



# Northwest Arctic Borough

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

Tuesday, August 27, 2014 – 9:00 A.M.

Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

### CALL TO ORDER

President Walter Sampson called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

### INVOCATION

Mr. Miles Cleveland gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

#### Members Present:

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

#### Introduction of Staff and Guests

Reggie Joule	Martha Henry	Matt Mead	Wynona Hawley
Zach Stevenson	Noah Naylor	Fred Smith	Annabelle Alvite

**Quorum was present to conduct business. Let the record show Carl Weisner is here now.**

### AGENDA APPROVAL

Agenda presented for approval for June 24, 2014. Mayor requested to add additional Resolutions that you have in your possession resolutions 14-38, 14-39, 14-40, and 14-41 which were also covered either in BAF or in the workshop yesterday. In addition to that under other business, yesterday we talked a little bit about AIDEA and wanting a report on road to resources and also maybe just a short report on the Pelt and mister president I received word from ICC that they would like to know who the Boroughs representative on the ICC board is. That is the seat that Hendy Ballot has held for the last couple of years. If we can get the Borough to make that appointment then I can pass that on to the folks at ICC.

President Sampson Thank you is there additions to the Agenda. 14-38, 14-39, 14-40, and 14-41 and other business, Roads to resources, AIDEA, Pelt Tech, ICC Rep. any others.

**Member Ramoth moved, seconded by Vice President Weisner to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The BAF Meeting Minutes dated June 23, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes dated June 24, 2014 have been presented for approval.

**Member Ballot moved, seconded by Member Miles Cleveland to approve the all minutes presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **COMMUNICATIONS & APPEARANCES**

Walter Sampson mentioned we do have representatives from the Arctic Policy Commission.

Reggie Joule- Thank you Mr. Presidents, members of the assembly when I sent out the packets to you included in that was the executive draft summary of the Arctic Policy Commission that was presented I believe in January of last year to the legislature and the Arctic Policy Commission is continuing to work since the adjournment during the session and since adjournment of having meetings. We were very fortunate that yesterday and the day before they were in Nome. Members came in yesterday and are having a meeting this afternoon down at the hotel I believe. But I also invited them when the President Sampson and I were down in Anchorage to come up since they were already going to be here. And that is why we had adjusted the dates of the meeting. Very Pleased to introduce the Senator Lisa McGuire, and Representative Bob Heron who are the co-chairs of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission. And it is good to know that the Arctic Policy Commission is in the Arctic to hear from people. Because Arctic Issues have emerging for some time and not only has the state for the last several of years been preparing for this, but the Federal Government has as well. So I'm very pleased that the co-chairs agreed to come by and have a dialoged with our assembly, but also give an update on as to where they are with certain things and make themselves available for questions and answers. So with that Mr. President and Members of the Assembly I would like to ask both Lisa and Bob both come up and that is Jessie Logan who is the aide to Senator McGuire.

Walter Sampson- Thank you very much Mayor. I think it criticality important to follow us in the Arctic. That we understand what the roll and responsibilities of the Arctic Commission is. What they are charged with, how does that commission works with the Arctic Organizations. What do we do as a body, what's our roll within that commission. These are some of the things that we need to understand so we can have an impute into the process of a plan that certainly will be in one way or another will have an impact on the way of life of our people within the Arctic. So with that Lisa you and Bob can introduce your self's and give us a good prospective in regards to the rolls and responsibilities.

