



Northwest Arctic Borough

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Ambler Buckland Candle Deering Kivalina Kiana
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Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Special Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 13, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. Assembly Room – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Mr. Miles Cleveland provided the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Nathan Hadley Jr.	Miles Cleveland Sr.	Larry Westlake Sr.	Hendy Ballot Sr.
Lucy Nelson	Frank Greene	Carl Weisner	Vern Cleveland Sr.
Clyde Ramoth	Walter Sampson		

Quorum established for business.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF AND GUESTS

Winona Hawley	Martha Henry	Matt Mead	Fred Smith
Pete Schaeffer	Willie Goodwin	Donna Goodwin	Wendie Schaeffer
Stella Atoruk			

AGENDA APPROVAL

Agenda presented for October 7, 2014 Special meeting.

Member Ballot moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Greene. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION

1. Resolution 14-45 a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly certifying the October 7, 2014 General Election Results.

Agenda has been presented although the Resolution read 11-45, should be Resolution 14-45 although the resolution is right but the agenda is recorded as 11-45, it should be 14-45.

Member Ballot had no problem with changing the Resolution number, Member Greene seconded that.

Member Nelson raised her concern on the numbers are different on the spreadsheet compared to the word document. President Sampson mentioned that there is discussion on a protest of one of the seats; if no issues with the other seats then we will adopt the seats except the one that is in protest. Member Nelson verified if Assembly can do that though legal. Member Westlake mentioned that the resolution would have to be amended; although we don't have anything presented by Tim Gavin to protest the results.

Member Greene excused at 1:15 P.M. due to health.

Member Sampson summarized the contest instructions; meanwhile Canvas Committee will report the results.

Donna Goodwin, Canvas Chair provided the Election results of October 7, 2014. She apologize the discrepancies of numbers on the spreadsheet and unofficial results. The results of the votes are correct. The discrepancies you see are number of registered voters, although that was before the absentee, question and special needs ballots.

President Sampson verified the difference between the two candidates for Seat E, although we still need to hear the basis of the contest. Legally Tim has been coached through the process, documents have been sent to him to file if he would like to protest. Secondly, we do need to hear the basis of his protest with justification as to why he is protesting the results.

**Break taken at 1:21 P.M.
Reconvene at 1:39 P.M.**

Staff and Legal department have talked with Tim Gavin; Tim plan not to contest the results, from what he can gather were rumors.

Member Vern Cleveland motion to approve Resolution 14-45, seconded by Member Ballot; motion carried unanimously by roll call.

OATH OF OFFICE

Vice Chair Weisner mentioned that the clerk with swear in the following members; Walter Glenn Sampson, Peter L. Schaeffer, Lucy Sue Nelson and Clyde Ramoth.

President Sampson welcomed the members; although disappointed for a percentage of voters are low.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Donna Goodwin mentioned in the future as the Canvas Chair it would be highly proper if the Chair in each village get training in the Election process. This is a time consuming project, had to put stubs in order, fill out paperwork and some of the villages didn't return the unused stubs. It would be nice if the Chairs do in on their own in the future.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Hadley congratulates Clyde, Lucy, Walter and Pete.

Member Miles Cleveland congratulates Clyde, Lucy and Walter for returning. Welcome Pete, willing to work with you, taikuu. He mentioned he was disappointed with the Elections too, there are a lot of folks out there that need to go vote, and we need to encourage them for next election.

Member Ballot welcome returning Assembly and welcome the new member. As always said, unity in the Assembly comes and not only a few; need we to encourage all our Assembly to speak out whether right or wrong, let each one of us know if we are doing something wrong.

Member Vern Cleveland had no comment.

Member Carl Weisner thanks to President, voters, Canvas Committee and all the hard workers. Congratulates Clyde, Walter, Lucy and Peter; also to the school board. Also, a personal message which is worth repeating we have an opportunity to reach out to those that we love and care about; from time to time let them know they are not alone. Support is available, should they decide to; sometimes people feel otherwise, this time of the year is hard when darkness returns. So if we reach out to someone maybe once a week letting them know we care them that might do something for somebody is more than we know.

Member Westlake congratulates all the members that were elected again; welcome Pete to the Assembly. Also, regarding the freeze up; the river has frozen between Noorvik and Kiana, also further up although a lot of open spots. Ice is still thin and have a good fall.

Member Schaeffer mentioned he was on the Assembly before, possibly in the 80's. Surprisingly back on, in regards to the services provided by the Borough and the amount of work ahead despite the economy, think that will be a real challenge. Proud to be part of this group. Thank you.

Member Nelson congratulates returning Assemblymen and Pete, also to School Board. Thanks to the voters for confidence in re-electing me, appreciate your vote and taking the time to vote; humble to serve thee. Also want to encourage residence of this region we

need more people to run and vote, so that we have successful turn out. Congratulations and thank you.

Member Ramoth thanked Canvas Chair Donna and welcome back Stella. Welcome and congratulate Lucy, Walter and welcome aboard Pete. Unity, working together even though sometimes a difficult subjects when we work together we go a long ways. Thank you.

President Sampson thank the voting public for another term. To the incumbent Clyde, Lucy and to incoming Pete, welcome to the Assembly. Looking forward to another good three years, to the Elder Rep for advice that you will be providing in the future. Making sure that we stay on course, on the dialogues that we have amongst ourselves. To Legal to continue to work with you on issues or needs of this region and governance of this body. Thanks to staff, Sister Belle for your hard work and Martha, thanks Martha for helping Sister Belle. Make sure to convey to the Mayor that board needs to be fixed so won't have to fiddle with it in the meetings. To the public, staff, Fred, Wendy thank you very much for being here; Donna thank you for your hard work, Willie thank you for being here. At some point might be asking for good advice in an event if Elder Rep won't be here; thank you. Looking forward to the next meeting; that is when elections will happen.

Elder Representative Hawley welcomes Pete Schaeffer. President Sampson translates she wishes the Assembly a good year; relates to the fact when a dog team works together as a team without having to use different words then we can go a long way. Congratulations to all of us.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Vern Cleveland motion to adjourn at 2:04 P.M.