



# Northwest Arctic Borough

## SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

Ambler Buckland Candle Deering Kivalina Kiana  
Kobuk Kotzebue Noatak Noorvik Selawik Shungnak

## Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes - *DRAFT*

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 – 9:00 A.M.

Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

### CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Carl Weisner called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

### INVOCATION

Mr. Miles Cleveland gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

#### Members Present:

Walter G. Sampson	Carl Weisner	Frank Greene	Nathan Hadley Jr.
Vern Cleveland Sr.	Lucy Nelson	Hendy Ballot Sr.	Miles Cleveland Sr.
Larry Westlake Sr.	Clyde Ramoth	<i>Patrick Savok</i>	

#### Members Excused:

Michael Tickett	Delbert Ward
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#### Introduction of Staff and Guests

Reggie Joule	Mary Hyatt	Kenny Gallahorn	Matt Mead
Judy Hassinger	Christine Hess	Annabelle Alvite	Brenden Ryan
Fred Smith	Stella Atoruk		
<i>Ingemar Mathiasson</i>	<i>Marlene Moto-Karl- telephonic</i>		

### AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda of the January 27, 2014 Regular Meeting was presented for approval. Mayor would like add Resolution 14-03, 14-04 and 14-05 to agenda.

**Mr. Hendy Ballot moved, seconded by Mr. Clyde Ramoth to adopt the agenda as amended. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.**

## MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The December 3, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes was presented for approval.

**Mr. Clyde Ramoth moved, seconded by Mr. Hendy Ballot to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.**

## BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Chair Lucy Nelson reported the BAF Meeting held the previous morning review the financial reports and Alaska Permanent Capital Report; recommend do pass on all resolutions and ordinances that were presented. Judy gave a brief summary of the reports presented.

Mr. Larry Westlake reported the Joint Construction/Maintenance reviewed the bids for magnet school; Patrick reported that the resolution Kobuk School would like to secure some monies to have the students from Kobuk add to the mural that they have now.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS, ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES AND EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance 13-10** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending the Borough Personnel Code and for related purposes.*

Matt Mead highlighted the changes to the personnel code; Member Vern Cleveland raised the concern regarding the City Offices in our Borough following this code.

**Mr. Hendy Ballot moved, seconded by Mr. Clyde Ramoth to approve Ordinance 13-10. A roll call was conducted, motion carried unanimously.**

2. **Ordinance 13-11** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending the Borough Procurement Code and for related purposes.*

Christine Hess provided a brief summary of the changes to the procurement code. Member Clyde Ramoth raised his concern regarding RFP process.

**Mr. Nathan Hadley moved, seconded by Mr. Miles Cleveland to approve Ordinance 13-11. A roll call was conducted, motion carried unanimously.**

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Joule provided a written report; additional to that he added that the Shell Agreement had been finalized. Mayor mentioned would like to apply for additional monies for research; currently advertising for a science director. AFN is holding a Subsistence Meeting in Anchorage; State is taking up on the Katie John case, Governor decided to challenge in US Supreme court regarding navigable waters. This task force will have a meeting in February, April and July. Mayor mentioned that there is going to be an

education summit scheduled on behalf of NWALT and Fred Smith is going to be part of that to represent Borough; Jerry Covey will coordinate sometimes after July. Last week AIDEA had held meetings in Ambler, Shungnak and Kobuk regarding Roads to Resources, possibly good and productive meeting; NANA and Borough hadn't been contacted regarding this. Reggie informed AIDEA they need Borough support for future projects. We have gotten the DMTS information we have requested from AIDEA; once analyzed we will report to the Assembly.

Member Ballot mentioned the importance of DMTS. Member Westlake mentioned when we have search and rescue missions; search sites need maps with overlays available. Member Ramoth raised his concern regarding evacuation plans for the villages; along with climate change issues and emergencies. Member Sampson mentioned that it's critical to find individuals with local knowledge; critical to know local knowledge is science. Our relationship with ICC we need to reaffirm, ICC has a relationship with United Nations. That is our last resource; crucial and important that we know that they way of our life is challenged every day. We have the authority for permitting in the Borough. Member Ballot mentioned the each community should be aware of these companies that pay out money for knowledge.

**Mr. Clyde Ramoth moved, seconded by Mr. Nathan Hadley to approve Mayor's report. A roll call was conducted, motion carried unanimously.**

#### **TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, February 24, 2014	9:00 A.M.	Budget, Audit & Finance
Monday, February 24, 2014	1:00 P.M.	Work session
Tuesday, February 25, 2014	9:00 A.M.	Regular Meeting

**Mr. Carl Weisner moved, seconded by Mr. Hedy Ballot to approve the schedule as listed. A roll call vote was conducted; motion carried unanimously.**

**Break at 10:20 A.M.  
Reconvene at 10:30 A.M.**

#### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance 13-08am02** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly providing for the establishment and adoption of the line item budget amendment for the fiscal year 2014.*

Judy Hassinger gave a summary of the changes to the budget amendment; majority of the changes are due to medical benefits. General fund expenditures; no increase or decrease to the total of general fund expenditures. Member Ramoth raised his concern regarding the Boys & Girls Club contribution. Member Ballot requested information regarding the undesignated funds account.

**Mr. Clyde Ramoth moved, seconded by Mr. Vern Cleveland to approve Ordinance 13-08am02. A roll call vote was conducted; motion carried unanimously.**

Member Patrick Savok excused 10:55 A.M.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution 14-01** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a contract with Alaska Amphib LLC and for related purposes.*

Fred Smith gave a brief summary of the contract; feasibility study and design of equipment to haul fuel to remote villages along Kobuk and Ambler Rivers. Member Ramoth raised his concern regarding amphibious equipment, noise and who regulates the navigable waters. Member Miles Cleveland asked about the current service lines to the tanks in the villages which are not up to standards; believe the villages don't have double wall fuel tanks which the Coast Guard requires.

