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Board of Directors Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 19, 2023, 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 19, 2023, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 6:03 p.m.

Directors Present:

(Quorum Established)

Pete Andrew, President

Henry Strub, Vice-President (Zoom)

Annie Fritze, Secretary

Sue Flensburg, Director

Wanda Wahl, Treasurer

Bruce Baltar, Director

Mark Lisac, Director

Jean Barrett, Director

James Hall, Director

Directors Absent:

Staff Present:

Will Chaney, CEO/GM

Dennis Payne, Telecom Operations Manager

Joel Collins, Electric Operations Manager

Angela Thames, Business Office Manager

Angie Venua, Comptroller

Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist

Guests:

No Guests

Approval of Agenda: Annie Fritze motioned, and Mark Lisac seconded the motion to approve the December 19, 2023, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Agenda, with the following changes:

Addition to X. Director Items:

D. Call for Executive Session. AS 10.25.175 Board Meeting Open: Exceptions: Remedy (C1) matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the public entity.

The motion carried 9-0.

Approval of Minutes: Sue Flensburg motioned, and James Hall seconded the motion to approve the November 21, 2023, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes with a correction to the spelling of Corps of Engineers under Reports.

The motion carried 9-0.

Guests and Member Comments: None at this time.

Reports:

- A. Will Chaney – No questions at this time.
- B. Dennis Payne – Mr. Payne is currently working with Microcom regarding the monthly billing and also working with American Media Technologies (AMT) on other video options.

An A/C unit at the Head End failed resulting in an outage, the A/C has been fixed but heat damage to equipment caused additional issues. Mr. Payne explained that issues like these exhausts the small monthly revenue generated by video.
- C. Joel Collins – No questions at this time.
- D. Angela Thames – No questions at this time.
- E. Angie Venua – Annie Fritze asked for clarification on the Division #2 Note: For the month of October 2023 there is no transfer of internet revenues from Division 3 to Division 2. Mrs. Venua explained that in the past, when revenue was large, funds would be transferred from Division 3 to Division 2. Mrs. Venua further explained that the current revenue amount has significantly decreased, and if a transfer were to be made the impact would be minimal. Mrs. Fritze asked what the transfer amounts in the past were. Mrs. Venua did not have this information and would get back with Mrs. Fritze.

Safety Moment: Work Safe: Review of General Rules was read by Will Chaney.

Discussion/Review:

- A. Show us your Lights Committee – There were six (6) entries for the Show us your Lights Contest; Jean Barrett, Wanda Wahl and Bruce Baltar volunteered to be on the committee.
- B. General Board Discussion – Pete Andrew stated that there may be some challenges this upcoming year, both with the hydro and fiber projects and shared the importance of continuing to be present at the community meetings being held. CEO, Will Chaney shared his experience from the past Hydro meetings that he has attended and gave examples of some of the findings from the Initial Study Report.

Mark Lisac asked if progress has been made to waive the fee for easements to lay the fiber and if the Easement Agreement has been signed. Mr. Chaney answered, the agreement has not been signed.

James Hall gave a slideshow presentation on the Proposed 2024 Operating Budget. It has been requested that the Proposed 2024 Operating Budget be added to the Action Items on the January 2024 Agenda.

- C. General CEO Discussion – Mr. Chaney reported that Manokotak is currently experiencing a total power outage. Manokotak Power Company made an inquiry to Nushagak about inventory and supplies; help was offered and declined. Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) is aware of the situation and will be assisting Manokotak Power Company to restore power. Nushagak is willing to offer assistance if a request to do so is made.

Mr. Chaney outlined a schedule of Sustainable Energy Community Meetings that he attended, hosted by United Tribes of Bristol Bay (UTBB). Mr. Chaney participated in the UTBB Stainable Community Meetings by giving a presentation on updates to the Hydro project. Mr. Chaney then gave a report on how he felt those meetings went.

Mr. Chaney also mentioned that the Aquatic Working Group meetings are going well. Sue Flensburg commented that WTSP Manager, Alison Eskeln, gave an update at the BBHLT Annual Meeting on December 16, 2023, and mentioned that the sonars to count smolt passage may be extended in 2024. Mrs. Flensburg also noted the Land Trust is soliciting applications for the Southwest Alaska Salmon Habitat Partnership Grant Solicitation (proposals due in Feb 2024) and would forward the solicitation to Will and Pete.

Mr. Chaney is working with Electric Power Systems (EPS) on potential funding sources for burying conductor to Aleknagik and, possibly in the future, a transmission line from the Hydro site to Dillingham and other communities.

While Mr. Chaney was out of town this past month, Electric Operations Manager, Joel Collins and Apprentice Lineman, W. Chris Williams responded to outages caused by unfavorable weather conditions. Service was restored quickly and without incident.

Action Items:

- A. **Approve Resolution 2023 – 12 Tariff Changes – Non-Firm Power Purchase Rate.** Sue Flensburg motioned to approve Resolution 2023 – 12 and Mark Lisac seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0

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. APA State Legislative Conference, Jan 31 – Feb 1, Juneau, AK
 2. ATA 2024 Winter Conference, January 28-31, Lihue, Kauai, HI
 3. CFC KRTA & Strategic Planning Workshop, February 15 – 16, Dlg, AK
 4. ATA Annual Meeting 75th Anniversary, May 20 – 22, Anchorage, AK
 5. Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference, May 20 – 23, Anchorage, AK
 6. APA Federal Legislative Conference, June 4 – 6, Washington, DC
 7. APA & ARECA Annual Meeting, September 10 – 13, Fairbanks, AK
- D. **Call for Executive Session. AS 10.25.175 Board Meeting Open: Exceptions: Remedy (C1) matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the public entity.**


Wanda Wahl motioned, and James Hall seconded the motion to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 9-0. The time was 8:07 pm.

James Hall motioned, and Wanda Wahl seconded the motion to move out of Executive Session. The motion passed 9-0. The time was 8:25 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 19, 2023, Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting. The time was 8:26 pm.

The motion carried 9-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist 1/16/2024
Date

Approved By:



Annie Fritze, Secretary 1/14/2024
Date

