



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, February 25, 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:

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

Members Excused:

Walter G. Sampson

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Reggie Joule	Mary Hyatt	Judy Hassinger	Matt Mead
Christine Hess	Annabelle Alvite	Martha Henry	Fred Smith
Jacqueline Lambert	Stella Atoruk	<i>Ann Sieh</i>	<i>Michael Sherman</i>

Mr. Clyde Ramoth motion to excuse President Walter G. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Larry Westlake; unanimously passed.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda of the February 25, 2014 Regular Meeting was presented for approval. Mr. Clyde Ramoth asked to add Personnel Committee Report under Board, Commissions and Committees.

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 January 28, 2014 Minutes has been presented for approval.

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

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Madam Chair Lucy Nelson gave a brief summary of the Budget, Audit and Finance yesterday; approved previous minutes and recommend do pass for all resolutions and ordinances. Ms. Judy Hassinger gave a summarized version of the financial report ending January 31, 2014.

Chair Clyde Ramoth mentioned they held a Personnel Committee Meeting on February 18, 2014 and having a follow up meeting tomorrow, January 26, 2014. Had an educational and informational discussion with Legal and Roni Briggs; first steps of a grievance filed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES AND EMERGENCY 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.*

Ms. Judy Hassinger gave a summary of the changes to the budget.

Mr. Larry Westlake moved, seconded by Mr. Vern Cleveland to approve Ordinance 13-08am02. A roll call was conducted, motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Joule have provided a written report to the Assembly; also included the following, begin the process and weigh our options for the upcoming PILT; would like to have an ongoing session. Brandye Dela Cruz has resigned; Fred Smith has been appointed as Assistant to the Mayor/Personnel Officer. At some point we would like to have a Treasurer hired locally; Judy has agreed to work until the position has been filled, Mayor will have an amended contract soon. Mayor Joule mentioned the trail staking conditions; open water had been blocked off. The 2015 Budget will be presented soon, will be working with the School District. As we have heard from Representative Nageak report, we will be busy at the Legislative Office. The Mayor will be having a visit in Juneau along with a couple Assembly members in March and one visit in April for lobbying.

Member Hendy Ballot asked what is the status on Kivalina Evacuation Road? Member Larry Westlake asked about the Noatak Fuel Tank delivery; is that going to get done before the season is over? Mr. Miles Cleveland raised his concern regarding the tires of that

vehicle. Mr. Carl Weisner thanked the Administration for the search & rescue efforts for the search between Selawik and Kiana. Carl would like to follow-up with the request of maps to the villages for Search & Rescue.

Mayor Joule mentioned that he met with Coast Guard recently; sooner or later they will take the role of Search & Rescue. Mayor Joule would like to know when do will initiate calls to Coast Guard. Mr. Hendy Ballot raised he concern regarding Coast Guard knowing how the villages operate; helpful if they meet with the Regional Search & Rescue.

Mr. Patrick Savok joined meeting at 9:45 A.M.

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

Mr. Clyde Ramoth moved, seconded by Mr. Nathan Hadley to approve the schedule as listed. A roll call vote was conducted; motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None presented.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 14-06 *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly designating the Alaska State Legislative Capital Grant Priorities for Fiscal Year 2015.*

Ms. Christine Hess provided a brief summary of Resolution 14-06; Mayor Joule mentioned that the State won't know until middle of April of the decisions made.

Mr. Nathan moved to approve Resolution 14-06, seconded by Mr. Vern Cleveland; motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution 14-07 *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly accepting a supplemental \$981,491.00 Grant from the renewable energy fund of Alaska to continue the multi-year wind-diesel project in Buckland and for related purposes.*

Mr. Fred Smith provided a summary of the resolution; purchase of the wind turbine, should be arriving on the barge next summer.

Mr. Clyde Ramoth moved to approve Resolution 14-07 as presented, seconded by Mr. Miles Cleveland; motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolution 14-08 *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly adding Stella Atoruk as an authorized signatory for Borough checks.*

Mr. Patrick Savok moved, seconded by Mr. Vern Cleveland to approve Resolution 14-08. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business presented.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ann Sieh had called in to comment the Search & Rescue; thank you for allowing her husband participate in the Searches. Sometimes he is not able to attend meetings; he suggests that when there is a search going to contact them right away so that when they are searching they don't have to follow so many snow machine tracks. Hope there are no more searches for rest of the year and stay safe.

Michael Sherman of Noatak called and thanked for the meetings to be aired. Michael invites the Noatak Delegate to Noatak to hear some concerns.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Mr. Clyde Ramoth thanked the Mayor and staff for the reports; really detailed when you read the reports. Have a question; have been brought up at the local village level regarding local emergency plans, when we run into storms, floods, emergency situations. Can we get a brief report of local emergency plans?

Mr. Vern Cleveland thanks for the good meeting. As we speak there is a fisherman's' meeting at the hotel until noon. March Madness is around the corner, tournament next week. Good luck to all the teams. Also, I sit on the Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group; writing proposals about harassments of caribous, can't hunt with snow machines. There is a meeting March 14 in Anchorage if someone is going to put proposals in before then.

Mr. Hendy Ballot thanked Administration and Mayor for all your work. We have been noticing some turn overs in staff; I think that it's really important as any other entity to retain quality workers within our Borough. If there is anything that is causing this problem loosing good workers out there then we need to step in and see how we can retain these employees. Out in the Region; we are nearing March usually our stormy months, caution when traveling be careful and let someone know where you're going and be prepared for the unexpected. Thank you.

Mr. Frank Greene had no comment.

Ms. Lucy Nelson thanked Mr. President; also, reminds the residents of Borough in March, regionals next week, Maniilaq Board meeting next week and if a schedule can be shared that would be helpful. Good luck to all the teams, safe travels; play hard. Lucy thanked Reggie for Strategic approach to the Borough; commend the staff for putting that together; it's has been

long time coming; where we can talk about the development in our areas, affordable energy and local support for rural development; mega projects to maintain our infrastructure. Also thanks to Ben Negeak for talking to us and listening to our thoughts; he felt it was very important we have a connection between both boroughs.

Mr. Patrick Savok thank Mr. President, sorry for being late had a meeting at daughter's school. He asked if he can get copies of the minutes of the Personnel meeting held; curious when the meeting will be held. Thanks for Ben Nageak for his report given yesterday really appreciate his approach what he is trying to do as working with our Borough and our priority list as to get some things going in Juneau. Also, emphasize the call in number for public comments, we don't always have an opportunity to express our concerns through that route; this is a public process. Thank those folks that called and e-mailed with their concerns; ensure you folks I have spoken to the Mayor; we look forward to move forward; sometimes contacting individuals as well as going public meetings are the way of doing that. Thank you.

Mr. Larry Westlake Sr. thanked the Mayor for the report and thank you to Mr. Weisner for running the meeting; doing well. Also, there is an ice road meeting today at noon.

Mr. Miles Cleveland thanked you; Shungnak welcomes you next month. Come up and have some caviar; they are prepared to feed you, house you, what every your needs may be. Come up to Shungnak for the gathering of the mid-year conference.

Mr. Nathan Hadley Jr. had no comment.

Mr. Carl Weisner thanked you all for your support helping me with the agenda; couldn't do it without you.

Ms. Mary Sue Hyatt thanked you for having her on Board; good meeting. There is going to be a high school spelling bee on March 5 and 6, sign up at IRA. Good luck to the teams playing next week.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Joule thank the Assembly for your time; busy time of the year. Encourage people to be safe. Heard the comments and concerns from the Assembly and will address those.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Clyde Ramoth moved to adjourn. With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.