**Mr. Vern Cleveland moved, seconded by Mr. Larry Westlake to approve Resolution 14-01. A roll call vote was conducted; motion carried unanimously.**

2. **Resolution 14-02** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly to approve a professional services agreement with Bering Straits Development Company and for related purposes.*

Fred Smith provided a summary of the agreement with Bering Straits for purchase and installation of the additional solar arrays in the villages. Under this contract would be Kotzebue, Selawik, Kiana, Buckland and Kivalina. Member Ballot requested history of Bering Straits; maintenance of the panels and expansions of the plants, is there additional funds for that? Member Ramoth suggest that children in the villages know the importance of alternative energy; work with the schools and give a presentation regarding panels.

**Mr. Hendy Ballot moved, seconded by Mr. Larry Westlake to approve Resolution 14-02. A roll call vote was conducted; motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Resolution 14-03** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving the purchase of wind turbines for the Buckland Wind-Diesel Project and for related purposes.*

Fred Smith summarized the resolution; Noorvik, Buckland and Deering have been awarded for turbines. Currently the AEA contract doesn't have enough funds to complete the Noorvik project which would be about three point one million based on the engineer estimates.

**Mr. Clyde Ramoth moved, seconded by Mr. Vern Cleveland to approve Resolution 14-03. A roll call vote was conducted; motion carried unanimously.**

4. **Resolution 14-04** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly*

confirming the Mayor's appointment of Stella Atoruk as the Borough Clerk and for related purposes.

**Mr. Larry Westlake moved, seconded by Mr. Vern Cleveland to approve Resolution 14-04. A roll call vote was conducted; motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Resolution 14-05** a resolution supporting the incorporation of the Inupiaq Language into the passenger experience on Alaska Airlines flights to and from Inupiaq Communities.

Mayor Joule summarized the resolution in support of greetings be given in Inupiaq. Member Weisner thanked Reid Magdanz whom has communicated with Borough and Alaska Airlines. Member Ballot mentioned that this would be good to go through Regional Elder and to local airlines.

**Mr. Clyde Ramoth moved, seconded by Mr. Vern Cleveland to approve Resolution 14-05. A roll call vote was conducted; motion carried unanimously.**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business presented.

#### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Marlene Moto-Karl called regarding Mouth of Iginchuk River and Wolf Creek, low tide there; possibly need to be dredge or something because it will be blocking up spring time again. Possibly can walk across with hip boots; Marlene hope everyone have a safe winter.

#### **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

Vern Cleveland expressed his thanks for the good meeting.

Nathan Hadley thanked the Mayor for the reports and staff for all the hard work for the Borough.

Clyde Ramoth thanked everyone for their hard work. Also we had discussion regarding AML yesterday and hope to have good representation and to work hard on lobbying efforts.

Carl Weisner thanked you for good meeting.

Frank Greene congratulated Ms. Atoruk and commends the Mayor for his selection.

Hendy Ballot thanked you; no comment.

Miles Cleveland thanked you for the good meeting; as for Delong Road, it's going to become a reality in the future, whether we like it or not. We need to start putting our input to it; we are going to create problems for our local people; that if we say cannot subsist. We need to iron out. There are a lot of good places to berry pick and go hunt animals

upriver. That road will create those to use it; right now we need to discuss the availability of access of the road.

Larry Westlake congratulated Stella; know you will do a good job.

Lucy Nelson thanked Mr. President; congratulations Stella, appreciate your hard work. Also, commend the Administration to the 2013 Audit, ended with some added fund balances to our numbers and it shows you have continued efforts for fiscal responsibility and accountability in building capacity for the Borough; for 2014 looks good, spent thirty five percent of budget with six months into the year, we are on track and overall we need to make note of the shared responsibility that our Administration has. Thanks to Reggie for keeping us informed of priorities and identifying the priorities working with our villages; number of projects, continuants need to be reminded that there is an advantage of lobbying in Juneau for projects that our communities needs so we can sustain and build and maintain info structure for all the projects. Our staff works on various projects, economic development and planning department, without everyone efforts we can't sustain these. Lucy wished all the teams playing basketball, good luck. Encourage residents to the open meetings, voice your concerns. With this warm weather; be safe.

Walter Sampson echo rest of Assembly member comments; congratulations to Stella to the Clerk position, hopefully Administration will look for a good backbone for your assistant. To the student rep, thanks for being here and report to your class on what you're learning. At some point we may need your recommendations or any issues that we may deal with. To all of us; some critical issues on the table, barging and road to east, we need to be part of the planning process. So it impacts the way of life, thank all of you; to basketball players, work hard, no team that loses when you play hard, when you get sportsmanship award that is just like coming first. Thank you very much for a good meeting.

Mary Sue Hyatt thanked the President, Mayor and Assembly for having me here.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Joule thanked the President; thank you to the Assembly. Thank you for your time, thank you for input, thank you for your guidance. Extend my congratulations to Stella; thank you to the staff, busy people here. There is a lot that we are doing. Sometime ago there was a suggestion about articles in the Arctic Sounder, this past month there has been one submitted and the next one is going out, this will come on a regular basis. Reggie mentioned the husband of Iris Molnar; services will be held tomorrow in Vegas. Please keep Iris in your thoughts and prayers.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Clyde Ramoth moved to adjourn. With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.**