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Board of Directors Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

800 Kenny Wren Road

Nushagak Cooperative Conference Room

MINUTES

Call to Order: Board Vice President, Henry Strub, called the Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting to order on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 6:00 p.m.

Directors Present: *(Quorum Established)*

Pete Andrew, President (Zoom)	Sue Flensburg, Director
Henry Strub, Vice President	Mark Lisac, Director
James Hall, Treasurer	Wanda Wahl, Director (Zoom)
Bruce Baltar, Director (Zoom 6:04)	

Directors Absent: Annie Fritze, Secretary
Jean Barrett, Director

Staff Present: Will Chaney, CEO/GM
Joel Collins, Electric Operations Manager
Angela Lopez, HR Generalist/Executive Secretary
Deon Lopez, Senior Accountant

Guests:

Approval of Agenda: Sue Flensburg motioned, and James Hall seconded the motion to approve the May 21, 2024, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Agenda as submitted.

The motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Minutes: James Hall motioned, and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion to approve the April 16, 2024, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes and the May 10, 2024, Special Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.

The motion carried 6-0.

Guests and Member Comments: N/A

Reports:

- A. Will Chaney – Sue Flensburg congratulated Mr. Chaney for graduating from Training Without Walls (TWOW).

Mr. Chaney gave a verbal report on his recent trip to Washington DC. One of the challenges that has been identified is that funding is available for “shovel-ready” projects, however; Nushagak is still in the study phase of the Hydro Concept, so funding isn’t readily available. It is possible that another trip to Washinton DC will be made in June.

Sue Flensburg asked if the Easement Agreement between the City of Dillingham and GCI had been finalized. Mr. Chaney confirmed that the agreement is final.

James Hall asked if the large commercial past due accounts have been paid and asked for an update on the deposit policy. Mr. Chaney said payment has not been received and that with the change in ownership a significant deposit will be collected. The deposit appears to be in pending status in the banking portal. Assessing late fees and disconnect for non-payment procedures were also discussed briefly.

Mark Lisac inquired about the possibility of providing Wi-Fi at the airport and other locations around town; this was a proposed opportunity that was discussed at prior board meetings. Mr. Chaney explained that this service will not be available this summer.

- B. Dennis Payne – Mark Lisac asked for information and clarification on funding for Fiber to the Home in Dillingham. Mr. Chaney explained that due to delays and added expenses and other unforeseen hurdles, funding to provide fiber to the home will not be completed this construction season; however, broadband over coax will be available.

Bruce Baltar inquired about bullet point #4 under Division #2 in Mr. Payne’s written report. An easement issue that TempTel (the Engineering Firm) has experienced. Mr. Payne was not in attendance and was unable to answer Mr. Baltar’s questions, but Mr. Chaney spoke to what he thought the issue may be.

Mark Lisac would like to congratulate Dennis Payne on the 100% score the Cooperative received in identifying phishing emails and gave thanks for the continued training.

- C. Joel Collins – No questions at this time.
- D. Angela Thames – No questions at this time.
- E. Angie Venua – Written report was unavailable, no questions at this time.

Safety Moment: Work Safe: Housekeeping and Accidents

Discussion/Review:

- A. General Board Discussion – Mark Lisac would like to thank Jim Denslinger, Power Plant Superintendent, for giving the Solar Instructors a tour of the Power Plant. Mr. Lisac asked if there is a 3D digital twin of the power plant/production. Joel Collins explained that due to certain regulations and possible security issues that kind of information is not available to the public. Mr. Chaney explained that Nushagak does have this information for the tower sites to aid in remote troubleshooting.

The Annual Membership Appreciation BBQ will be held on Friday, March 31st from 12 – 2 pm, Sue Flensburg asked if the board should be present and participate. Participation from the board is welcomed and appreciated. Mark Lisac requested that information, such as white papers, be available to the attendees.

The Strategic Planning Workshop scheduled for mid-May was cancelled; Sue Flensburg requested that a new date be set. The Strategic Planning Workshop will be held Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 9 am in the Board Room.

Board President, Pete Andrew requested that the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting scheduled for June 18th be re-scheduled to June 11, 2024.

- B. General CEO Discussion – The Nuyakuk River Hydroelectric Recreation Survey has been extended to June 9, 2024.

Action Items:

- A. **Approve Resolution 2024 – 04 Proposal to Remove Tariff Section 2.7.3 Temperature Exemption for Disconnect.** Mark Lisac motioned to approve Resolution 2024 – 04 and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion.

The motion carried 7-0

- B. Approve Resolution 2024 – 05 Proposal to Modify Tariff Section 3.5.1.1.2 to Remove Free Line Extension of 500 Feet or Less.** Sue Flensburg motioned to approve Resolution 2024 – 05 and James Hall seconded the motion.

The motion carried 7-0


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. ATA Annual Meeting 75th Anniversary, May 20 – 22, Anchorage, AK
 2. Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference, May 20 – 23, Anchorage, AK
 3. APA Federal Legislative Conference, June 4 – 6, Washington, DC
 4. APA & ARECA Annual Meeting, September 10 – 13, Fairbanks, AK

Adjournment: Sue Flensburg motioned, and Mark Lisac seconded the motion to adjourn and with no further business to come before the board, Board Vice President Henry Strub adjourned the May 21, 2024, Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting. The time was 7:34 pm.

The motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist

6/11/2024

Date

Approved By:



Annie Fritze, Secretary

6/11/2024

Date