Senator Lisa- Thank you so much so much and good morning Walter, It is so good to see you and Mayor Reggie. Thank you for having us. It has been great to be in Kotzebue, the weather has been gorgeous, and the hospitality has always been supreme. I'm Lisa McGuire it is a tough name it is from the sound of music. If anybody saw that my parents were in love with that. I represent Anchorage district and I'm in the senate, I'm in the Rolls Chair women in the senate. And I have had an interest in the Arctic Issues now for about 14 years and have worked alongside Bob not in just this compasity but we both chair an Arctic Coccus that I have started in a group called PNER (Pacific Northwest Economic Region) so we are used to being partners and it is really fitting if you think about the state that you would have someone from the Senate, Someone from the house, a male, a female, someone from urban region and someone from the rule region and it is a really nice complement and balance. As we move forward over the last two years and done our work because what happens of course in the arctic has the potential to benefit the whole state. But often I think urban people don't necessarily understand their dependence on rule people, and that has been part of what I've been trying to bring to the commission is that inter play that happens in our economy. As statistics that many of you probably know our Anchorage Port 80% of the goods that go through the port of Anchorage come into Rule Alaska. So if you just look at the percentage of jobs in my community that are depended directly on the Rule People of the State and their way of life it is significant. And so as we look at growing in the arctic it is appropriate that we travel in right in the arctic and it is appropriate that we go to the urban centers to talk to people about the exciting opportunity to really benefit and partner with you here in rule Alaska. Reggie knows he is one of the first people to ever bring me here to Kotzebue drove me around in his pickup truck before the sea wall was finished and taught me how to blanket toss and native dance nobody can ever do it as well as he does but he know that im one of those law makers that with everything I take on I try to look out for that broader prospective in witch is how we can continue to heal and be one people. And work better together instead of seeing divisions and fighting over allocation of resources that we can solve these thing and move forward together so that is a broad statement. The Arctic Policy Commission is a crecher of statue and Bob can talk a little bit about how it came out of The Northern Waters Task Force, but from my prospective there was a senate that has been appointed that was really not very active, and so Bob came up to me and we stated to talking and said why don't we get this thing moving, and so there is five senators, five house members, from all across the state. And there is 16 subject matter experts. People that represent different NGOs different Corporations different interest groups and I always like to point to Layla Hough's who is from conservations society and Lisa Pegach who is from Cronico Phillips just to give you example of what we have so it is really a cross section of all the interest that is there from Alaskans point of view so we have some pretty heavy discussions at times. That balance between resource development and the need to preserve the environment to protect the land that your people that have lived in for thousands of years. Our first report was delivered the legislature in January. You can find it at akarctic.com because what we are presenting here today should the technology work isn't that report so if you want to read that I know you mayor have a copy of that one. Walter I know you have a copy. There is a hundred and thirty-three page report on that is quite extensive. But I think that you as an assembly members as leaders here in the arctic would appreciate reading at some point. But then there is an Executive Summery. And the Executive Summery is meant to it contains our four vision statements and it contains sort of a broader view of what our policy mission is whit the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission. I just want to wrap up what I'm say the most important work that Bob and I have been able to do. Number one is getting the resources to bring the commission all around the state to listen. We have listening sessions

from elders and community members that have been really helpful to help us understand better what it means to live and work in the arctic and sort of the being in the society that excitement people have about the changing arctic. And I would put it exactly that way. That it is a mix between those two. And the second with respect to our leadership at the federal level by Bob and I are pretty forceful people for our state and we got into the White House meeting at the old executive office building very early on and found out that the United States was already on a path to write a strategic plan for the Arctic. There was a policy that has been written back in 1992 in the Bush Administration. But the whole strategy has been written so Bob and I were able to ask them to slow down to include Alaska to include the policy commission and our voices. And because of the four site in creating the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission we had that lagitament plat form. And they listened and that was great and so Bob and I had in-person meetings and weekly meeting with the National Strategy, on the Arctic Group which is the Secretary of the State as the Representative along with the President now for about a year. So I wouldn't say that the Policy that has come out of the White House is even close to perfect. But I would say it is better as the result of the work we have done, and this is something I know all of you are interested in precipitating as Admiral Pat comes around and Secretary Bolten you will have that chance to. But I think that is one of the big accomplishments that we had in the Policy Commission. Is getting the Federal government to understand that the United States wouldn't be an Arctic Nation without Alaska and their for our voices should be included in every single level and that irrespective of the international nature of the Arctic Council is us as the people that stand to lose and gain the most by development in the change of the Arctic.

