM (Zoom)
Angela Thames, Business Office Manager
Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist

Guests: Chandler Kemp, Assistant Professor at UAF Bristol Bay Campus

Approval of Agenda: Sue Flensburg motioned, and Mark Lisac seconded the motion to approve the April 25, 2023, Rescheduled Board Meeting Agenda, with the following changes:

Addition to V. Introduction of Guests and Member Comments

A. Chandler Kemp, Assistant Professor at UAF Bristol Bay Campus

Addition to VII. Discussion/Review Items:

- A. General Board Discussion
 - a. Scholarship Committee
 - b. Budget

The motion carried 8-0.

Approval of Minutes: Sue Flensburg motioned, and Bruce Baltar seconded the motion to approve the February 21, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.

The motion carried 8-0.

Guests and Member Comments: Wanda Wahl introduced Chandler Kemp, Assistant Professor at UAF Bristol Bay Campus. Mr. Kemp gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Bristol Bay Campus Solar Installation: Specifications, Costs and Performance.

Reports:

- A. Will Chaney – Mark Lisac asked if the Special Use Permit through DNR was approved, Mr. Chaney responded that DNR was requesting more information and the permit was not approved at this time.

Mark Lisac asked for an update on the cost escalation/inflation for the Fiber Project. Mr. Chaney explained that the bid package is still being put together, that the costs of materials have yet to be finalized.

- B. Angela Thames – Mark Lisac asked why is PBS off the air. Mrs. Thames stated that the smart box was reset, and that the PBS channel was up and running as of Thursday, April 20th but that Lifetime was now missing. Mrs. Thames explained that the technicians have been troubleshooting the equipment and that additional troubleshooting will continue when the Telecom Operations Manager is on staff, starting May 1, 2023.
- C. Angie Venua – No questions were asked.

Safety Moment: April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month was read by Will Chaney

Discussion/Review:

- A. General Board Discussion
 - a. Scholarship Committee – Annie Fritze suggested Linda Henry with DCSD and Rachel Tilden with BBEDC join the Scholarship Committee to fill the vacant positions that were held by Janice Bullock with DCSD and Laticia Swift with BBEDC. Angela Lopez will contact the individuals to see if they would like to join the NETC Scholarship Committee. Sue Flensburg volunteered to fill the position that was vacated by former board member Chris Napoli.

- b. Budget – Pete Andrew would like to revisit the Operating Budget at next month's board meeting.

Pete Andrew gave an update on the Washington DC Legislative Session that he and Will Chaney attended. Mr. Andrew & Mr. Chaney were able to meet with the EPA, USDA, and the offices of Senator Lisa Murkowski, Senator Dan Sullivan and Representative Mary Peltola.

Wanda Wahl thanked the staff for a good job at the Annual Meeting last month.

Wanda Wahl would like to see more efforts put into working with the membership when clearing Right-of-Ways for members who do not have legal Right-of-Ways.

- B. General CEO Discussion – Will Chaney shared his appreciation of the staff for their involvement and the success of the first in-person Annual Meeting since Covid.

Tyke Olson resigned from his position of Line Superintendent effective April 18, 2023. Ryan Luiten, Apprentice Lineman is in the process of getting his State of Alaska Certificate of Fitness to transition to Journeyman Lineman, until then Will Chaney will use his Certificate of Fitness for line operations. The job descriptions for both the Line Superintendent and Electric Operations Manager are being reviewed and the open positions will be advertised.

Will Chaney gave an update on the recent Legislative Session in Washinton DC that he attended with Pete Andrew.

Working with Egli Air Haul to deliver a short full propane delivery that should last until the fall, at which point a full fill will be delivered.

A commitment for 200,000 gallons, at \$3.13/gal, of diesel was secured, this amount of diesel will aid in a tank cleaning and inspection that will take place later this summer, a full fill tank delivery will be scheduled for this fall.

Mr. Chaney will be attending New CEO training, held by NRECA, in Virginia followed by the Alaska Telecom Assoc. Annual Meeting in Cordova, AK in the month of May.

The City of Dillingham Nerka Road Project has begun, there are minimal conflicts with the communications plant. Bristol Engineering Services Company, LLC, the Contractors who will be completing the project, has hired contractors to address and fix the communications conflicts that may arise.

Action Items:

- A. **Approve Resolution 2023 – 01 Wells Fargo Credit Card Holders** Sue Flensburg motioned to approve Resolution 2023-01, with the following changes: to strike Tyke Olson's name from the list, and Wanda Wahl seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.
- B. **Approve Resolution 2023 – 02 Authorization for Wells Fargo Bank Signatures** Sue Flensburg motioned to approve Resolution 2023-02 and Wanda Wahl seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.
- C. **Approve Resolution 2023 – 03 Authorization for Wells Fargo Bank Signatures** Sue Flensburg motioned to approve Resolution 2023-03 and Wanda Wahl seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.
- D. **Approve Resolution 2023 – 04 Authorization for Key Investment Services** Sue Flensburg motioned to approve Resolution 2023-04 and Wanda Wahl seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

Director Items:

- A. Future Board Items/New Business – Annie Fritze recommended that the Regular Scheduled Meetings be held at 6 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. Bruce Baltar noted that a Resolution must be brought to the board for approval. Angela Lopez will include the Resolution in next month's board packet.
- B. Unfinished Business – None at this time.
- C. Future Meetings & Conference Dates:
 - 1. Nushagak Cooperative Annual Meeting, March 21, 2023, Dillingham, AK
 - 2. APA & AIE Safety Summit, April 6-7, Anchorage, AK
 - 3. NWPPA Annual Conference, May 14-17, 2023, Anchorage, AK
 - 4. Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference, May 22-25, 2023, Anchorage, AK
 - 5. ATA Annual Meeting, May 22-24, 2023, Cordova, AK
 - 6. APA Federal Legislative Conference, June 6-8, Washington, DC
 - 7. APA Annual Meeting, August 2023, Valdez, AK

Adjournment: Sue Flensburg motioned, and Annie Fritze seconded the motion to adjourn and with no further business to come before the board, Board President Pete Andrew adjourned the April 25, 2023, Rescheduled Board of Directors Meeting. The time was 7:17 pm. The motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist

5/16/2023

Date

Approved By:



Annie Fritze, Secretary

5/16/2023

Date