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**Board of Directors Regular Scheduled Board Meeting**

Tuesday, September 17, 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, September 17, 2024, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 6:00 p.m.

**Directors Present:** *(Quorum Established)*

Henry Strub, Vice President  
James Hall, Treasurer  
Annie Fritze, Secretary  
Wanda Wahl, Director

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

**Directors Absent:** Pete Andrew, President  
Bruce Baltar, Director

**Staff Present:** Dennis Payne, Telecom Operations Manager  
Angela Thames, Business Office Manager  
Angela Lopez, HR Generalist/Executive Secretary  
Deon Lopez, Senior Accountant

**Guests:** N/A

**Approval of Agenda:** Sue Flensburg motioned, and Jean Barrett seconded the motion to approve the September 17, 2024, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Agenda as submitted.

The motion carried 7-0

**Approval of Minutes:** Mark Lisac motioned, and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion to approve the August 20, 2024, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes with a spelling correction on page 3.

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 – The original Dillingham to Levelock fiber construction project scope is scheduled to be completed in October 2024, according to Mr. Payne's report; Annie Fritze asked if that means there will be fiber to the home in November. Mr. Payne explained that, in Aleknagik, fiber to the home has been built and the next step is to complete the middle mile and shortly after that is when service can be turned up.  
  
Sue Flensburg asked if there was an update on the application for a technical grant to design a fiber extension and deployment for Clarks Point and Manokotak. Mr. Payne expects an update by Q1 2025.
- C. Joel Collins – No questions at this time.
- D. Angela Thames – No questions at this time.
- E. Deon Lopez – Annie Fritze expressed her concerns on the increase of the negative margins and inquired if there are any plans on how to resolve the issue. Dennis Payne, Telecom Operations Manager, explained that the less-than-ideal internet latency testing results should be improving which should bring in more Alaska Plan funds. Additionally, in January, there may be an inflationary increase to the Alaska Plan.

Wanda Wahl would like to see PSA's thanking the membership for participating in the latency testing, and to get the word out about how important testing is.

**Safety Moment:** Work Safe: Moving Loads Overhead

**Discussion/Review:**

- A. General Board Discussion – None at this time.
- B. General CEO Discussion – Absent.
- C. Establish Budget Committee – James Hall, Mark Lisac and Sue Flensburg volunteered to be on the 2025 Budget Committee. Angela Lopez will reach out for availability for a mid-October meeting.

**Action Items:**

- A. **Approve Resolution 2024 – 14 Patronage Capital – Early Retirement of Estates.** Sue Flensburg motioned to approve Resolution 2024 – 14 and James Hall seconded the motion.

The motion carried 7-0

- B. James Hall motioned to approve the 2025 NRECA Group Benefits and Mark Lisac 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. UTBB Sustainability Summit, October 1 -2, Dillingham, AK
  - 2. AK Rural Energy Conference, September 30 – October 4, Fairbanks, AK
  - 3. 2024 Broadband Showcase, October 30 & 31, Anchorage, AK
  - 4. AK Electric Utility Conference, November 19 – 21, Anchorage, AK
  - 5. 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 September 17, 2024, Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting. The time was 6:47 pm.

The motion carried 7-0.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

  
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Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist 10/15/2024  
Date

**Approved By:**

  
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Annie Fritze, Secretary 10/15/2024  
Date