Bob- Good Morning Mr. President, Assembly members, staff, and of course especially to our good friend Mayor Joule. As you all know one of the reasons we are here today is because of a visit by the chair of the Northern Waters Task Force witch I was a member of and to this very room. And the comments made by residence of this region had a huge effect on where we are at today. The Northern Waters Task Force asked that the legislator continue the work on the listening to the people around the state but specifically the people around the US definition of the Arctic. By interdiction my name is Bob Herron I'm going into my fourth term, I'm blessed this year I'm running unopposed. I look forward to that opportunity to represent the people of the Yukon, Kuskokwim Delta. But currently and because of redistricting I represent a very unusually district. Per the wisdom of the Redistricting Board they put Bethel and Pilot Point, Dutch Harbor, Unalaska and Attu in one district seventeen hundred miles long. And it has been a very good experience for me because I have learned a lot about the Southern Bering Sea. And it is very important to the arctic. But I have learned about another part of Alaska. Also by interdiction is my wife Margaret Hoffman. Is Terry Hoffman's sister. And of course that is how we are related through marriage to the Sampson's. So it is very much the closest community in the Arctic. And so Lisa has explained a lot about what we are doing. We would like to share with you a visual about what the Arctic Policy Commission does. And of course you can see on the first slide this is not unfamiliar to you. This is where we are looking for the future and if you could have been in Nome to hear Lineman Hoffman Speak rather forcefully. It is about the Arctic and that is why we are here it isn't about nessimarily directly about the other parts of the state, but it is the Arctic.

Vice President Weisner- Senator McGuire, Representative Herron, I just want to thank you for your support when we were down in Jeauunu making time to meet with us and hear the items that were important for us. And helping us see those through. Thank you and welcome.

Bob Herron- Boy on behalf of Lisa and I appreciate those comments. Is that again you know our mentor Reggie has always strive to remind people Donny, Lineman, Neil, Bennie these and many other people in the region that have a passion for the arctic. And it is really important to us.

President Sampson- Thank you very much for this interdiction Bob. Lisa thank you very much for coming to the Northwest Certainly to say a very critical important issue that is before us. For to long for many years' people in bush Alaska has been planned for somewhere else. It is time now a critical time any plans that are being done elsewhere we don't want to react to it. If those plans have an effect on the way of life. We are going to set on the table with people that are going to plan the Arctic. Because of the implications on the way of life for those who made their lively hoods in the waters. We appreciate your time and that concern you have. Even though your representation is within other areas. Your concern in regards to Arctic Alaska is critical. And we appreciate your presents here this morning. The issue in regards to the Economy in Anchorage. Bush Alaska dumps a lot of money into Anchorage. Weather it is conferences there, people going there for medical, or other reasons. We dump a lot of money into the economy of Anchorage. As you see as you report what is happening in the Arctic, and your envision on regards how we are going to precipate in these things are critical. The benefits that we need to look at is for the coastline communities. Is critically important. And I thank you for the message that you gave to the White House that if there will be plans that will be put together. We are going to participate in these things. Bob thank you very much for being here as well. And we appreciate your time and effort for brining that message. As we listen to the presentation on regards to the issues that they will bring to the table. If any one of you will have any issues any questions we will have time to dialog back and forth. Hoping that some of the issues that we are not sure how things are going to happen. And we will get those raised. The other issue that we also need to think about a governance to this region. Let's take that responsibility and insert our roll our charge to the process that these folks from the Commission is dealing with. We have a responsibility to the residence of this region. If it is such that we can insert that right in to the commission's responsibility we need to take advantage of those things. So with that you can continue on. Your presentation thank you.

Bob Herron- So the Alaska Arctic Policy commission like Lisa said this is our website. AKArctic.com. I just wanted to dwell on this logo just briefly. As this is a polar star view circumpolar north and everybody is very familiar with it, as you can see Alaska and Northwest Alaska and the North slope as you know your on the front lines and we demonstrate this to everybody we make this presentation to, whether its in DC, out of Seattle any where we make this presentation we remind them that the residence especially this part of Alaska is there the ones whos going to feel the effects first what ever happens in the future and we also remind especially people from the lower 48 the only reason the United States is that the Arctic Nation is because of Alaska and strategically we are on the forth front and the center of action and like the president said you must speak out

## **BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES**

Madam Chair Nelson had provided a brief summary of the BAF meeting held that morning; agenda, minutes and recommend do pass on all resolutions that were presented.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS, ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES AND EMERGENCY ORDINANCES**

