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Board of Directors Rescheduled Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 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, May 27, 2025, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 6:01 p.m.

Directors Present: *(Quorum Established)*

Pete Andrew, President	Jean Barrett, Director
Annie Fritze, Secretary	Mark Lisac, Director
Wanda Wahl, Director <Zoom>	Cade Woods, Director
Sue Flensburg, Director <Zoom>	

Directors Absent: Henry Strub, Vice President
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: Graham Kaiser, CoBank Relationship Manager

Approval of Agenda: Jean Barrett motioned, and Annie Fritze seconded the motion to approve the May 27, 2025, Rescheduled Board Meeting Agenda with the following addition:

IX. Discussion/Review Items:

B. Rate Increase

The motion carried 7-0

Approval of Minutes: Annie Fritze motioned, and Mark Lisac seconded the motion to approve the April 15, 2025, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.

The motion carried 7-0

Guests and Member Comments: No comments made.

Reports:

- A. Will Chaney, CEO/GM – Wanda Wahl requested an update on the contamination of the fuel tank. Will Chaney explained that the test results were inconclusive and outlined the next steps, which include skipping a spring fuel order/delivery.

Mark Lisac would like to see a Frequently Asked Questions document prepared for the Nuyakuk River Hydroelectric Concept. Mr. Chaney stated that he is working on the final edit.

Mark Lisac asked if the Final License Application process for the Nuyakuk project will be conducted through McMillen. Mr. Chaney confirmed that the licensing process is an extension of the services that McMillen has been providing.

Mr. Lisac would like to see a Resolution of Support (Nuyakuk River Hydroelectric Concept) from surrounding communities. Mr. Chaney has reached out to Melvin Andrew and Diane King for such documents.

- B. Michael Timmerman, Telecom Operations Manager – Annie Fritze requested an update on the freeze for BEAD applications. Michael Timmerman confirmed that the freeze is still in effect and has been extended further into June. Mrs. Fritze also asked if the BEAD comment period is open to the public; Mr. Timmerman confirmed it was.

Mark Lisac asked for an update on the partnership with Bristol Bay Telephone. Michael Timmerman explained that NETC is currently focused on the fiber build at this time, and that the potential partnership is currently on hold.

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

D. Deon Lopez, Comptroller – No questions at this time.

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

Call for executive session. (C1) Matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the cooperative.

A. CoBank Presentation – Graham Kaiser, CoBank Relationship Manager

Jean Barrett motioned, and Annie Fritze seconded the motion to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 7-0. The time was 6:19 pm.

Jean Barrett motioned, and Mark Lisac seconded the motion to move out of Executive Session. The motion passed 7-0. The time was 7:30 pm.

Safety Moment: Work Safe – Safety is Common Sense

Discussion/Review:

A. Scholarship Committee – Angela Lopez explained the purpose of the Scholarship Committee and asked for two board volunteers to serve on the Committee. Annie Fritze and Jean Barrett volunteered. The remaining three committee members will be made up of community members.

B. General Board Discussion – Seated board member James Hall will no longer be a member as of June 2, 2025, and a replacement will be needed. Angela Lopez will start the 30-day advertising period on June 3, 2025.

Pete Andrew discussed the upcoming meetings and conference dates and requested that interested board members contact Angela Lopez to make arrangements.

Mark Lisac shared his thoughts on House Bill 153, Senate Bill 149, and the cost associated with monitoring the emissions associated with power generation.

C. General CEO Discussion – Will Chaney provided an update on the items mentioned in his written report. The new updates included several staff changes: the resignation of the Apprentice Cable TV Technician and the hiring of a summer intern for the position of Utility Groundsman/Laborer. Additionally, he shared information about the Community Wildfire Protection Planning, which is being facilitated by BBNA.

Action Items:

- A. **Approve Resolution 2025-04 CoBank.** Mark Lisac motioned to approve Resolution 2025 – 04 and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion.

The motion carried 7-0

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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. AK Sustainability Energy Conference, June 2 – 5, 2025, Anchorage, AK
2. APA Federal Legislative conference, June 3 – 5, 2025, Washington DC
3. 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.
4. APA & ARECA Annual Meeting, September 23 - 26, 2025, Cordova, AK
5. ATA Broadband Tech Showcase, October 29 – 30, 2025, Anchorage, AK
6. ATA Winter Conference, January 25 – 28, 2026, Poipu, Kauai

Adjournment: Jean Barrett motioned, and Mark Lisac seconded the motion to adjourn, and with no further business to come before the board, Board President Pete Andrew adjourned the May 27, 2025, Rescheduled Board of Directors Meeting. The time was 8:22 pm.

The motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist



Approved By:



Annie Fritze, Secretary



Date