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Board of Directors Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 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 17, 2023, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 5:58 p.m.

Directors Present: *(Quorum Established)*

Henry Strub, Vice-President
Sue Flensburg, Director
Wanda Wahl, Treasurer

Mark Lisac, Director (Zoom)
Jean Barrett, Director
James Hall, Director

Directors Absent: Pete Andrew, President
Annie Fritze, Secretary
Bruce Baltar, Director

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

Guests: No Guests

Approval of Agenda: Sue Flensburg motioned, and Jean Barrett seconded the motion to approve the October 17, 2023, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Agenda.

The motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Minutes: Jean Barrett motioned, and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion to approve the September 19, 2023, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.

The motion carried 6–0.

Guests and Member Comments: None at this time.

Reports:

- A. Will Chaney – Wanda Wahl asked if the reassessment of the fuel tanks will take place when the Vitus contract is up for renewal. Will Chaney has had discussions with operations and some challenges have been identified. To move forward with possible solutions, details of the contract with Vitus need to be revisited. Ms. Wahl requested more information after the cost analysis is complete.

Under the Hydro Update portion of Mr. Chaney’s report, Mark Lisac asked what does EDST stand for. Will Chaney answered that it stands for Economic Decision Support Tool. This tool is used by imputing costs, benefits and additional information from the studies to determine how a particular item, such as the cost of fish, might affect the project.

Mark Lisac requested a schedule of the UTBB community meetings, one will be forwarded to all board members.

- B. Dennis Payne – Mark Lisac asked if the Easement Agreement with Ekwok and Levelock has been received. A signed document has not yet been received.
- C. Angela Thames – No questions at this time.
- D. Angie Venua – Wanda Wahl asked if we should be concerned with the overdue account receivables as we are heading into the winter months. Angela Thames explained that the financials in the packet reflect August, which includes the fish processing plants who carry high balances; payments have since been received. Angie Venua explained that disconnected accounts with a balance due, that have earned capital credits, will be paid when the capital credits are retired. The disconnect for non-payment process, and the need to evaluate it was also discussed.

Safety Moment: Work Safe: Full View of Needs

Discussion/Review:

- A. General Board Discussion – Mark Lisac suggested that a website or webpage be dedicated to the Fiber project, where updates and information can be readily available to the public and membership. Will Chaney agreed that this would be a good idea and that he will reach

out to AK Directional because the updates would be coming from them as they work on the project.

- B. General CEO Discussion – Rob Carr with CFC would like to schedule a two-day meeting with the board in January, February or March for the KRTA and Strategic Planning, Angela Lopez will poll the board for availability.

1.2 million gallons of diesel were safely and successfully delivered, totaling just over \$4 million.

The Budget Committee was established: Sue Flensburg, Mark Lisac, James Hall, and Wanda Wahl. The first meeting will be held, tentatively, on Tuesday, November 21st, 2023, from 5 pm to 6 pm in the board room.

The remainder of AK Directionals equipment has arrived.

- C. Show us your Lights: Christmas Lighting Contest – The board approved the continuation of the Show us your Lights – Christmas Lighting Contest. Angela Thames will start advertising.

Action Items:

- A. Restructure of Organizational Chart: Wanda Wahl motioned, and Jean Barrett seconded the motion to approve the Proposed 2024 Restructure of the Organizational Chart.

The motion carried 6–0.

Changes included: the removal of the Communications Supervisor and Accountant and the addition of Senior Accountant and Central Office Technician also, move the telephone and co technicians to be supervised under the Network Services Supervisor.

- B. Vote on 2024 Directory Covers – 31 photos were submitted by the membership, Nushagak staff voted, and the top six photos were presented to the board. The board voted for the front and back cover.

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. Alaska Electric Utility Legal Workshop, October 11-12, Anchorage, AK
 - 2. 2023 Broadband Showcase, November 1-2, 2023, Anchorage, AK
 - 3. ATA 2024 Winter Conference, January 28-31, Lihue, Kauai, HI

Adjournment: Wanda Wahl motioned, and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion to adjourn and with no further business to come before the board, Board Vice President Henry Strub adjourned the October 17, 2023, Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting. The time was 7:20 pm.

The motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist 11/21/2023
Date

Approved By: 

Annie Fritze, Secretary 11/21/2023
Date

