Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 10, 2022 – 1:00 P.M.
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER
President Hadley called meeting to order at 1:10 P.M.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE
Member Loon provided invocation.

ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL
Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:
Elmer Armstrong Jr.  Tanya Ballot  Delores Barr  Austin Swan Sr.
Sandy Shroyer Beaver  Hannah Loon  Reid Magdanz  Miles Cleveland Sr.
Walter Sampson  Dood Lincoln Carr  Nathan Hadley Jr.

Introduction of Staff and Guests
Dickie Moto, Sr.  Matt Mead  Helena Hildreth  Carl Weisner
Tess Baldwin  Stella Atoruk  Fritz Westlake  Bonnie Nauska
Maureen Reich  Angie Sturm

A quorum was present to conduct business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Agenda presented for approval with no changes for October 10, 2022.

Member Shroyer Beaver motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Member Lincoln Carr. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION
1. Resolution 22-57 a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly ratifying appointment of election officials and certifying the October 4, 2022, General Election results.

Mayor Moto summarized, recommend do pass. Member Shroyer Beaver raised concern of the timeline of recount of Seat I for Assembly. Member Sampson clarified the resolution, of the recount. Member Carr asked Legal Mead if there is a swearing in for Seat I.

Canvas Chair Nauska provided election results of October 4, 2022. Member Magdanz asked if the write in candidate seat for School Board, who is the next candidate? Member Lincoln Carr asked if Ms. Coffin gets that seat? She thought Ellen was listed.
Member Magdanz requested clarification of voting software and if the ballots will be counted here and whom? Member Shroyer Beaver mentioned low turnout; 20% is lowest. Commend canvas committee for work that is being done.

Member Armstrong asked if they would need to file or after? Member Barr corrected chair for Kiana was Charla Reed not Glenda Reed.

Member Loon motion to approve Resolution 22-57, seconded by Member Barr; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Oath of Office held, Clerk Hildreth sworn Cleveland, Hadley, and Barr to Assembly.

2. **Resolution 22-58** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a regional boiler repair program in partnership with NANA Regional Corporation, and for related purposes.

Public Services Director Weisner summarized resolution 22-58; recommend do pass. Member Shroyer Beaver happy to see this, appreciate partnership; glad Kotzebue has been added. Member Sampson echo comments by Member Shroyer Beaver; some elders have problems with heating systems.

Vice President Carr asked if Kotzebue is included in the resolution. Member Loon mentioned dire need for elders, where will rest of the monies come from? She appreciates the program.

Member Sampson motion to approve Resolution 22-58, seconded by Member Sampson; motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

None presented.

**ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

Member Barr appreciate support from the region, look forward to another term. Thank you.

*Member Cleveland thank those that voted for him, will do best to work for everyone. Thank you.*

*Member Swan welcome back Assembly, starting another year. Praise the Lord that we have a good year; lots of work ahead of us. He hopes to see whole Assembly for first day of school on 28th of October.*

President Hadley mentioned if you’d like to attend contact the clerk.

*Member Ballot congratulates returning Assembly members, constituents have voted. Happy to work with you all, moving forward in tough times looking forward.*
Member Sampson congratulates the elected and another possibly during regular meeting; thank you good meeting.

*Member Armstrong congratulates the elected, look forward working together.*

Member Magdzanz congratulates to the re-elected members, look forward to the next two years. Thank you to canvass committee and election judges, appreciates work done running election. Quyanna

Member Loon congratulates President Hadley, Member Barr, and Cleveland for re-elected; look forward to working with the Assembly, partners and staff. Taikuu.

Member Shroyer Beaver thank canvas committee and election workers. Thank Ellen Coffin for running as a write in, congratulations. Regarding the resolution on partnership with NANA, lets recruit and hope people are willing to step up. Are there still meetings happening in regards to the storms we've been getting; how can we prepare for future? Scary; can we hear about that later. Appreciate invitation to Kotzebue IRA and City of Kotzebue although would like to add KIC. Were other city and IRA's asked to contribute too? All fairness to Kotzebue; hope all villages were asked. Congratulations to Kivalina on grand opening of school, happy and hopefully make it up. Thank you.

Vice President Carr congratulates to those re-elected, great job. Mayor Moto and administration are doing good job seeking other monies. Thank you, President Hadley, for moving forward. Look forward to outcome of recount. Thank canvas committee and those that took part in elections.

President Hadley thanks the canvas committee, at the hub he seen people in and out; recount to handle. Good work to Helena, Shayne, and staff looks forward to another few years.

**MAYORS COMMENTS**

Mayor Moto thanks canvas committee to ensure accountability, waiting for recount. Thank you to those that got re-elected, thankful to be here working for our people along with Assembly. Thankful to work with President Hadley to seek adequate funding for our region. Look forward to working with the Assembly. Will reach out to the villages to ensure our employees have a place to stay; possibly two-three-year project.

Thank you canvas committee, staff, and welcome Stella as assistant to Mayor.

Member Sampson raised concern of Russian side of threats; if we get notice of heading our direction, do we have a place for people to gather? Try to keep killing down, otherwise going to wipe us out. Member Shroyer Beaver mentioned Coast Guard is here, possibly they know.

President Hadley mentioned when they had Deering/Kivalina meetings regarding the storm he is thankful for Public Safety Director Baldwin; have faith they will do their part to prepare.
ADJOURNMENT
Vice President Carr motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Loon to adjourn at 1:55 P.M.