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Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

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

MINUTES

Call to Order: Board Vice President, Henry Strub called the Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting to order on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 7:00 p.m.

Directors Present:

(Quorum Established)

Henry Strub, Vice-President, (phone)	Steve Noonkesser, Director (phone)
Wanda Wahl, Treasurer (phone)	Annie Fritze, Secretary (phone)
Bruce Baltar, Director (phone)	Chris Napoli, Director (phone)
Sue Flensburg, Director (phone)	

Directors Absent: Peter Andrew, President
Josh Bullock, Director

Staff Present: Robert Himschoot, CEO/GM (phone)
Trung Vo, Telecom Operations Manager (phone)
Angie Venua, Senior Accountant (phone)
Jim Denslinger, Power Plant Superintendent (phone)
Will Chaney, Electric Operations Manager (phone)
Gayla Powers, Human Resource Generalist (phone)

Guests: Petla Noden

Approval of Agenda: Wanda Wahl motioned and Bruce Baltar seconded the motion to approve the, December 15, 2020 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Minutes: Steve Noonkesser motioned and Sue Flensburg seconded the motion to approve the November 17, 2020 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes with changes. The motion carried 7-0.

Guests and Member Comments: Petla Noden introduced himself and stated he would like to re-introduce the wind project that he introduced 10 years ago. He said he has been studying the wind and financing a wind project. He stated that his grandfather has 40 acres of land on coffee point with no road access. He stated that he wanted to develop a wind farm on this property. He said he was in contact with several federal financiers as well as Shelby Small with Natural Resource Specialist Renewable Energy contractor. He stated they are working a feasibility study for him. Mr. Noden stated that he thought it would be better for Nushagak Cooperative and Choggiung build and own this project rather than him. He said that he wanted to open talks with Nushagak Cooperative on this matter. Mr. Strub thanked him and Mr. Himschoot stated that Mr. Noden may contact him.

Reports:

- A. Bob Himschoot – Submitted a written report.
- B. Angie Venua – Submitted a written report.
- C. Angela Thames – Submitted a written report.
- D. Trung Vo – Submitted a written report.

Safety Moments: Mr. Strub stated that it is important to clean your cars from snow because all the snow can slide off the top of your vehicle and obstruct your view. Also remember to turn on your headlights.

Discussion/Review:

- A. General Board Discussion – Sue Flensburg gave a quick update on the proposal submitted by the Bristol Bay Heritage Land Trust which oversees Southwest Alaska Salmon Habitat Partnership. The proposal is relevant to the hydro project Mrs. Flensburg stated the proposal ran 3rd which is good and this will be submitted to the feds and the actual funding should be known in the next few months.
- B. General CEO Discussion – Mr. Himschoot gave an update on the reorganization of Division 1 with the departures of the electric operations manager and line superintendent. Will Chaney will take the Electric Operations Manager position to oversee the line crew, Jim Denslinger will be the Power Plant Superintendent and oversee the power plant operations and Tyke Olson will take the Line Superintendent position. Will and Jim will report to Mr. Himschoot and Tyke will report to Mr. Chaney. Mr. Himschoot gave an update to the 2021 Nushagak Cooperative virtual annual meeting. Sue Flensburg asked if giving the members an opportunity to submit questions prior to the meeting would be a good idea. Mr. Himschoot stated that it was an option but we would also have the option of members to ask during the meeting due to any questions being generated by the presentations. Chris Napoli suggested that Nushagak staff contact Andy Wink at RFDA about a virtual platform they did that had a few hundred participants and what they learned. Mr. Himschoot stated the Nushagak got a second chance letter from the ReConnect grant and it wasn't exactly what he was expecting. He stated that he only submitted Division 1 financials and found that they wanted all financials to include Division 2 which will only help Nushagak with the

application. Sue Flensburg asked if Nushagak had gotten any calls about the story on KDLG about the upgrade to GCI story. Mr. Himschoot told her he did not believe so. Mr. Strub asked that Bob go over what it had to do with Nushagak. Mr. Himschoot stated that it was part of the contract between Nushagak and GCI for them to use our bandwidth.

C. Executive Session.

AS 10.25.175 Board Meeting Open: Exceptions: Remedy-(C2) matters, subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of a person; however, the person may request a public discussion.

Cancelled with no employee interest in the procedure

Action Items:

- A. **Resolution 2020-25 Tariff Changes – Electric Rates** Bruce Baltar motioned to approve Resolution 2020-25 and Chris Napoli seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.
- B. **Resolution 2020-26 Tariff Changes – Taxes & Surcharges – Fuel Cost Rate Adjustment** Bruce Baltar motioned to approve Resolution 2020-25 and Chris Napoli seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Future Board Items-

Unfinished Business-

Future Meetings & Conference Dates:

ATA Winter Conference (virtual) January 25-26

Adjournment- With no further business before the board Henry Strub Vice-President adjourned the December 15, 2020 Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Gayla Powers, Human Resource Generalist 01/19/2021
Date

Approved By:

Annie Fritze, Secretary Date