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**Board of Directors Regular Scheduled Board Meeting**

Tuesday, October 15, 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, October 15, 2024, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 6:00 p.m.

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

Pete Andrew, President (Zoom)	Mark Lisac, Director
Henry Strub, Vice President	Sue Flensburg, Director
James Hall, Treasurer	Jean Barrett, Director
Wanda Wahl, Director (Zoom)	

**Directors Absent:** Annie Fritze, Secretary  
Bruce Baltar, Director

**Staff Present:** Will Chaney, CEO/GM  
Dennis Payne, Telecom Operations Manager  
Deon Lopez, Comptroller  
Angela Thames, Business Office Manager  
Angela Lopez, HR Generalist/Executive Secretary

**Guests:** Margaret Sutherland, KDLG Reporter/Host  
Kaleb Westfall, Member (Zoom)

**Approval of Agenda:** Sue Flensburg motioned, and James Hall seconded the motion to approve the October 15, 2024, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Agenda as submitted.

The motion carried 7-0

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

The motion carried 7-0.

**Guests and Member Comments:** No comments made.

**Reports:**

- A. Will Chaney – Mr. Chaney gave an update on a few of the bulleted subjects submitted on his written report. There were no questions at this time.
- B. Dennis Payne – Mr. Payne added to his written report that there are plans to implement a second factor authentication for email.

Sue Flensburg asked for additional information on the permit request to move the bore to align with the easement Nushagak received from Ekwok. A letter from the Corps of Engineers identified three (3) points that needed to be addressed; because these three points were outstanding the Corps of Engineers did not want to issue a permit to move the bore site. An alternative to the permit was to meet with City of Ekwok, asking to update the easement for the original site; the easement was received today. The updated Gantt chart shows that once construction is complete, when the fiber is in place and has been tested end-to-end, the fiber should be ready to go on December 6, 2025.

- C. Electric Operations Manager (vacant) – Mr. Chaney, along with W. Chris Williams, will be responding to fieldwork until this position can be filled. Mr. Chaney is looking to temporarily fill this position with contractors.
- D. Deon Lopez – Mr. Lopez attended APA's Accounting Finance Workshop where he was able to network with utility-based accountants and lined up some meetings.

Mr. Lopez continues to gather information to prepare for a Budget Committee meeting.

Financial Reports are up-to-date and will be available at next month's board meeting.

James Hall is requesting additional information for Division #2 – Telephone, G/L Income Statement, Item #5 Miscellaneous Revenues, Budget.

- E. Angela Thames – Mark Lisac asked if there was a call count for calls placed/directed to ISPN's after-hours phone number. Ms. Thames does not currently track the call count but will look into getting that number in her monthly board report.

**Safety Moment: Work Safe: Chainsaws – Safety Reminders to Cut With**

**Discussion/Review:**

- A. General Board Discussion – Mark Lisac invited the board to a Lunch & Learn at the Bristol Bay Campus, topic of discussion will be Bristol Bay Salmon Research. Mr. Lisac is tentatively scheduled to host a Lunch & Learn on the Nuyakuk Hydro Concept.
- B. General CEO Discussion – Mr. Chaney thanked Mark Lisac for his participation at the UTBB Sustainability Summit that took place here in Dillingham; there were many positive comments and feedback regarding Mr. Lisac's presentation.

The 2025 budgeting process will likely include a rate increase. Henry Strub asked if a rate study has been conducted recently; staff answered that there has not been a rate study in many years.

Mr. Chaney gave an oral report on the Rural Energy Conference that he attended in Fairbanks, September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Action Items:**

- A. **2025 Directory Cover Contest** – The board voted on the front and back cover for the 2025 Directory.
- B. **2025 Annual Meeting Dates** – The board voted to have the 2025 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

**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. 2024 Broadband Showcase, October 30 & 31, Anchorage, AK
  - 2. AK Electric Utility Conference, November 19 – 21, Anchorage, AK
  - 3. ATA 2025 Winter Conference, January 19 – 22, 2025, Waikoloa, HI

**Adjournment:** Sue Flensburg motioned, and James Hall seconded the motion to adjourn and with no further business to come before the board, Board Vice President Henry Strub adjourned the October 17, 2024, Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting. The time was 7:54 pm.

The motion carried 7-0.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

*Angela Lopez* 11/19/2024  
Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist Date

**Approved By:** *Annie Fritze* 11/19/2024  
Annie Fritze, Secretary Date

