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Board of Directors Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

800 Kenny Wren Road

Nushagak Cooperative Conference Room

MINUTES

Call to Order: Board Vice President, Henry Strub, called the Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting to order on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 5:59 p.m.

Directors Present: *(Quorum Established)*

Henry Strub, Vice President
James Hall, Treasurer
Bruce Baltar, Director

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

Directors Absent: Pete Andrew, President
Annie Fritze, Secretary
Wanda Wahl, Director

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

Guests: N/A

Approval of Agenda: Sue Flensburg motioned, and Mark Lisac seconded the motion to approve the August 20, 2024, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Agenda as submitted.

The motion carried 6-0

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

The motion carried 6-0.

Guests and Member Comments: None at this time.

Reports:

- A. Will Chaney – Mark Lisac asked for additional details on the meeting with Alaska Telecom Association (ATA) and the FCC. Will Chaney and Dennis Payne shared their thoughts on how the meeting went, as well as detailing the different events of the meeting. The various stops during the meeting were at the Cooperative’s Board Room, Kanakanak beach, BBAHC, and Manokotak.

Sue Flensburg inquired about the equipment malfunction during the propane delivery to the Muklung site. Mr. Chaney explained what had happened and the necessary steps to resolve the issue. The remainder of the propane delivery will resume once the repair has been made.

- B. Dennis Payne – Mr. Payne gave an update on the agreement with the City of Ekwok for the placement of the shelter. Currently waiting for funds to be released and agreement to be signed.

Mark Lisac inquired about package pricing for fiber to the home. Mr. Payne explained that he is actively working with the accounting staff and Vantage Point to gather data to start that process.

Mark Lisac thanked Mr. Payne for the detailed report on the Fiber Build. Mr. Payne noted that the report came from Alaska Directional and that this report was used in the presentation at the meeting held with ATA and FCC earlier in the month.

- C. Joel Collins – No questions at this time.

- D. Angela Thames – No questions at this time.

- E. Deon Lopez – James Hall inquired if the reporting timeline on the financials was accurate; Deon Lopez confirmed that the reporting is as of 04/30/24, and that he is currently working on closing May and June. Mr. Lopez continues to work with the software programmers to build and recreate reports.

Safety Moment: Work Safe: Defensive Driving

Discussion/Review:

- A. General Board Discussion – Sue Flensburg inquired if Nushagak was asked to participate or present in the upcoming UTBB Sustainability Summit taking place in October here in Dillingham. Mr. Chaney plans to have a presentation ready for the Sustainability Summit.

Sue Flensburg would like to see the final version of the Hydro Concept Frequently Asked Questions and Power Point presentation by next month's board meeting.

- B. General CEO Discussion – Mr. Chaney has reached out to BBNA, Choggiung and the City of Dillingham to set up a meeting to discuss property development.

Mr. Chaney attended a CFC sponsored CEO Development Training in Virginia earlier in the month. Mr. Chaney will be attending the Alaska Power Association's Annual Meeting in September.

Rob Carr with CFC was in Dillingham for a day visit with Mr. Chaney and Senior Accountant/acting Comptroller Deon Lopez.

Hydro Concept Update:

The McMillen, LLC team is working on the Updated Study Report (USR) which will be submitted to FERC by December 1, 2024. Public meetings regarding the USR are scheduled for December 5th and 6th; however, an extension may be filed to hold the public meeting in January.

The sonar system is still in place at the Nuyakuk Study site, the plans to remove the equipment is scheduled for the beginning of September.

Commercial Recreational Surveys are still being collected.

Action Items:

- A. **Approve Resolution 2024 – 12 Wells Fargo Credit Card Holders.** Sue Flensburg motioned to approve Resolution 2024 – 12 and James Hall seconded the motion.

The motion carried 6-0

- B. **Approve Resolution 2024 – 13 Authorization for Wells Fargo Bank Signatures.** Sue Flensburg motioned to approve Resolution 2024 – 13 and James 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. 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
 - a. Date Correction: September 30 – October 4
 - 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

Adjournment: James Hall motioned, and Jean Barrett seconded the motion to adjourn and with no further business to come before the board, Board Vice President Henry Strub adjourned the August 20, 2024, Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting. The time was 7:11 pm.

The motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist 9/17/2024
Date

Approved By:



Annie Fritze, Secretary 9/17/2024
Date

