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**Board of Directors Regular Scheduled Board Meeting**

Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

800 Kenny Wren Road

Nushagak Cooperative Conference Room

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** Board Vice President Henry Strub called the Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting to order on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, in the Nushagak Cooperative Board Room. The time was 6:00 p.m.

**Directors Present:** *(Quorum Established)*

Henry Strub, Vice President  
Annie Fritze, Secretary  
Wanda Wahl, Treasurer  
Sue Flensburg, Director <6:04>  
Bruce Baltar, Director <Zoom>  
Mark Lisac, Director  
Cade Woods, Director <6:06>

**Directors Absent:** Pete Andrew, President  
Jean Barrett, Director

**Staff Present:** Will Chaney, CEO/GM  
Deon Lopez, Comptroller  
Michael Timmerman, Telecom Operations Manager <Zoom>  
Angela Thames, Business Office Manager  
Angela Lopez, HR Generalist/Executive Director

**Guests:** No Guests.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mark Lisac motioned, and Annie Fritze seconded the motion to approve the March 17, 2026, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Agenda.

The motion carried 5-0

**Approval of Minutes:** Mark Lisac motioned, and Annie Fritze seconded the motion to approve the February 17, 2026, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.

The motion carried 5-0

**Guests and Member Comments:** N/A

**Reports:**

- A. Will Chaney, CEO/GM – Annie Fritze would like to know what the acronym CWFPP is, which is referenced on Mr. Chaney’s report. Mr. Chaney explained that it stands for Community Wildfire Protection Plan; he further explained his involvement with the program.

Cade Woods mentioned that he shared some legislative information with Mr. Lisac and Mr. Chaney regarding air quality and asked if anything came of it. Mr. Chaney mentioned that, as a result of the invoicing review process, the power plant supervisor has begun researching alternative air quality contractors to reduce costs. Mr. Lisac noted that the current estimated annual cost ranges from \$200,000 - \$400,000.

Mr. Lisac requested an update on Choggiung’s BESS and solar installation and asked if the feasibility study had been received. Mr. Chaney stated that the feasibility study is not yet complete and that the project remains in the site selection phase.

Mr. Lisac commented on the interviews held for the power plant technician position. Mr. Chaney noted that filling the position would reduce the workload of the power plant supervisor, thereby improving operations.

- B. Michael Timmerman, Telecom Operations Manager – Annie Fritze requested the involvement of attorney Andy Lehman in the contract negotiation discussions between Nushagak and the DIA provider. Mr. Chaney stated that the current contract runs through 2029 and that Mr. Lehman, and possibly Robert Himschoot, will participate in those discussions.

Wanda Wahl shared her experience with the new fiber speeds on the coax system, noting that a pending trouble ticket has not yet resulted in adequate service. Mr. Chaney assured her that the issue would be addressed. Ms. Wahl also provided suggestions to improve the internet application.

- C. Electric Operations Manager (vacant) – No questions at this time.

- D. Deon Lopez, Comptroller – Annie Fritze questioned the significant change in the deficit from \$593,743 (December) to \$54,670 (January). Mr. Lopez explained that this report represents a new fiscal year starting in January 2026.

Mark Lisac requested a refresher on the current loans, specifically, which loan is for what purpose. Mr. Lopez explained that there are three (3) outstanding loans: CoBank – bulk fuel purchase, CFC – Microwave infrastructure, and RUS – Plant upgrade. Mr. Lopez spoke to the terms and status of the loans. Mr. Lopez offered to include loan information in forthcoming board reports.

Annie Fritze commented on the new hire, and Mr. Lopez noted that the accounting department is now fully staffed, which should lead to positive results.

Wanda Wahl expressed her appreciation for Mr. Lopez's efforts and his commitment to improving his understanding and efficiency in using the NISC system

- E. Angela Thames, Business Office Manager – No questions at this time.

**Safety Moment:** Work Safe – A Clean Truck is a Happy Truck was self-read.

**Discussion/Review:**

- A. **General Board Discussion** – Cade Woods will be out of town and unavailable to attend the Annual Meeting.

Wanda Wahl will be out of town for the Annual Meeting but will plan to attend via Zoom.

- B. **General CEO Discussion** – Mr. Chaney provided a synopsis of his written report and shared several updates, including the identification of a leaking valve on Tank #2, for which a repair plan is in place, and no significant spill occurred. He also noted the availability of free BBAHC OSHA training opportunities. Additionally, fieldwork on the fiber build has been completed, with paperwork processing expected to take approximately two to three weeks and an anticipated completion date of April 1. The final draw on the NTIA Grant has been submitted.

The Draft License Application (DLA) was completed and submitted to McMillen for review, with Mark Lisac and Dan Dunaway participating in the fisheries section review. The document is expected to be finalized within approximately 2 weeks; the goal is to have the DLA submitted before the annual meeting. After which, a 90-day public comment period will begin.

Following the completion of the comment period, the final license application is anticipated to be submitted. A presentation on the hydro project overview is scheduled for the annual meeting.

**Action Items:**

- A. Resolution 2026–01 Employee Working Policy Section 1 Local Hiring. Sue Flensburg motioned to approve Resolution 2026–01, and Mark Lisac seconded the motion.

The motion carried 7-0

- B. Resolution 2026–02 Employee Working Policy Section 5 Holidays. Sue Flensburg motioned to approve Resolution 2026–02, and Wanda Wahl seconded the motion.

The motion carried 7-0

**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. WAISC, April 7 – 9, 2026, Bethel, AK
2. NETC Annual Meeting, April 8, 2026, Dillingham, AK
3. AK Sustainable Energy Conference, May 19 – 21, 2026, Anchorage, AK
4. ATA Annual Meeting, May 19 – 21, 2026, Valdez, AK
5. APA Federal Legislative Conference, June 2 – 4, 2026, Washington DC.
6. APA 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, September 29 – October 2, 2026, Anchorage, AK
7. AK Rural Energy Conference, October 27 – 29, 2026, Fairbanks, AK

**Adjournment:** Wanda Wahl motioned, and Annie Fritze seconded the motion to adjourn. With no further business to come before the board, Board Vice President Henry Strub adjourned the March 17, 2026, Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting. The time was 7:46 pm.

The motion carried 7-0.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

  
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Angela Lopez, Executive Secretary/HR Generalist 4/21/2026  
Date

**Approved By:**  
  
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Annie Fritze, Secretary 4/21/2026  
Date

