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

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

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

### **MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** Board President, Peter Andrew called the Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting to order on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 7:02 p.m.

**Directors Present:**

***(Quorum Established)***

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| Peter Andrew, President,        | Henry Strub, Vice-President (phone) |
| Wanda Wahl, Treasurer (phone)   | Annie Fritze, Secretary (phone)     |
| Bruce Baltar, Director (phone)  | Chris Napoli, Director (phone)      |
| Sue Flensburg, Director (phone) | Josh Bullock, Director (phone)      |

**Directors Absent:** Steve Noonkesser, Director

**Staff Present:**

Robert Himschoot, CEO/GM (phone)  
Trung Vo, Telecom Operations Manager  
Angie Venua, Senior Accountant (phone)  
Gayla Powers, Human Resource Generalist

**Guests:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Wanda Wahl motioned and Henry Strub seconded the motion to approve the, November 17, 2020 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting agenda. The motion carried 8-0.

**Approval of Minutes:** Wanda Wahl motioned and Henry Strub seconded the motion to approve the October 20, 2020 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes with changes. The motion carried 8-0.

**Guests and Member Comments:**

**Reports:**

- A. Bob Himschoot – Submitted a written report. Chris Napoli asked about the increased generation capacity by Organic Rankine Cycle. Mr. Himschoot answered that it is a device that uses waste heat to produce electricity. A design to produce more waste heat by harvesting exhaust gases. Mr. Napoli also asked if we were using 360 for grants writing. Bob stated that only staff was being used. Mr. Napoli also asked when the proper time would be to go into the supplemental information provided about the hydro project. Mr. Andrew stated that it would be during the CEO discussion.
- B. Angie Venua – Submitted a written report.
- C. Angela Thames – Submitted a written report.
- D. Bobby Armstrong – Submitted a written report.
- E. Trung Vo – Submitted a written report. Wanda Wahl asked about the GCI backhaul and how it works. Trung Vo answered that it was transporting GCI's data from their cell sites so they can increase LT on all their cell sites.

#### **Safety Moments:**

#### **Discussion/Review:**

- A. General Board Discussion – Mr. Andrew congratulated Henry Strub for receiving the coveted Mason LaZelle Achievement Award. Henry thanked everyone for supporting him all these years. He talked about the exciting time his electric journey has been. Pete Andrew also shared the thank you card that Michele Maisley sent thanking Nushagak for honoring Todd with the scholarship committee. Sue Flensburg asked about more information on making contributions to the Nushagak Scholarship committee and asked if the information be put on the Nushagak website. Mr. Himschoot assured the board that something would be put on the site very soon. Pete Andrew urged everyone to continue to practice safety with regard to the COVID virus.
- B. General CEO Discussion – Mr. Himschoot ensured that the board wanted to have the annual "Show us Your Lights" contest. Pete Andrew, Wanda Wahl and Henry Strub volunteered to judge the lights. Mr. Himschoot updated the board on the training opportunity. Mr. Himschoot talked about the success sharing program brought to Nushagak by CoBank. Gayla Powers made contact with Nushagak service area communities. The following communities will receive the following award. Dillingham \$1,500. Manokotak \$1,500. Aleknagik \$1,500 and Clark's Point \$1,000 with the same matching fund from CoBank. Ekuk was contacted several times with no follow up response. Mr. Himschoot talked about the moratorium for Senate Bill 241 is over as of the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. We have roughly 34 members that have taken advantage of the bill. A total of about \$27,000 are in deferred payments with this initiative. Mr. Himschoot recommends that the members are notified that this has ended and payments must resume and that we work with the members to start the payments and offer an installment plan. Mr. Himschoot gave an update to the hydro project. He stated that as of now Nushagak in the middle of the abeyance until Nushagak resubmits the Revised Study Plan. The resubmission will be driven by the ability to hold in person meetings following the RSP due to COVID and the development of a consensus study plan through the Aquatics Resource Working Group. In

2020 progress was made in the following areas: LIDAR survey of the Nuyakuk Falls site was completed creating several good partnerships with much help from Sue Flensburg. An RFP was released for the Geotech work in 2021. Bob Armstrong completed much of the permitting with the DNR and Parks department. The work camp kits were put on site and one cabin is up and dry. Nushagak submitted an application to the Renewable Energy Fund for the project on September 24<sup>th</sup> and if awarded this will supply \$2M over the next three years in study/engineering funding.

**Action Items:**

- A. Set date for the 2021 Nushagak Cooperative Annual Meeting. March 30, 2021 was the date set for the 2021 annual meeting by the board of directors.
- B. 2021 Budget Review. The board of directors voted 8-0 to accept both the Operations and Capital of Divisions 1, 2 & 3 for the 2021 budget as presented by the Budget Committee.

**Future Board Items-**

**Unfinished Business-**

**Future Meetings & Conference Dates:**

**Adjournment-** Chris Napoli motioned to adjourn the November 17, 2020 Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting at 8:05 p.m. With no further business before the board Peter Andrew adjourned the meeting.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

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Gayla Powers, Human Resource Generalist 12/15/2020  
Date

**Approved By:**

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Annie Fritze, Secretary Date