None presented

**Member Hadley motion to approve Ordinance 14-02, seconded by Member Miles Cleveland. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Joule provided a summary of his written report. He has mentioned the AIDEA meeting that had been earlier this month regarding the Ambler Mining Road Project which focused on the EIS process. Community of Shungnak had a resolution supporting the process of moving forward with the environmental impact statement although they don't support or oppose the potential road. AIDEA is scheduled to have a meeting with the interior communities; opportunity for our borough and them to have dialogue of what to expect. Mayor also has provided a Shell Update on the supplemental EIS that will be completed by March of 2015; BOEM have asked Borough to be a cooperating agency of this process. He also mentioned the Kivalina Evacuation Road meeting that they attended through teleconference. The ICC conference is scheduled third week of July; Member Ballot and Mayor are scheduled to attend that in Canada. There has been an EPA grant that has been awarded to ANTHC and NWAB area; will be testing water and food this next summer. Shell had been here earlier this month and will coming again tomorrow; Pete Slaiby is bringing his supervisor and wife to bring them around the state.

Member Hadley requested a timeline of the EIS process; also raised his concern in regards to City of Deering, are they going to be involved in the Shell process. Member Nelson brought up the seats that are up next election. Also, she had raised her concern in regards to a newsletter to the residents of the Borough so everyone knows the highlights of what have been happening.

President Sampson mentioned that they had good dialogue in Kobuk; State of Alaska Roads to resources had turned that over to AIDEA long ago. Once State had stop paying pension payments then residents realize what needed to be paid for. President Sampson discussed the EIS process; both sides will be present, at the end a determination will be made. He expressed the importance of residents needs to voice their concerns; no one from the outside should determine our way of life, the opportunity of our children, grandchildren should be there. What do the interest groups bring to us? Do they support what occurs in our Region? We are tax based operated; govern body. Sure subsistence is critical to our people; number one making sure it is protected. President Sampson raised his concern regarding young people; along with that there goes our culture. This Borough will determine on permitting process.

Mayor Joule raised his concern as to what is in it for us? What is the pass forward? It is up us to let AIDEA know the importance of subsistence.

**Member Hadley motion to approve Mayor's report, seconded by Member Westlake. Motion carried unanimously.**

## TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, July 21, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. – Budget, Audit and Finance  
Monday, July 21, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. – Work session  
Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. – Regular meeting

Mayor Joule mentioned that he and Member Ballot will be attending ICC during that time.

**Member Ramoth moved to approve the next meeting schedule, seconded by Member Hadley. Motion passed unanimously.**

## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None presented.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 14-15** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly authorizing a contract for legal services and for related purposes.*

**Member Vern Cleveland moved to approve Resolution 14-15, seconded by Member Ballot; passed unanimously.**

2. **Resolution 14-16** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly authorizing a contract for services with Judith A. Hassinger as the Borough Treasurer and for related purposes.*

**Member Ramoth moved to approve Resolution 14-16, seconded by Member Vern Cleveland; passed unanimously.**

3. **Resolution 14-18am01** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly authorizing a professional services agreement with McClintock Land Associates for consulting, mapping, and surveying services related to the Borough's Municipal Land Entitlement, and for related purposes.*

President Sampson raised his concern regards additional resources to make sure those lands are surveyed; any issues in regards encumbrance is on State or Feds make sure those are addressed as well.

**Member Hadley moved to approve Resolution 14-18am01 seconded by Member Westlake; passed unanimously.**

4. **Resolution 14-22** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly to approve continuation of a Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) Sub-grant Agreement with the City of Kotzebue to restore North Tent City and for related purposes.*

President Sampson raised his concern in regards of history, use of those lands which was used for subsistence site. The sites used to be BLM lands until City of Kotzebue took over. Make sure the grandfather rights are put in place for individuals from the villages that have those sites; make sure they are taken care of. Member Ramoth mentioned that extended family will probably need more information to work with City of Kotzebue. President Sampson mentioned that it is critical to do a title search of Tent City; those structures were in the early 60's.

