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Board of Directors Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 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, July 15, 2025, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 6:00 p.m.

Directors Present: *(Quorum Established)*

Pete Andrew, President
Henry Strub, Vice President
Annie Fritze, Secretary
Sue Flensburg, Director

Wanda Wahl, Director
Mark Lisac, Director
Cade Woods, Director <Zoom>

Directors Absent: Jean Barrett, Director
VACANT, Treasurer

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

Guests: Dan Boyd, Member

Approval of Agenda: Sue Flensburg motioned, and Annie Fritze seconded the motion to approve the July 15, 2025, Rescheduled Board Meeting Agenda with the following addition:

X. Director Items:

D. Executive Session. AS 10.25.175 Board Meetings Open; Exceptions; Remedy. (C4) Personnel Matters.

The motion carried 6-0

Approval of Minutes: Sue Flensburg motioned, and Mark Lisac seconded the motion to approve the June 10, 2025, Rescheduled Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.

The motion carried 7-0

Guests and Member Comments: Dan Boyd, Member – No comments at this time.

Reports:

A. Will Chaney, CEO/GM – Annie Fritze inquired about the interview with Orange Slice. Will Chaney explained that Orange Slice is Choggiung's PR firm, and the interview focused on the Akuluraq Middle Mile project. Sue Flensburg requested to review a draft version of the article before it is published for the public.

Mark Lisac asked for an update on the FERC Draft License Application. Mr. Chaney provided an update from McMillen on the completed work activities for June, including discussions on a strategic approach, funding opportunities, conceptual design work, and overall project feasibility.

The board discussed the idea of forming a consortium of stakeholders, including the regional corporations, who would come together to support and guide the Nuyakuk Hydro project.

Mark Lisac would like to see Letters of Support come in for the Nuyakuk Hydro Project; this would help support the Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP) Grant Application.

A hard copy of the Nuyakuk River Hydroelectric Project FAQs was a handout at the meeting and emailed to the board. The board was asked to review the document and to send suggestions and edits to Will Chaney.

Mark Lisac led a discussion on the Hydro Project, discussing the numerous meetings and conversations he has had over the past month regarding support, funding opportunities, and resources.

Mr. Chaney commented on how well Alexander Andrew, the High School Intern, performed during his summer internship.

B. Michael Timmerman, Telecom Operations – Mark Lisac requested an update on the Fiber Project. Michael Timmerman continues to test the equipment internally before releasing it to the membership for further testing. The 5G network is performing well, while the 2G network still requires optimization. For additional testing purposes, Mr. Timmerman would like to issue the board modems by next week.

Management will continue to work with contractors to consolidate services, support, and network management.

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 – Wanda Wahl thanked the staff for the Employee Appreciation Picnic/BBQ held in June; it was a fun and well-attended event.

Ms. Thames reminded everyone that the Annual Member Appreciation BBQ will be held on Friday, August 15, 2025.

Safety Moment: Work Safe – 10 Rules to Help Protect 10 Fingers was read by Will Chaney.

Discussion/Review:

A. General Board Discussion – Pete Andrew asked Henry Strub if he plans to attend the APA Annual Meeting in September, and he does. Mark Lisac has also made arrangements to attend.

George Hornberger will be retiring from INN Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Mr. Hornberger has offered to give a tour of the Tazimina Hydro Plant before his retirement.

B. General CEO Discussion – Will Chaney reiterated how well Alexander Andrew has done in his internship. Mr. Chaney continued to provide an update on his written report, touching on ROW Clearing, Outage Reports, the BEAD Application, and Employee Fishing Leave coming to an end.

Additionally, NETC is expected to receive a Letter of Support from Dianne King, CEO/General Manager at Naknek Electric Association. Mr. Chaney has also reached out to other entities for Letters of Support, providing them with a template for customization.

A former power plant employee has agreed to a temporary employment status to cover weekends and leave due to the power plant being short-staffed.

Action Items:

C. **Approve Scholarship Committee Recommendations.** Sue Flensburg motioned to approve the Scholarship Committee Recommendations, and Mark Lisac seconded the motion.

The motion carried 7-0

D. **Vacant Board Seat –** Sue Flensburg motioned to appoint Bruce Baltar to fill the vacant board seat, and Wanda Wahl 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. 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

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

Wanda Wahl motioned, and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 7-0. The time was 7:31 pm.

Wanda Wahl motioned, and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion to move out of Executive Session. The motion passed 7-0. The time was 8:16 pm.

Adjournment: Wanda Wahl 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 July 15, 2025, Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting. The time was 8:17 pm.

The motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:


Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist

8/19/2025

Date

Approved By:


Annie Fritze, Secretary

8/19/2025

Date

