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Board of Directors Rescheduled Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

800 Kenny Wren Road

Nushagak Cooperative Conference Room

MINUTES

Call to Order: Board President Pete Andrew called the Rescheduled Board of Directors Meeting to order on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 6:05 p.m.

Directors Present: *(Quorum Established)*

Pete Andrew, President

Sue Flensburg, Director

Mark Lisac, Director

Wanda Wahl, Director <Zoom 7:50 pm>

Jean Barrett, Director

Cade Woods, Director

Directors Absent: Henry Strub, Vice President

Annie Fritze, Secretary

VACANT, 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:

Approval of Agenda: Sue Flensburg motioned, and Mark Lisac seconded the motion to approve the June 10, 2025, Rescheduled Board Meeting Agenda with the following addition:

VIII. Discussion/Review Items:

B. General CEO Discussion

- i. Executive Session. AS 10.25.175 Board Meetings Open; Exceptions; Remedy (C1) matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the cooperative.

The motion carried 5-0

Approval of Minutes: Sue Flensburg motioned, and Jean Barrett seconded the motion to approve the May 27, 2025, Rescheduled Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.

The motion carried 5-0

Guests and Member Comments:

Reports:

- A. Will Chaney, CEO/GM – Mark Lisac asked what the conduit on the side of Aleknagik Lake Road was for, if it was being used for the fiber to the home. Will Chaney explained that the materials that Mr. Lisac saw are 4" PVC pipe that will be used for a future power transmission aerial-to-underground conversion project.
- B. Michael Timmerman, Telecom Operations Manager – Pete Andrew requested an update on the Fiber Project. Mr. Timmerman explained that there are two more steps to complete before the fiber can be lit up, which is expected to happen within the next week. Once these steps are finished, bulk data can be transmitted over the fiber, and fiber-to-the-home connections will still need to be constructed.

The fiber contractor, AK Directional, along with Will Chaney and Michael Timmerman, conducted a flyover of the fiber build. This flyover included an aerial inspection of all the vaults, with specific stops at those that experienced icing issues during the winter. While examining the Mukluk crossing, a problem was identified: although the fiber tested fine, there are still issues that need to be addressed.

- 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 – Pete Andrew inquired if there has been an increase in summer activity; Ms. Thames confirmed that seasonal activity has commenced.

Safety Moment: Work Safe – Fire Safety, self-read.

Southern Alaska, including Bristol Bay, began the season with a below-average snowpack, leading to drier-than-normal conditions and an increased risk of early fire starts. Will Chaney mentioned that he has been attending local Community Wildfire Protection Plan meetings and emphasized the benefits these meetings offer to the community.

Discussion/Review:

- A. General Board Discussion – Pete Andrew thanked Mark Lisac for attending the 2025 AK Sustainable Energy Conference. Mark Lisac delivered an oral report in which he highlighted the individuals he had the opportunity to meet with.
- B. General CEO Discussion –
 - i. **Call for executive session. (C1) Matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the cooperative.**

Jean Barrett motioned, and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 5-0. The time was 6:50 pm.

Sue Flensburg motioned, and Jean Barrett seconded the motion to move out of Executive Session. The motion passed 5-0. The time was 7:39 pm.

Will Chaney noted that he has reached out to Iliamna Sustainable Futures to see if they may be interested in leasing or purchasing the smolt sonar equipment that was purchased for the Hydro Study seasons.

Will Chaney and Pete Andrew delivered a presentation to the Choggiung Board regarding the Nuyakuk Hydro Project and the proposed next steps. Mr. Chaney felt the presentation was well received, which Jean Barrett also agreed with. A letter of support was received from Choggiung; Mark Lisac would like to see the project acquire additional letters of support from the region.

Action Items:

- A. **Approve Resolution 2025 – 05 Tarriff Changes – Electric Rates** Jean Barrett motioned to approve Resolution 2025 – 05, and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion.

After discussion, it was recommended by Jean Barrett to amend the proposed increase from \$0.0475/KWh to \$0.05/KWh

The motion carried 6-0

B. Approve Resolution 2025 – 06 Patronage Capital – Early Retirement of Estates Jean Barrett motioned to approve Resolution 2025 – 06, and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion.

The motion carried 6-0

C. Approve Resolution 2025 – 07 Wells Fargo Credit Card Holders Mark Lisac motioned to approve Resolution 2025 – 07, and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion.

The motion carried 6-0

D. Approve Resolution 2025 – 08 Authorization for Wells Fargo Bank Signatures Mark Lisac motioned to approve Resolution 2025 – 08, and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion.

The motion carried 6-0

E. Approve Resolution 2025 – 09 Nuyakuk Hydro Determination Jean Barrett motioned to approve Resolution 2025 – 09, and Mark Lisac 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. NETC Annual Member Appreciation BBQ, August 15, 2025
2. APA & ARECA Annual Meeting, September 23 - 26, 2025, Cordova, AK
3. ATA Broadband Tech Showcase, October 29 – 30, 2025, Anchorage, AK
4. ATA Winter Conference, January 25 – 28, 2026, Poipu, Kauai

Mark Lisac and Cade Woods showed interest in attending the APA Annual Meeting.

Adjournment: Jean Barrett 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 June 10, 2025, Rescheduled Board of Directors Meeting. The time was 8:05 pm.

The motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Angela Lopez
Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist

7/15/2025

Date

Approved By:

Annie Fritze
Annie Fritze, Secretary

7/15/2025

Date