**Member Hadley moved to approve Resolution 14-22, seconded by Member Miles Cleveland; passed unanimously.**

**Assembly took break at 10:06 A.M.  
Reconvene at 10:16 A.M.**

5. **Resolution 14-23** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly authorizing continuation of services with Network Business Systems for maintenance and technical support for the Borough's computer equipment, software, and server, and for related purposes.*

**Member Hadley moved to approve Resolution 14-23, seconded by Member Miles Cleveland; passed unanimously.**

6. **Resolution 14-24** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly to approve a professional services agreement with KeyBanc Capital Markets for financial advising services and for related purposes.*

**Member Westlake moved to approve Resolution 14-24, seconded by Member Ramoth; passed unanimously.**

7. **Resolution 14-25** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly authorizing a professional services agreement with Glenn Gray and Associates to assist the Planning Department, and for related purposes.*

**Member Ramoth moved to approve Resolution 14-25, seconded by Member Vern Cleveland; passed unanimously.**

8. **Resolution 14-26** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly to approve the extension of a professional services agreement with GPS, Inc. to perform a community profile mapping project in cooperation with DCRA, and for related purposes.*

**Member Ballot moved to approve Resolution 14-26, seconded by Member Vern Cleveland; passed unanimously.**

9. **Resolution 14-27** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving the adoption of the amended employee handbook and for related purposes.*

Chairperson Ramoth mentioned that Personnel Committee met on June 11, 2014 and recommend do pass. Member Nelson mentioned she made a recommendation yesterday regarding the in-house transfers; there should be a method of measuring performance. The employees have a new position and need a probation period; have to make sure they have the

ability to perform that job. Vice President Weisner expressed he is thankful for all the work on the handbook, appreciate the family friendly provisions and allowance of subsistence leave; any organizations with these are doing well. President Sampson raised his concern regards the positions being advertised. Member Ballot added that this is the first step to changing the handbook; first of many as needed by adding or deleting.

**Member Ballot moved to approve Resolution 14-27, seconded by Member Hadley; passed unanimously.**

10. **Resolution 14-28** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly to approve the purchase of housing supplies for a two-bedroom house in Noorvik for the VPSO Program and for related purposes.*

**Member Hadley moved to approve Resolution 14-28, seconded by Member Vern Cleveland; passed unanimously.**

11. **Resolution 14-29** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly authorizing an agreement with NANA Regional Corporation for Title Nine Monitoring Services and for related purposes.*

**Member Ramoth moved to approve Resolution 14-29, seconded by Member Hadley; passed unanimously with Member Vern Cleveland abstain.**

**Member Savok stepped away for a few minutes; back shortly.**

12. **Resolution 14-30** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly accepting Alaska State Legislative Capital Grant Funds for fiscal year 2015.*

Christine Hess mentioned that there are additional funds going into the Borough but not pass through the office; ANTHC received one million, part of that is for the exposed water pipe in Ambler. Also funded are large projects in Kiana, Ambler, Kotzebue and Selawik boardwalk project. Member Ramoth raised his concern regarding determination of the LED lights for the Region; is it by needs? Member Westlake mentioned that it will be big savings for the villages with the lights; does the request go through AVEC? Member Miles Cleveland raised his concern regards the plan and timeframe for the exposed water pipe in Ambler. Vice President Weisner thanked all those involved with lobbying in Juneau for these funds; also reiterate comment yesterday the villages because of cost of living.

**Member Hadley moved to approve Resolution 14-30, seconded by Member Miles Cleveland; passed unanimously.**

13. **Resolution 14-31** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly authorizing an agreement with Remote Solutions LLC to perform grant related services.*

**Member Ramoth moved to approve Resolution 14-31, seconded by Vice President Weisner; passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

## OTHER BUSINESS

Other business has been discussed during the Mayor's report.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Marlene Moto-Karl called in regarding tape disease going through commotion with musk ox; erosion at the bluffs, where the birds and sea lions nest. Bluffs is also our landmark, most of the graves there are knocked down because of the musk ox; is there bear spray for that, see if that will work? Another issue, when is the regional strategy? She hopes not during the busy hunting season. Marlene also discussed caribou migration, didn't they used to say leave the big ones alone. Some people were there filming; one time she found a lot of dead caribou, they shouldn't do that we have that for our food. She heard that the Kiwalik Shelter Cabin is going to be torn down; is there any update on the demolition? She has concerns regarding the bluffs eroding; some graves need to remark the sites.

