



Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly  
Regular Meeting Minutes Teleconference  
Tuesday, November 22, 2022 – 1:00 P.M.  
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

**CALL TO ORDER**

Acting President Sampson called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

**INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Member Loon provided invocation.

**ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL**

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

<i>Elmer Armstrong Jr.</i>	<i>Tanya Ballot</i>	<i>Austin Swan Sr.</i>	<i>Dood Lincoln Carr</i> (1:15)
<i>Miles Cleveland Sr.</i>	<i>Sandy Shroyer Beaver</i>	<i>Hannah Loon</i>	<i>Walter Sampson</i>
<i>Delores Barr</i>	<i>Reid Magdanz</i>	<i>Nathan Hadley Jr.</i>	

Introduction of Staff and Guests

<i>Dickie Moto Sr.</i>	<i>Stella Atoruk</i>	<i>Carl Weisner</i>	<i>Ingemar Mathiasson</i>
<i>Angie Sturm</i>	<i>Matt Mead</i>	<i>Larry Westlake Sr.</i>	<i>Tessa Baldwin</i>
<i>Marlene Moto-Karl</i>			

**A quorum presents to conduct business.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda presented for approval.

**Member Loon motioned to approve as presented, Member Magdanz seconded; passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution 22-71** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly authorizing submission of a grant to the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) Renewable Energy Fund for a Solar PV Project in the Community of Selawik, Alaska, and for related purposes.*

Mayor Moto summarized Resolution 22-71, recommend do pass. *Vice President Shroyer Beaver raised concern of matching funds, time restraints and if this is through VIF funds or general.*

Member Magdanz ensured Vice President Shroyer Beaver question was answered, when is the deadline of this grant application to be submitted?

**Member Magdanz motion to approve Resolution 22-71, seconded by Member Loon; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

2. **Resolution 22-72** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving purchase of Vehicle Navigation Systems for the Kivalina Road Fleet, and related purposes.

Mayor Moto summarized Resolution 22-72, recommend do pass.

Member Magdanz raised concern if the amount includes contractor services or just purchase. Vice President Shroyer Beaver raised concern of where funds from, general?

**Member Lincoln Carr motion to approve Resolution 22-72, seconded by Member Barr; motion passed by majority with Member Cleveland not participating.**

3. **Resolution 22-73** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly accepting a grant from Denali Commission for a Solar PV/Battery Project in the Community of Noatak, Alaska, and for related purposes.

Mayor Moto summarized Resolution 22-73, recommend do pass.

**Member Loon motion to approve Resolution 22-73, seconded by Member Lincoln Carr; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

#### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

*Kiana Resident Larry Westlake Sr. called regarding the trail stalking and winter travel. Residents have been getting off the trail between shelter cabin to possibly to Callahan. He suggests Borough drill an annual plan for trail stalking and for all the villages, begin around November 10<sup>th</sup> if ice is thick enough.*

*Kiana Resident Westlake also suggest trail mouth of Kobuk River across to Kotzebue side where shelter cabin is with a GPS. Also, cut down distance to 50 ft instead of 100 ft; although more money and work. A certain part he suggests 20 ft apart on land; also, suggest putting a light like mouth of the river.*

*We shouldn't be losing our young people. He doesn't know if Selawik have a stalked trail from Selawik Lake over to south side of the lake. Mr. Westlake encourage Selawik to follow Noorvik stalks over to Noorvik and down the river.*

*Deering Resident Marlene Moto-Karl called in regard to Callahan trail; got stuck traveling back in January. She said to travel on left side. Back in the day they used to follow old traditional way, keep doing it the traditional way.*

#### **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

*Vice President Shroyer Beaver got the information kind of late, wasn't able to review, important stuff. Appreciates Larry and Marlene calling in about stalked trails; any information or assistance is good. Wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and be safe.*



*Member Ballot appreciate opportunity for additional funding for Selawik. Happy thanksgiving. Keep on tract with RPO with moving that forward, want to see it move productively. Thank Larry for calling in, possibly the RPO can address; ensure our trails are safe. Appreciate support for search efforts for Selawik, thank you; glad to work beside you. Thank Mayor and staff, have a safe holiday weekend.*

*Member Barr appreciate work Administration is doing, agree with Member Ballot on RPO. Also, good discussion at Retreat regarding future. Hope can plan financial work session to continue. Thank Larry and Marlene for calling in concerns regarding trail stalking. Happy thanksgiving, have a safe weekend.*

*Member Armstrong mentioned good quick meeting, good discussion. Continue to work together and make improvements where needed. Also, happy thanksgiving to all. Have a safe weekend, plan your trips. Thank you.*

*Member Swan thank you for moving forward with resolutions, appreciate your hard work. Wishing Mayor Moto, a happy thanksgiving from Kivalina, Alaska.*

*Member Cleveland thank Assembly for allowing him to attend the Retreat in Anchorage, very informative; got stuck although made it. Happy thanksgiving to all.*

*Member Lincoln Carr thank Mayor and staff for all information at the Retreat, all the people they met, very beneficial. Continue working towards trail stalking where benefit everyone. Also discussed finances, VIF monies coming to an end; need financial plan in place. Should have our priorities set, continue to lobby for a VPSO in each village; long overdue. Thank Mayor and staff for making this possible, lobby in Junueu or Washington, DC. She believes entities see the Borough is well organized, try to set priorities working with Regional Leadership. Hope everyone has a safe and Happy Thanksgiving, thank you for the work you do. Assembly for your commitment to Borough, so much more to do.*

*Member Loon mentioned good meeting, wish Assembly and staff a Happy Thanksgiving. Happy to hear of ongoing of trail stalking, different weather than other years. She suggested that Borough purchase injection oil for the start up of trail stalking. Thank you, Mayor Moto, praise you on Search and Rescue and Public Safety. Wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. Glad Larry and Marlene call in your comments. Thank you.*

*Member Magdanz thankful for this meeting to get these resolutions done. Thank you, to Mayor Moto, Public Safety Department and those that searched. Grateful community members got back home safe and the pilots. On Facebook they mentioned the ice conditions, keep eyes out when out in the country. Echo comments on financial planning and transportation planning organization; good take aways from last week. Thanks for those that called in. Happy Thanksgiving.*

*Member Sampson in Inupiaq. First, thank Assembly for a good meeting; Mayor, thank you for a good meeting. Different Fall than any other with ice conditions, dangerous to put stalk trails until we get snow. Veterans Affairs had visited Kotzebue, they have scheduled to go to outline villages. Had about twenty Veterans that came over to check on their claims, first time see their files. They had intended to go Pt Hope although due to weather*

they weren't able to; next time coming to the area they hope to be in Shungnak then Pt Hope. Some family members are requesting crosses or headstones can apply. For Veterans that travel periodically to Fairbanks or Anchorage can ask for an ID card to go to Base or commissary at the Base, first time Veterans Administration come with their system. Thank you for good meeting.

*President Hadley thank Member Sampson for running the meeting. Thank Mayor and staff for great Retreat, great information; will work with Legal and Finance to see where can trim. Also thank Mayor for Search and Rescue results of successful rescue along with Tessa and Saima. Thank Assembly for the GPS resolution will help keep them safe. Covid is still around, if not feeling well get tested. Thank Assembly for the solar energy resolutions to help villages with fuel costs. Thank you, Mayor and staff.*

#### **MAYORS COMMENTS**

Mayor Moto mentioned good to work with Assembly, thank you. Thank you staff for stepping up and moving forward, lots of work in front of us. Happy Thanksgiving.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Loon motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Magdanz at 2:10 P.M.

