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Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

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 Tuesday, November 15, 2022, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 7:00 p.m.

Directors Present: *(Quorum Established)*

Henry Strub, Vice-President
Wanda Wahl, Treasurer
Annie Fritze, Secretary

Chris Napoli, Director (Zoom)
Sue Flensburg, Director
Mark Lisac, Director

Directors Absent: Pete Andrew, President
Bruce Baltar, Director
Steve Noonkesser, Director

Staff Present: Will Chaney, CEO/GM
Angie Venua, Comptroller (Zoom)
Angela Thames, Business Office Manager
Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist

Guests: Carol Triem, Program Coordinator for Resilient Economies & Communities for Alaska Municipal League

Approval of Agenda: Sue Flensburg motioned, and Annie Fritze seconded the motion to approve the November 15, 2022, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Agenda. The motion carried 6-0

Approval of Minutes: Sue Flensburg motioned, and Mark Lisac seconded the motion to approve the October 25, 2022, Rescheduled Board Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion carried 6-0.

Guests and Member Comments: None at this time.

Reports:

- A. Will Chaney – Will Chaney spoke to each line item on his report; the updates included: Tabling the approval of the 2023 Nuyakuk Hydroelectric Project Budget, the next Budget Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2022, and Division 1 Inventory is complete.
- B. Angela Thames – Submitted a written report.
- C. Angie Venua – Submitted a written report.

Safety Moment: OSHA Alert: Working Safely in Cold Weather

Discussion/Review:

- A. General Board Discussion – Wanda Wahl inquired about Nushagak’s participation with a REAP program associated with the School District, that this program could encourage children to work for Nushagak. Angela Lopez mentioned that Nushagak did a sponsorship for the REAP Power Pledge Challenge back in August of this year. Staff will look into the sponsorship.

Wanda Wahl asked if dates have been set for the Christmas gathering. Angela Thames stated that the Employee Appreciation Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 11th at 5 pm.

Sue Flensburg informed the board that BBNC recently received a million-dollar grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to map ecologically, economically, and culturally important wetlands in Bristol Bay to improve region-wide prioritization and management for sockeye salmon and salmon habitat. Sue added that this project could provide useful information for the potential Nuyakuk Hydro project. Will Chaney also added that the project is an opportunity to gather better information for the fiber project.

- B. General CEO Discussion – The Choggiung/NTIA Grant Agreement is still in draft form, actively working towards formal agreement.

One Telecom Operations Manager in person interview took place on Monday, November 14th, the second in person interview is scheduled for Friday, November 18th.

Cory Warnock with McMillen Jacobs Associates did a presentation on the Nuyakuk Hydroelectric Project at the Wood Tikchik State Park Management Council meeting.

Efforts are being made to complete a survey of the Levelock and Muklung Tower Sties.

Skid steer, with tracks, made it in on the last barge, this will help with the Right of Way tree clearing. The line crew currently uses a mini excavator with a mulcher. The line crew's efforts are appreciated and recognized throughout the community.

Action Items:

A. **Resolution 2022-15 Secretary's Certificate.** Sue Flensburg motioned to approve Resolution 2022-08 and Chris Napoli seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

B. **Approve 2023 Nuyakuk Hydroelectric Project Budget** **TABLED**

Director Items:

A. Future Board Items/New Business – Chris Napoli recommended a full Board Workshop to discuss the Budget. It was agreed that a Workshop will be scheduled prior to the December Board Meeting.

B. Unfinished Business – None at this time.

C. Future Meetings & Conference Dates:

1. APA Communicators' Forum, Nov. 16, 2022, Anch., AK
2. APA/ARECA Holiday Open House, Dec. 7, 2022, Anch., AK
3. APA/ARECA Insurance/Education Foundation Mtgs., Dec 7 & 8, 2022 Anch., AK
4. ATA 2023 Winter Conference, January 22 – 25, Lahaiana, Maui
5. Nushagak Cooperative Annual Meeting, Mar. 21, 2023, Dillingham, AK
6. ATA Annual Meeting, May 22-24, 2023, Cordova, AK

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 November 15, 2022, Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting. The time was 7:47. The motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Angela Lopez 12/20/2022
Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist Date

Approved By:

Annie Fritze 12/20/2022
Annie Fritze, Secretary Date