### **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

Member Hadley mentioned they had good discussion yesterday under CIAP; congratulations to Remote Solutions on this resolution.

Member Ballot thank you; real informative month and productive discussions, lot of input both from Assembly and Administration which is good this is how we move forward. Inform all the campers; it has been pretty dry, be careful out there; those that are using campfires. Safety comes first in all that we do. Thank you.

#### **Member Savok joined the meeting.**

Member Ramoth mentioned good productive meeting; good discussion yesterday during our work session. Look forward to the AIDEA/Ambler Mining District Industrial Access Road; hope to have some good participants. Always think about our hunting and gathering; safe season for everybody this summer. Thank you.

Member Miles Cleveland mentioned good meeting. Crowley and Koyuk came up the river this year; they are finally going to have work on the bridge between Ambler and airport soon. Also glad the erosion problem should start this summer. Thank you, good meeting.

Member Savok mentioned good meeting; no comment.

Member Vern Cleveland mentioned good meeting; also will be attending the AIDEA meeting at Nullagvik.

Member Greene mentioned good meeting; thank you.

Member Westlake mentioned the ANTHC meeting in Kiana; hopefully get the water and sewer taken care of; looking good for Kiana. Problem should be corrected by this fall. Really happy about the lighting fund that we are getting; save a lot of money for the cities and also AVEC. Thank you.

Member Nelson thanked the Administration; have the finance report during the BAF committee; year to date through May, we have a one point three million dollar savings. She appreciates that they take our recommendations to work towards a balanced budget, they have worked hard to do that, she appreciates that. Encourage the residents of the Northwest Arctic Borough to participate in the upcoming elections, there are seats open, and you can contact Borough and get information. Thank you.

Vice President Weisner appreciated the Subsistence Mapping presentation yesterday; as mentioned this is a four year project. Think it has been beneficial for the villages that have been involved; Administration has done a good job with details. Encouraging the Administration and Borough to seek additional grant dollars so can consider possibility of additional subsistence mapping upper Kobuk. Thinks it's really important considering the discussion regarding of potential road; want to see that move along, best as possible. He thinks the Subsistence Mapping staff is a confident staff and hopes to see that move along.

Elder Representative Winona Hawley mentioned that this was a good meeting, the issues in regards to discussions regards to helping the villages in this region. Also have a good staff and some of the work that we need to look at as far as village work is concerned. God bless you.

Youth Representative Hyatt thanked you for a very informative meeting, thanks for all your hard work.

President Sampson thanked you for a good meeting, thank you to staff, thank you to the Assembly; recognize the responsibilities we have as a governing body to this region. To make sure to make opportunity to make life easier in the Region, sometimes it takes time; make sure there we take time to make sure those things that need to be addressed at the village level. Issue in regards to legal counsel; certainly we make sure that any issues we may have; make sure we communicate with legal. Thanks to Stella and Josie for all your work, appreciate your work. Thank you for the good meeting.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Joule thanks the staff for all the hard work; past the budget meetings, was a good journey. Appreciate the acknowledgement of the work of the staff. Legislative grant, the resolution was partnership of Assembly and Administration; also the work of NWALT and Maniilaq. Good to recognize the accomplishment because a lot of people put in effort; team effort, appreciate all the work. Marlene brought up a couple things; musk ox is scratching, looking at what can be used for scratch post. Vika is looking at how can spool the wool off them; she went to Nome to collect and will do a workshop with Buckland and Deering. Regional Strategy has been moved to October 14-16, 2014 and Education Summit is scheduled for July 29-30, 2014. We have been trying to get additional VPSO; end of this month we will be up to eight. Making progress and continue to do that; looking for grant opportunity for housing in the village because that is the biggest challenge.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Clyde Ramoth moved to adjourn. With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.**