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## **Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

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

### **MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** Board Vice President, Henry Strub called the Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting to order on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 7:05 p.m.

**Directors Present:**

***(Quorum Established)***

Henry Strub, Vice-President (phone)	Steve Noonkesser
Wanda Wahl, Treasurer (phone)	Chris Napoli, Director (phone)
Sue Flensburg, Director (phone)	Josh Bullock (phone)

**Directors Absent:** Peter Andrew, President  
Annie Fritze, Secretary  
Bruce Baltar, Director

**Staff Present:** Robert Himschoot, CEO/GM  
Trung Vo, Telecom Operations Manager  
Bob Armstrong, Electric Operations Manager (phone)  
Angie Venua, Senior Accountant (phone)  
Gayla Powers, Human Resource Generalist (phone)

**Guests:**

**Approval of Agenda:** Sue Flensburg motioned and Chris Napoli seconded the motion to approve the, August 18, 2020 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

**Approval of Minutes:** Wanda Wahl motioned and Steve Noonkesser seconded the motion to approve the July 21, 2020 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes with changes. The motion carried 6-0.

**Guests and Member Comments: None**

## Reports:

- A. Bob Himschoot – Submitted a written report. Sue Flensburg asked to go over Mr. Himschoot's report. Mr. Himschoot stated the following: The hydro project is getting the camps installed so the studies can go forward next year. RFP for geo-tech services are out for the study to happen next spring. The new website for the hydro is out and updates will be done based on the comments and feedback. Supplemental heat project equipment should be on the August barge and the linecrew will be training on the installation of the new thermal pipe. EPS and MPI to do the installation in the power plant in September. The final report is in on the Power Plant on the High Energy Cost Grant and confirmation came that it was accepted. The microwave is up and running well. Still working with GCI on a colo agreement for the Clark's Point and Manokotak to build a cellular site. If an agreement is reached it will possibly be incorporated in the capital budget for next year. The city sales tax exemption has been resolved and the new certification has arrived. The 2021 capital budget was sent out to the board for review. Large commercial revenue review was down and it was down but directly because the canneries were not running full crews. Fuel delivery is expected in September. Not much has changed with the grant applications with the exception that the High Cost Energy people asked for an earlier than scheduled final report from Nushagak. The Alaska Energy Authority Renewal Energy Plan application is being put together with the assistance of Kord and McMillien Jacobs. Mr. Himschoot gave an update for the application for a water management planning and development that Nushagak is doing with BBNA and BIA. This is an opportunity that Sue Flensburg brought to the table. This opportunity will be a water management planning and development program. This may help pay for our future flow study.
- B. Angie Venua – Submitted a written report.
- C. Angela Thames – Submitted a written report.
- D. Bobby Armstrong – Submitted a written report. Chris Napoli asked Mr. Armstrong to elaborate on engineering for the new protection scheme. Mr. Armstrong stated they are looking to change fuse and breaker sizes because of the outdated infrastructure. A load study will be done and this will give them what protection scheme they need to put in place. Henry Strub stated that he noticed we did well on our safety inspection and he stated he was pleased with the line work that is being done. Sue Flensburg wanted to commend the staff for the work being done. She wanted to make sure we have authorization to do the construction of the cabins on the hydro site. Mr. Armstrong stated that yes we do have the permits for cabins and docks but the docks won't go in this year.
- E. Trung Vo – Submitted a written report. Chris Napoli asked if there is any feedback on the testing of the DSL. Trung stated that so far it has all been positive.

## Safety Moments:

None

## Discussion/Review:

- A. General Board Discussion– Wanda Wahl asked that everyone remember to participate in the census. She asked that a billing stuffer be put in the September billing. Mr. Himschoot stated that we would do it.
- B. General CEO Discussion – Mr. Himschoot gave an overview on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) renewal of Employee Health Care benefits.

**Action Items:**

- A. Resolution 2020-17 Refund of Federal Communications Excise Tax. Steve Noonkesser moved to approve Resolution 2020-17 and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- B. Resolution 2020-18 Refund of Federal Communications Excise Tax. Steve Noonkesser moved to approve Resolution 2020-17 and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- C. Resolution 2020-19 Refund of Federal Communications Excise Tax. Steve Noonkesser moved to approve Resolution 2020-17 and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- D. Resolution 2020-20 Refund of Federal Communications Excise Tax. Steve Noonkesser moved to approve Resolution 2020-17 and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- E. Resolution 2020-21 Transfer Unclaimed Capital Credits to ARECA Educational Foundation. Steve Noonkesser moved to approve Resolution 2020-17 and Wanda Wahl seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- F. Approve Renewal of the 2021 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Employee Benefits Package. Wanda Wahl moved to approve and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

**Director Items:**

**General CEO Discussion-**

**Future Board Items-** Sue Flensburg brought up the need to continue to pursue a scholarship fund to recognize Todd Radenbaugh’s service to the Nushagak board. Sue Flensburg motioned to explore and come up with something to recognize Todd Radenbaugh through the scholarship fund. Steve Noonkesser seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0

**Unfinished Business-**

**Future Meetings & Conference Dates:** Alaska Power Association Virtual Annual Meeting, November 3-5, 2020

**Adjournment-** Wanda Wahl motioned to adjourn the August 18, 2020 Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting at 7:48 p.m. With no further business before the board Henry Strub adjourned the meeting.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

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Gayla Powers, Human Resource Generalist 9/15/2020  
Date

**Approved By:**

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Annie Fritze, Secretary Date