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Board of Directors Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

800 Kenny Wren Road

Nushagak Cooperative Conference Room

MINUTES

Call to Order: Board President, Pete Andrew, called the Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting to order on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 6:01 p.m.

Directors Present: *(Quorum Established)*

Pete Andrew, President
Henry Strub, Vice President
James Hall, Treasurer (Zoom)
Annie Fritze, Secretary

Wanda Wahl, Director
Bruce Baltar, Director
Mark Lisac, Director

Directors Absent: Sue Flensburg, Director
Jean Barrett, Director

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

Guests:

Approval of Agenda: Wanda Wahl motioned, and Mark Lisac seconded the motion to approve the December 17, 2024, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Agenda with the following addition to

X: Director Items:

D. Executive Session. AS 10.25.175 Board Meetings Open; Exceptions; Remedy (C1) matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the cooperative.

The motion carried 7-0

Approval of Minutes: Mark Lisac motioned, and Wanda Wahl seconded the motion to approve the November 19, 2024, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.

The motion carried 7-0.

Guests and Member Comments: No comments made.

Reports:

- A. Will Chaney, CEO/GM – No questions at this time.
- B. Dennis Payne/Michael Timmerman, Telecom Operations Manager – Annie Fritze inquired about the amount of funding that is being applied for through the BEAD grant. Dennis Payne informed the board that Nushagak has been approved for a Technical Assistance Grant in the amount of \$1 Million; the Technical Assistance Grant will steer how much funding will be requested through the BEAD application process which is due April 14, 2025.

Mark Lisac followed up with a question asking what this funding will be used for. Mr. Payne answered that the funding will be used to bring fiber to Clarks Point and Manokotak, as well as fiber to the home in those locations.

Annie Fritze asked what a 30% increase to the ACF/Alaska Plan would look like. Mr. Payne estimates that the increase would be approximately \$500,000.00.

- C. Electric Operations Manager (vacant) – No questions at this time.
- D. Deon Lopez, Comptroller – No questions at this time.
- E. Angela Thames, Business Office Manager – No questions at this time.

Safety Moment: Work Safe: APA Commitment to Continuous Safety Improvement Award

Discussion/Review:

- A. General Board Discussion – Pete Andrew gave a verbal report on the BBNC Board Meeting and Leadership Forum that he attended earlier in the month; Mr. Andrew thanked fellow board member Mark Lisac and CEO/GM, Will Chaney, for their participation in the event.

Pete Andrew discussed the importance of being a board member and the role and responsibilities that it entails, attendance and participation in industry meetings and conferences is essential and encouraged.

- B. General CEO Discussion – Will Chaney gave an update to his written report.

Mr. Chaney informed the board that Michael Timmerman has accepted the position of Telecom Operations Manager; Dennis Payne's last day will be on Friday, December 20, 2024. Mr. Chaney and the board thanked Mr. Payne for his time and commitment to the Cooperative and wished him well in his future endeavors. Mr. Payne mirrored the sentiments, sharing his thanks for the opportunities.

Mr. Chaney attended a meeting with The Western Alaska Fuel Group to discuss vendor proposals.

Mr. Chaney shared his experience and takeaways from attending the BBNC Board Meeting and Leadership Forum.

Charter will acquire Liberty Broadband, who currently owns GCI; GCI may become a standalone company as it once was in the past.

Action Items:

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. ATA 2025 Winter Conference, January 19 – 22, 2025, Waikoloa, HI
 2. APA State Legislative Conference, Feb 5 – 6, 2025, Juneau, AK
 3. ATA Annual Meeting, May 12 – 14, 2025, Kodiak, AK
 4. APA & AIE Annual Meeting, Aug 5 – 8, 2025, Cordovia, AK

D. Call for Executive Session. AS 10.25.175 Board Meetings Open; Exceptions; Remedy (C1) matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the cooperative.

Henry Strub motioned, and Wanda Wahl seconded the motion to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 7-0. The time was 6:26 pm.

Bruce Baltar motioned, and Wanda Wahl seconded the motion to move out of Executive Session. The motion passed 7-0. The time was 7:51 pm.

Adjournment: Wanda Wahl motioned, and Annie Fritze seconded the motion to adjourn and with no further business to come before the board, Board President Pete Andrew adjourned the December 17, 2024, Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting. The time was 7:54 pm.


The motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist 1/21/2025
Date

Approved By:



Annie Fritze, Secretary 1/21/2025
Date

