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Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Nushagak Cooperative Board Room, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Call to Order: Board President, Pete Andrew called the Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting to order on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 7:00 p.m.

Directors Present:

(Quorum Established)

Pete Andrew President

Wanda Wahl, Director

Chris Napoli, Director

Annie Fritze, Secretary

Todd Radenbaugh, Director

Sue Flensburg, Director

Directors Absent:

Henry Strub, Vice President

Steve Noonkesser, Treasurer

Bruce Baltar, Director

Staff Present:

Robert Himschoot, CEO/GM (phone)

Bob Armstrong, Electric Operations Manager

Trung Vo, Telecom Operations Manager

Angie Venua, Senior Accountant

Gayla Powers, Human Resource Generalist

Guests: Josh Bullock, Dirk Williams and Kasten Wallona

Approval of Agenda: Sue Flensburg motioned and Wanda Wahl seconded the motion to approve the July 16, 2019 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes: Todd Radenbaugh motioned and Chris Napoli seconded the motion to approve the June 18, 2019 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes and the June 25, 2019 Special Board Meeting minutes with corrections. The motion carried 5-0.

Reports:

- A. Bob Himschoot – Submitted a written report.
- B. Angie Venua – Submitted a written report.
- C. Angela Thames – Submitted a written report.
- D. Bobby Armstrong – Submitted a written report.
- E. Trung Vo – Submitted a written report.

Introduction of Guests and Member Comments:

Josh Bullock – Wanted to know if the delay in the cable plant upgrade would affect the school year for Dillingham. Trung Vo answered his question. Josh also asked what the total budget is for the microwave build is. Josh asked if there was any information on the GCI contract listed in the agenda. Bob Himschoot answered.

Dirk Williams, Line Superintendent – Asked for clarification on why Nushagak Cooperative hasn't worked on the micro wave build that was approved by the Nushagak Board of Directors since December and was wondering what changed with the new plan how it will be advantageous for our membership over the original plan, what benefits it has for the members as far as making our system more reliable and providing the best service to the membership. Robert Himshchoot answered his questions. Board President Pete Andrew stated that a press release would be coming soon.

Kasten Wallona— Stated he was just there to observe.

Safety Moments: Bob Armstrong presented the safety moment to the board of directors and guests.

Discussion/Review:

- A. General Board Discussion– Chris Napoli presented the recommendations from the Nushagak Scholarship Committee to the full board. Mr. Napoli asked for help from the managers at the Cooperative to give direction for the committee to determine the skills sets needed to give scholarships to people that would benefit the cooperative. Wanda Wahl motioned and Todd Radenbaugh seconded the motion to approve the recommendations for scholarships and changes to the scholarship application presented by Mr. Napoli from the scholarship committee. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Napoli also thanked the scholarship committee as follows:

Pearl Strub-BBEDC
JD Cross- UAF
Janice Bullock-DSD

Annie Fritze-BBNA & Nushagak Cooperative
Chris Napoli-BBEDC & Nushagak Cooperative

- B. General CEO Discussion – Mr. Himschoot led a discussion of the PCE being removed from the State of Alaska budget and what it means for the Membership and Cooperative and gave his recommendations for going forward in waiting for the final answers for the future of the PCE. The Board discussed this matter at length.

Chris Napoli motioned and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2019-23 Nushagak Electric & Telephone Cooperative Board of Directors (NETC) in Support of Restoral of the Power Cost Equalization Endowment. The motion carried 5-0.

Wanda Wahl motioned and Chris Napoli seconded the motion to pass along PCE credit recovery to the Membership when the state is funding the PCE but not unless it is being funded. In addition Nushagak will do outreach to educate the membership via letters, bill stuffers, Nushagak Website and Facebook about losing the PCE funding and what it means to the membership. The motion carried 5-0.

Bobby Armstrong gave an update of the hydro project. He answered all Board questions.

Chris Napoli motioned and Annie Fritze seconded the motion to increase the capital budget by \$355,000.00, the amount needed to complete the pre-study work of April 20, 2019 for the hydro project and approve the use of the sinking fund money to finance the increase of the capital budget. The motion carried 5-0.

Action Items:

Executive Session: AS 10.25.175 Board Meeting Open: Exceptions: Remedy – (C1) matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the public entity.

Motion: Wanda Wahl motioned and Chris Napoli seconded the motion to move into Executive Session at 8:41 p.m. The motioned carried 5-0.

Motion: Sue Flensburg motioned and Todd Radenbaugh seconded the motion to move out of Executive Session at 9:01. The motioned carried 5-0.

Director Items: None

Future Board Items- None

Unfinished Business- None

Future Meetings & Conference Dates:

2019 APA Annual Meeting, Juneau, AK August 21-23, 2019
NRECA Regions 7&9 Meeting, Sitka, AK September 24-26, 2019
AIE Insurance Workshop, Anchorage, AK October 9, 2019
Accounting & Finance Workshop, Anchorage, AK October 10-11, 2019
Communicator's Forum Anchorage, AK November 7, 2019
NWPPA-APA Alaska Electric Utility Conference, November 18-21, 2019

Adjournment- Sue Flensburg motioned and Todd Radenbaugh seconded the motion to adjourn the July 16, 2019 Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting on July 16, 2019 at 9:02 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Gayla Powers, Human Resource Generalist 08/13/2019
Date

Approved By:

Annie Fritze, Secretary Date