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Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

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

MINUTES

Call to Order: Board Treasurer, Wanda Wahl called the Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting to order on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 7:01 p.m. Board Vice President Henry Strub joined and took head of chair at 7:05pm

Directors Present:

(Quorum Established)

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

Directors Absent: Peter Andrew, President

Staff Present:

Robert Himschoot, CEO/GM
Trung Vo, Telecom Operations Manager (phone)
Angie Venua, Senior Accountant (phone)
Gayla Powers, Human Resource Generalist

Guests: Greg Marxmiller

Approval of Agenda: Sue Flensburg motioned and Steve Noonkesser seconded the motion to approve the September 15, 2020 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting agenda. The motion carried 8-0.

Approval of Minutes: Steve Noonkesser motioned and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion to approve the August 18, 2020 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes with changes. The motion carried 8-0.

Guests and Member Comments: Greg Marxmiller stated that he was concerned about some of the customer fees being charged. Also the cost of the internet in the past and the overages that were charged and wanted to know if there was going to be any rebates for those. He also stated he was happy with Nushagak's internet (microwave) project and the bit buckets for overages. He also stated that he was happy with the electric reliability. Mr. Himschoot responded he appreciated the comments. He stated that Nushagak does not have any plans to rebate past overages as these were costs from the upstream provider and out of Nushagak's control. He stated that by Nushagak building its own internet was how Nushagak is helping the members to alleviate this issue. Sue Flensburg stated that the modem fees were charged because if the modem failed Nushagak would fix the issue.

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. Wanda Wahl asked what was meant by “dried in” on Mr. Armstrong's report as well as the acronym EPS. Mr. Himschoot stated that dried in means that the cabins roof, walls and windows are in and the elements aren't an issue now. He stated that EPS was the aquatics proposed study
- E. Trung Vo – Submitted a written report.

Safety Moments:

Bob Himschoot read safety moments.

Discussion/Review:

- A. Proposed Scholarship Policy Changes– Chris Napoli gave an update on the meeting the scholarship committee had. He stated they met on September 11th. They discussed the board's request to develop a scholarship to recognize Dr. Todd Radenbaugh service to the board. He stated that he had met with Todd to get his input. The committee recommended that this scholarship be a supplement scholarship to a recipient that scored well in academic or vocational areas of study. Todd stated his area of study is the field of environmental adaptation. Mr. Napoli said the committee will meet again to develop outreach tools to encapsulate Dr. Todd's accomplishments on educating in areas such as climate change, erosion and renewable energy and how to have the student address these areas on the application so they can become eligible for the supplemental Dr. Todd Radenbaugh scholarship. Henry Strub asked how the funding was being proposed from the committee and it was determined that the funds would still come from the monies as usual. The board complemented the entire committee for their hard work.
- B. General Board Discussion – Steve Noonkesser gave kudos to Trung and the staff for their work in recovering the issues that happened that day with the internet and how quickly that it was fixed.

Chris Napoli asked Mr. Himschoot about the spreadsheets he sent out on the financials and asked what action he may need. Mr. Himschoot stated that these were just informational in the financials metrics and the issues with the pandemic and how it was impacting the revenues.

Sue Flensburg asked if Nushagak was eligible for any of the CARES act funding. Mr. Himschoot stated that Nushagak was for the paycheck protection.

Henry Strub stated that he will be interested in getting something for the video for Todd Radenbaugh. Wanda Wahl said there was still time.

- C. General CEO Discussion – Mr. Himschoot stated the much of the supplemental heat project parts are here. Fall fuel delivery is about 10 cents higher than the spring barge but will result in a decrease in the fuel surcharge with the blended rate. He stated that with the grants applications he hasn't heard anything from High Energy Cost Grant or the Reconnect and still working on the Renewable Energy Fund grant. The work with Sue Flensburg and BBNA application for the water management is in and thank you Sue for the work on that. Mr. Himschoot also stated that the final payments on the microwave system will cause the Coop to be a bit tight on cash but he will keep the board updated. Mr. Himschoot stated that the Clark's Point/Manokotak microwave project upgrade is started. STG is doing the installation of the towers and have offered to advance the work with payment in 2021. Around \$670,000. Mr. Himschoot stated that he will put something together for the board between meetings for this. This is the result of not getting the co-location agreements with GCI. Mr. Himschoot also stated that he was approached about being on the KDLG board and wanted to verify that there is no conflict with the board. The board stated that there was not an issue. Henry Strub asked if Nushagak has done any coordination on installation underground services with the city to ensure that we are not digging up the new streets. Mr. Himschoot stated that yes we are.

Action Items:

- A. Resolution 2020-22 Authorizing General Manager To Apply For Alaska Energy Authority Renewable Energy Fund. Sue Flensburg motioned and Annie Fritze seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2020-22. The motion carried 8-0.
- B. Establishment of the 2020 Budget Committee. The following board members volunteered to be committee members: Henry Strub, Wanda Wahl, Sue Flensburg and Chris Napoli.

Future Board Items-

Unfinished Business-

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

Adjournment- Steve Noonkesser motioned to adjourn the September 15, 2020 Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting at 7:42 p.m. With no further business before the board Henry Strub adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Gayla Powers, Human Resource Generalist

10/20/2020
Date

Approved By:

Annie Fritze, Secretary

Date