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

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

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

### **MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** Board President, Pete Andrew called the Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting to order on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 7:00 p.m.

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

Pete Andrew, President,  
Henry Strub, Vice-President,  
Chris Napoli, Director (Zoom)  
Bruce Baltar, Director  
Josh Bullock, Director (Zoom)

Annie Fritze, Secretary  
Wanda Wahl, Treasurer (Zoom)  
Steve Noonkesser, Director  
Sue Flensburg, Director,

**Directors Absent: None**

**Staff Present:** Robert Himschoot, CEO/GM  
Trung Vo, Telecom Operations Manager  
Angie Venua, Senior Accountant  
Jim Denslinger, Power Plant Superintendent (Zoom)  
Angela Thames, Business Office Supervisor

**Guests: None**

**Approval of Agenda:** Wanda Wahl motioned, and Henry Strub seconded the motion to approve the September 21, 2021, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting agenda. The motion carried 9-0.

**Approval of Minutes:** Annie Fritze motioned, and Bruce Baltar seconded the motion to approve the August 25, 2021, Re-scheduled Board Meeting with changes. The motion carried 9-0.

**Guests and Member Comments: None**

**Reports:**

- A. Bob Himschoot – Submitted a written report. Chris Napoli asked if we were running against any side bars on any of the loans we have. Bob Himschoot stated that no we are not in danger of that this year.
- B. Angela Thames – Submitted a written report. Annie Fritze asked how many member's emails would be discontinued when Nushagak quits offering the nushtel.net and .com emails and how much would be saved by discontinuing. Trung Vo stated that 63 members would be affected, and the savings will be \$9,600/yr.
- C. Trung Vo – Submitted a written report. Chris Napoli stated that he was glad to read about the cross training and teamwork from Nushagak employees that happened during the repair of the fiber at Levelock.
- D. Jim Denslinger– Submitted a written report.
- E. Will Chaney– Submitted a written report. Bruce Baltar asked who the Shade Energy Group. Pete Andrew asked to defer the question until CEO Discussion.
- F. Angie Venua– Submitted a written report. Annie Fritze asked what check #797 was written for. Trung Vo stated that it was for the engineering firm doing the Levelock project.

**Safety Moments:** Read by Will Chaney.

**Discussion/Review:**

- A. General Board Discussion – Pete Andrew asked to pick up the question from Bruce Baltar during the reports. Bruce asked what the Shade Energy Group was. Mr. Himschoot stated that it is a project to develop natural gas headed up by George Shade, Jacqueline Shade and Ray Scandura. The group approached Nushagak management about developing the project with them. Nushagak was given information from the group including contacts at BIA. Jim Denslinger and made some calls to see what it would take to convert our generators to natural gas on a very general basis. Nushagak found that the group has a long way to go to even see if there is any feasibility for the project. Mr. Himschoot sent the group a response and stated that if they wanted to go forward with their feasibility studies that he would ask the board for a support resolution to say that we would be willing to consider converting if the supply was there and it was financially sound for Nushagak to do so. Mr. Himschoot stated at this time the group is a long way from presenting this project to the board for support. Bruce Baltar asked where they would source the gas. Mr. Himschoot stated the group has a 40-acre allotment at the end of Squaw Creek Road. Mr. Himschoot said that the gas is an unknown source and how to refine it is unknown at this time.

- B. General CEO Discussion – Mr. Himschoot gave updates on the Nuyakuk Hydro Project. He stated Nushagak had their first public outreach meeting and met with the BBEDC board. Corey Warnock gave an update on the Nuyakuk Hydro Project.

**Action Items:**

- A. 2022 NRECA Benefit Renewal. Sue Flensburg motioned, and Steve Noonkesser seconded the motion to renew the 2022 NRECA Employee Benefits. The motion passed 9-0
- B. Schedule 2022 Nushagak Cooperative Annual Meeting. The board agreed to pencil in March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- C. Broadband Package Tariff Change. Bruce Baltar motioned, and Annie Fritze seconded the motion to accept the changes to the Broadband package. The motion passed 9-0
- D. Resolution 2021-13 Patronage Capital- Early Retirement of Estates. Sue Flensburg motioned, and Bruce Baltar seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2021-13. The motion passed 9-0
- E. Resolution 2021-14 Patronage Capital- Early Retirement of Estates. Sue Flensburg motioned, and Bruce Baltar seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2021-14. The motion passed 9-0

**Executive Session. AS 10.25.175 Board Meeting Open: Exceptions: Remedy-(C1)** matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the public entity.

Sue Flensburg motioned, and Steve Noonkesser seconded the motion to move into executive session. The times was 8:10pm The motion carried 9-0.

**Motion:** Steve Noonkesser motioned, and Bruce Baltar seconded the motion to move out of Executive Session. The time was 9:08pm. The motion carried 9-0.

**Executive Session. AS 10.25.175 Board Meeting Open: Exceptions: Remedy-**

**(C1)** matters, subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request public discussion.

Sue Flensburg motioned, and Steve Noonkesser seconded the motion to move into executive session. The times was 9:25 pm The motion carried 9-0.

**Motion:** Steve Noonkesser motioned, and Bruce Baltar seconded the motion to move out of Executive Session. The time was 9:54 pm. The motion carried 9-0.

**Future Board Items-**

**Unfinished Business-**

**Future Meetings & Conference Dates:**

**Adjournment-** Bruce Baltar motioned to adjourn and Annie Fritze seconded the motion. With no further business before the board President Pete Andrew adjourned the September 21, 2021, Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting at 9:56 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

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Gayla Powers, Human Resource Generalist 10/19/2021  
Date

**Approved By:**

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Annie Fritze, Secretary Date