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Board of Directors Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

800 Kenny Wren Road

Nushagak Cooperative Conference Room

MINUTES

Call to Order: Board Secretary, Annie Fritze, called the Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting to order on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 6:00 p.m.

Directors Present: *(Quorum Established)*

Annie Fritze, Secretary
James Hall, Treasurer
Bruce Baltar, Director
Wanda Wahl, Director

Sue Flensburg, Director
Jean Barrett, Director
Mark Lisac, Director

Directors Absent: Pete Andrew, President
Henry Strub, Vice President

Staff Present: Will Chaney, CEO/GM
Dennis Payne, Telecom Operations Manager
Joel Collins, Electric Operations Manager
Angela Thames, Business Office Manager
Angela Lopez, HR Generalist/Executive Secretary
Deon Lopez, Senior Accountant

Guests: Meg Duff, KDLG Fisheries Reporter (Arrived at 6:17 pm)

Approval of Agenda: Jean Barrett motioned, and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion to approve the July 16, 2024, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Agenda as submitted.

The motion carried 7-0

Approval of Minutes: Sue Flensburg motioned, and James Hall seconded the motion to approve the June 11, 2024, Rescheduled Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.

The motion carried 7-0.

Guests and Member Comments: None at this time.

Reports:

- A. Will Chaney – No questions at this time.
- B. Dennis Payne – Annie Fritze asked for an update on the Ekwok AVEC sublease agreement. Will Chaney attended an in-person meeting in Ekwok and hand delivered another copy of the agreement, as well as emailed it. Currently the agreement is not signed. Mr. Chaney also had a meeting with Bristol Bay Telephone, Co-op's (BBTC) General Manager, Earl Hubb.

Mark Lisac asked if there are any updates on the potential partnership with BBTC and the profit-sharing services to be offered through Nushagak. Due to construction season the efforts with BBTC have been focused on the fiber build and the opportunities that it will provide.

Mr. Payne gave an update on the fiber build; the fiber has been bored under the Wood River and pulled though as of today 07.16.24. Next they will bore along Aleknagik Lake Road and then transport the machine to Ekwok by the end of the week. Mr. Payne thinks that the majority of the Middle Mile Project should be complete by the end of August.

- C. Joel Collins – No questions at this time.
- D. Angela Thames – No questions at this time.

Safety Moment: Work Safe: Using Fire Extinguishers

Discussion/Review:

- A. General Board Discussion – Sue Flensburg asked for an update on the financials due to them being unavailable for the board packet and no handout at the meeting. The Comptroller position has been vacant since mid-June and Senior Accountant Deon Lopez has been out of the office on personal leave since the end of June; Mr. Lopez returned to Dillingham today to attend this meeting. Mr. Lopez plans to recreate the financials report as he goes through the monthly processes. Mr. Lopez noted that grant drawdowns are up-to-date, and the

accounts payable is current. James Hall would like to see a report included in next month's board packet.

- B. General CEO Discussion – Will Chaney gave an update on the tagging efforts at the Nuyakuk camp site, there have been 6 Chinook salmon tagged to date.

STG, who partners with EWT, a global wind turbine manufacturer, requested a meeting to discuss the possibility of wind energy in the region. Mr. Chaney asked EWT to put together information to present to the board, possibly, at the August meeting.

The fall fuel order will be approximately 700,000 gallons.

The fish processing load is lower than expected, down approximately 800 kilowatts compared to previous years.

The power plant is currently in the process of going through source testing; source testing is used to collect emission quantities under specific load scenarios.

An in-person meeting here in Dillingham, with FCC Commissioner Anna Gomez, Senator Murkowski, Ana Hoffman, and ATA Executive Director Christine O'Connor is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th.

Will Chaney suggested going into Executive Session to discuss a handout he provided on a Nuyakuk Hydro Frequently Asked Questions document. Call for Executive Session will be added to Director Items, line D.

Action Items:

- A. **Approve Scholarship Committee Recommendations** James Hall motioned to approve the 2023 Scholarship Committee Recommendations and Jean Barrett 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. APA & ARECA Annual Meeting, September 10 – 13, Fairbanks, AK
2. UTBB Sustainability Summit, October 1 -2, Dillingham, AK
3. AK Rural Energy Conference, October 2 – 4, Fairbanks, AK
4. 2024 Broadband Showcase, October 30 & 31, Anchorage, AK
5. AK Electric Utility Conference, November 19 – 21, Anchorage, AK
6. ATA 2025 Winter Conference, January 19 – 22, 2025, Waikoloa, HI

D. Call for 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.

James Hall motioned, and Jean Barrett seconded the motion to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 7-0. The time was 7:00 pm.

Jean Barrett motioned, and James Hall seconded the motion to move out of Executive Session. The motion passed 7-0. The time was 8:21 pm.

Adjournment: James Hall motioned, and Jean Barrett seconded the motion to adjourn and with no further business to come before the board, Board Secretary Annie Fritze adjourned the July 16, 2024, Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting. The time was 8:22 pm.

The motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist

8/20/2024

Date

Approved By:



Annie Fritze, Secretary

8/20/2024

Date

