



# Northwest Arctic Borough

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

Tuesday, December 3, 2013 – 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:

Nathan Hadley Jr.	Miles Cleveland Sr.	Frank Greene	Vern Cleveland Sr.
Clyde Ramoth	Carl Weisner	Larry Westlake Sr.	Patrick Savok

#### Members Excused:

Lucy Nelson	Hendy Ballot Sr.	Michael Tickett	Walter G. Sampson
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#### Introduction of Staff and Guests

Reggie Joule	Delbert Ward	Mary Hyatt	Kenny Gallahorn
Matt Mead	Judy Hassinger	Christine Hess	Brandye Dela Cruz
Annabelle Alvite	Iris Molnar	Nina Lie	Stella Atoruk

*Ingemar Mathiasson - telephonic*

**Mr. Miles Cleveland motion to excuse members Lucy, Hendy, Walter and Michael; seconded by Mr. Clyde Ramoth. A roll call was conducted, motion carried unanimously.**

### AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda of the December 3, 2013 Regular Meeting was presented for approval. Mayor would like add Resolution 13-73, 13-74 and 13-75 to agenda.

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

## MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The October 29, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes was presented for approval.

**Mr. Miles Cleveland moved, seconded by Mr. Nathan Hadley to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.**

## BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Land Selection Committee and BAF Meeting minutes were presented for your information.

BAF Chair Lucy Nelson reported that the committee reviewed all ordinances and resolutions and all were recommend due pass by the full committee.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS, ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES AND EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance 13-08am01** *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.*

Mr. Larry Westlake raised his concern regarding the lobbyist expenses.

**Mr. Clyde Ramoth moved, seconded by Mr. Larry Westlake to approve Ordinance 13-09 as presented. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.**

2. **Ordinance 13-09** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending sections of the Borough Investment Code and for related purposes.*

**Mr. Larry Westlake moved, seconded by Mr. Miles Cleveland to approve Ordinance 13-09 as presented. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.**

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Joule gave a brief summary of his written report to the Assembly. He mentioned that he will be traveling for the first meeting of the Climate Preparedness and Resilience Task Force that President Obama put together. He encouraged safe travels and be happy with families during the holidays. Mayor Joule thanked the staff for all their hard work.

Mr. Larry Westlake raised his concern regarding Bering Straits Marine Activity.

Vice President Carl Weisner requested information Upper Kobuk Biomass Project.

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

**There was a 15 minute break taken at 9:50 A.M.  
The meeting reconvened at 10:04 A.M.**

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

Monday, January 27, 2014	9:00 A.M.	Budget, Audit & Finance
Monday, January 27, 2014	1:00 P.M.	Work session
Tuesday, January 28, 2014	9:00 A.M.	Regular Meeting

**Mr. Larry Westlake moved, seconded by Mr. Clyde Ramoth to approve the schedule as listed. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

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

Mr. Clyde Ramoth mentioned that a resident asked about drug testing.

**Mr. Clyde Ramoth moved, seconded by Mr. Vern Cleveland 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.*

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

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution 13-73** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly to approve a research grant agreement with Shell Exploration and Production Company ("Shell") in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 (one million two hundred thousand dollars) and for related purposes.*

Mayor Joule mentioned that Shell had offered Borough this grant for scientific research; discussed the working relationship between Shell and North Slope Borough.

**Mr. Clyde Ramoth moved, seconded by Mr. Miles Cleveland to approve Resolution 13-73. A roll call was conducted, motion carried unanimously.**

2. **Resolution 13-74** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly to approve a professional services agreement with Kotzebue Electric Association and for related purposes.*

**Mr. Miles Cleveland moved, seconded by Mr. Nathan Hadley to approve Resolution**

RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED

13-74. A roll call was conducted, motion carried unanimously.

3. **Resolution 13-75** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly to accept \$300,000 Department of Justice COPS Grant and for related purposes.

Mr. Larry Westlake moved, seconded by Mr. Nathan Hadley to approve Resolution 13-75 as presented. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ethics will be discussed when the whole Assembly is present.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Delbert Ward from Kobuk, grandparents Rosie and Elmer Ward, parents are Eleanor Custer and Alan Ward.

Ms. Mary Hyatt thanked you for being able to serve on the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Mr. Nathan Hadley thanked Mayor and staff for the reports. Thank Judy for the audit report. Mr. Hadley expressed that he would support a sin tax to help with Public Safety. Also, he would like to review the five year plan or a short term plan for the future.

Mr. Miles Cleveland thanked Mr. President for attending the mining conference; lots of information. Mr. Cleveland mentioned that once a new trail is staked; take out the old ones. Also this Region needs to meet with the interior regarding AIDEA to see where we stand. Have a good holiday.

Mr. Patrick Savok had no comments.

Mr. Clyde Ramoth welcomed the two new youth representatives. For the villages priorities get them ready for the next legislative session, have public meetings. Also, trail staking; make sure the stakes are high enough for travelers to see. Have a Happy Holidays and safe travels.

Mr. Vern Cleveland mentioned that this was a good meeting and Happy Holidays. Thank you.

Mr. Frank Greene congratulated the Mayor for the recent appointment made by the President of the United States, Commission of Climate Change. Hope you all have good holidays.

Mr. Larry Westlake enjoyed the Assembly retreat; good to see Assembly working together with Administration and staff. Good information at the Mining Conference, also attended AML which was an eye opener with open meeting act and conflict of interest issues. Mr. Westlake expressed his concern about the upcoming traffic in the Bering Straits. Have our Administration looked into Search and Rescue issues?

Mr. Carl Weisner mentioned that he heard discussions from the Coast Guard about having more involvement in the Arctic. The Admiral shared that sometimes it's hard to locate a Port; it hasn't been decided as to where the port will be located. We have made an effort to let them know that we would like to have a Port in our Region.

Mr. Carl thanked the Assembly for helping him moving the agenda along. Member Walter Sampson makes this look easy; wish him the best down states while he is with family. Mr. Weisner thanked Community of Selawik for doing a great job in holding a tournament, had a great time. Hi to Son and Susie in Shungnak.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Joule discussed the Search and Rescue issue; yes, Coast Guard is front and center. Secretary of State Hilary Clinton went to Greenland to sign an agreement in regards to Search and Rescue. Shell is hoping to come up this summer, there will be a lot of activity with OCS; originally planned a trip to Kotzebue and Deering to put a response vessel. In the event of something to happen, Search and Rescue is part of that. There is a lot of discussion in regards to wanting Ports.

Mayor Joule mentioned that Dr. Norm Eck will not be renewing his contract as end of June, he have been with the School District about eight years. Mayor Joule requested a Joint NWABSD/NWAB this spring before he leave.

Mayor Joule welcomed the youth representatives. He also thanked the staff for all their work. To everyone Happy Holidays to all. Safe travels and look forward to keeping fairly busy until we meet again.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Clyde Ramoth moved to adjourn. With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.**

