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Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

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, September 19, 2017 in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 7:02 p.m.

Directors Present: Henry Strub, Vice President
Annie Fritze, Director
Chris Napoli, Director
Susie Jenkins-Brito, Director

(Quorum Established)

Wanda Fulton, Director
Bruce Baltar, Director

Directors Absent: Steve Noonkesser, Treasurer
Pete Andrew, President
Todd Radenbaugh, Director

Staff Present: Robert Himschoot, CEO/GM
Bob Armstrong, Electric Operations Manager-phone
Angie Venua, Senior Accountant
Gayla Powers, Human Resource Generalist/Executive Secretary

Approval of Agenda:

Chris Napoli motioned and Bruce Baltar seconded the motion to approve the September 19, 2017 Regular Scheduled Board meeting agenda. Wanda Fulton asked for the addition of the Health Care plan be added under action items, under Director's Items add the names of the winners of the 2017 Nushagak Cooperative Scholarship to the August 30, 2017 Special Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes and Wanda Fulton asked to have the names added to the August 15, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes of whom attended the APA annual meeting in Kodiak. (Henry Strub, Bob Himschoot, Bob Armstrong and Gayla Powers). The motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Wanda Fulton motioned and Annie Fritze seconded the motion to approve the August 15, 2017 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes with corrections and addition of who attended the APA annual meeting in Kodiak. (Henry Strub, Bob Himschoot, Bob Armstrong and Gayla Powers) and the August 30, 2017 Special Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes with additions of the names of the Nushagak Cooperative Scholarship winners. The motion carried 6-0.

Introduction of Guests and Member Comments:

New Employee Kelly Williams (Telecom Operations Manager)

Reports:

- A. Bob Himschoot – Submitted a written report. Annie Fritze asked for clarification of First in Alaska. Mr. Himschoot gave a brief explanation. Henry Strub commented on the input on from Mr. Himschoot and commented on the APA Annual Meeting in Kodiak.

- B. Angie Venua – Submitted a written report.

- C. Angela Thames – Submitted a written report.

- D. Bobby Armstrong – Submitted a written report. Henry Strub added a comment to Bob's Safety moment. Susie Jenkins-Brito asked for an update on the Wood River Road Project. Mr. Armstrong updated the board.

Discussion/Review:

- A. Set date for 2018 annual meeting –Board gave 3 possible dates for the 2018 annual meeting of March 13, 20 and 27th. March 27th was selected.

- B. General Board Discussion - Susie Jenkins-Brito asked who the scholarship recipient was. Wanda Fulton asked they be added to the August 30, 2017 Special Board Meeting Minutes. The winners and addition to the minutes are as follows:

Vocational

Sharadon O'Connor - \$2,000
Triston Chaney - \$1,000
Camryn Andrew \$500

Academic

Tierra Schroeder - \$2,000
Sarah Schroeder - \$1,000
Emily McArthur - \$500

UAF Bristol Bay Campus Duel Credit - \$4,000

Wanda Fulton gave kudos to Bob Armstrong for locating the 2.25 Mw Tier 3 motors. She also wanted to give a thank you from SW Region School District for the crew that went the extra mile to get Clarks Point School on-line.

- c. General CEO Discussion – Mr. Himschoot stated fuel will be delivered October 9th and taking on 600,000 gal at 2.0588/cents gal and what the adjusted fuel price will be of .1424 from .1389

Mr. Himschoot said that the 2018 budget will be presented to the committee between the 17th and 20th of October. Bob verified who the committee members are: Henry Strub, Chris Napoli, Wanda Fulton and Annie Fritze.

Mr. Himschoot updated the board on Dan Kessler's upcoming visit on October 3rd and 4th. Bob also asked for a commitment for a strategic planning date. The board concluded that February 2018 would be a good month.

Bob also gave an update on the new personnel hires—Kelly Williams and Janice Williams. Bob also updated the board on the Aleknagik sales tax issue. Aleknagik stated they exempt utilities from sales tax and will add the internet to that exemption.

Mr. Himschoot updated the board on the High Deductible PPO plan proposal. Kelly Williams added his input that the benefits offered by Nushagak Cooperative were a big deciding factor of taking his job at Nushagak.

Mr. Himschoot updated the board on the new plan adjustments from GCI for the internet. Bob also talked of a plan that he will present before the board in the October meeting in regard to the Alaska Plan in the possible remodeling of Divisions 2&3 in regard to the margins and broadband expansions.

Mr. Himschoot informed the board of a discussion he had with our attorney at the APA Annual Meeting in regard to board policies. The board gave Bob direction to move forward with a review of our bylaws and if there is a gap for the need of a formal set of board policies.

Action Items:

- A. Bruce Baltar motioned and Chris Napoli and Wanda Fulton seconded the motion to pass Resolution 2017-21- Patronage Capital-Early Retirement of Estates. The motion carried 6-0.
- B. Susie Jenkins-Brito motioned and Wanda Fulton seconded the motion to pass the implementation of the High Deductible PPO plan with a Health Savings Account and have the Health Savings Account be forward funded and keep the current PPO plan with the employee having the choice of either plan. The motion carried 6-0.

Director Items:

Future Board Items- none

Unfinished Business- Henry Strub mentioned a thank you letter Nushagak received from scholarship winner Sharadon O'Connor.

