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

Wednesday, November 26, 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/MOMENT OF SILENCE

By Miles Cleveland

### ROLL CALL

#### Members Present:

Nathan Hadley	Miles Cleveland	Pete Schaeffer	Hendy Ballot
Clyde Ramoth	Larry Westlake	Lucy Nelson	Frank Greene
Carl Weisner	Vern Cleveland	Walter Sampson	

#### Members Excused:

Winona Hawley

#### Introduction of Staff and Guests

Reggie Joule	Stella Atoruk	Noah Naylor	Fred Smith
Kathleen Lansdale	Matt Mead		

**Quorum was present to conduct business.**

**Member Vern Cleveland moved to excuse Member Hawley, seconded by Member Weisner; motion carried unanimously.**

### AGENDA APPROVAL

Agenda presented for approval for November 26, 2014. Mayor Joule requested to add Resolution 14-56 & 14-49 am 01.

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

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes have been presented for approval of October 28, 2014.

**Member Schaeffer moved to approve the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Member Ballot. Motion carried unanimously.**

**President Sampson turned over reorganization of officers to Legal Matt Mead.**

Matt Mead explained to Assembly the reorganization process and opened the floor for nominations for President.

Member Schaeffer nominated Carl Weisner, Member Hadley nominated Lucy Nelson.

**Member Vern Cleveland moved to close nominations for office of President, seconded by Member Schaeffer. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Lucy 5, Carl 6**

Matt Mead opened the floor for nominations for Vice President.

Member Miles Cleveland nominated Larry Westlake, Member Ramoth nominated Walter Sampson.

Walter Sampson thanks member Ramoth and declines.

Member Vern Cleveland unanimous consent on, Member Ramoth seconded.

Matt Mead confirmed Larry Westlake as Vice President of the Assembly.

Member Weisner congratulated Larry, thanked Walter for his leadership and Assembly for their support, recognize the position of the president as a honor and a privilege and I do not take it lightly and I do respect it.

## **COMMUNICATIONS & APPEARANCES**

None presented.

## **BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES**

Madam Chair Lucy Nelson thanked Carl and congratulated Carl and Larry; Also presented report from Tuesday November 25, 2014 meeting.

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

1. **Ordinance 14-01am01** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly providing for the establishment and adoption of the line item budget amendment for the Fiscal Year 2015.*

**Member Ramoth motion to adopt Ordinance 14-01am01, seconded by Member Greene; motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Joule presented Ordinance 14-01am01; recommends do pass.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Joule presented the Mayors report; added the following, Trooper's report, and Election results.

**Member Ramoth motions to go into executive session; seconded by Member Westlake.**

**Member Vern Cleveland motion to approve Mayor's report, seconded by Member Ramoth; motion passed unanimously.**

**Break, resume at 10:14am**

### **TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Assembly discussed possible meeting dates. Member Schaeffer motioned for meeting date of December 22<sup>nd</sup>, seconded by Member Ramoth. After further discussion Member Schaeffer and Ramoth rescind motion and second; Member Vern Cleveland motioned to have the work session on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Regular meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, seconded by Member Miles Cleveland; motion passed unanimously.**

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None presented.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution 14-53** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a Fiscal Year 2015 Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, Recreational Trails Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the Northwest Arctic Borough Inter-Village Trails Mapping Project.*

**Member Schaeffer motioned to approve Resolution 14-53, seconded by Member Hadley; passed unanimously.**

Mayor Joule presented Resolution 14-53.

2. **Resolution 14-54** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a contract with KEA to purchase and install LED equivalent lights in Borough Communities and for related purposes.*

**Member Ramoth motion to approve Resolution 14-54, seconded by Member Vern Cleveland; passed unanimously.**

Fred Smith presented Resolution 14-54.

3. **Resolution 14-55** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly accepting a \$50,000.00 grant from Shell Alaska to fund Search & Rescue equipment and facilities, and for related purposes.*

**Member Ramoth motion to approve Resolution 14-55, seconded by Member Ballot; passed unanimously.**

4. **Resolution 14-56** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly authorizing the transfer of certain heavy equipment to the City of Shungnak, and for related purposes.*

**Member Vern Cleveland motion to approve Resolution 14-56, seconded by Member Miles Cleveland; passed unanimously.**

Mayor Joule presented Resolution 14-56.

5. **Resolution 14-49am01** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a professional services contract with Legislative Consultants in Alaska for FY15 and for related purposes.*

**Member Vern Cleveland motion to approve Resolution 14-49am01, seconded by Member Hadley; passed unanimously with 2 no.**

Mayor Joule presented Resolution 14-49am01

Member Weisner announced the 800#

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

No Other Business presented.

## **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

No audience comments presented.

## **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

Member Ramoth congratulated President Weisner and Vice President Westlake and thank Member Sampson for his leadership over the years and will continue being a leader in one

capacity or another. Happy Thanksgiving to everybody, safe travels, the NWALT visit to Selawik was very productive, very well attended and when we talk about the language and cultural issue I think as long as we continue working together with the School District and other organizations, especially the villages what really need to improve in their Inupiaq language I think we need to continue supporting that and smile with unity and Happy Thanksgiving.

Member Vern Cleveland thank you Walter for your leadership over the years you have done a good job. Congratulations to Carl and Larry, Happy Thanksgiving.

Member Ballot Happy Thanksgiving, Thank you.

Member Greene Congratulated Carl and Larry for their leadership positions, and Walter for serving us all these years.

Member Nelson thanked Carl, the friends of the Library for coming in and voicing their concerns about reinstating, however I still feel strongly as a BAF Chair, when we consider a request like that we also need to look at our bottom line and make sure we protect the assets of the Organization, it's our goal to work toward a quality of life for all of our residence and prioritize what our functions are, we still are working with a deficit of \$1.3 million and every action that we make effects that bottom line, we do have budget constraints, we still have to look at the other opportunities and other sources, we look at our Public Service, Planning or Economic Development and administration and if administration can make it work I'm all for that but at the end of the day we have fiscal responsibility and we have an annual budget of \$14 million and we only have a limited resource coming in and we need to continue to remember that every decision has an impact on our financials. Congratulate Carl and Larry and also thank Walter, your still here you still have a voice and always speak your mind, I appreciate that, thank you.

Member Sampson thank you, I thanks the assembly for having me serve you as the president for several years and I thank you for that, to Carl and Larry congratulations, now that I am retired, one less responsibility for me and not only that I think the voice that will come from me from the outside will make it much stronger for me to voice out in the event that we need to voice out the issues, it is critical to this region. A reminder to all of us, we are elected officials we got a responsibility to the residents of this region and to those of you that supported me through that process thank you very much, I appreciate it. Thank you.

Member Hadley congratulations Carl and Larry, Walter thank you, Happy Thanksgiving to everyone out there and to be prepared for the Retreat would it be possible to get the minutes so we can go over what we want to look at for the goals that we set from our last retreat and review them. Thank you.

Member Weisner asked Madam Clerk to work with Nathan on that.

Member Miles Cleveland taikuu and Congratulations Larry and Carl, Taikuu Walter for your leadership, I also want to thank the region and this board for your support and prayers during the time of my loss, I really appreciate that. Contractors, we have rich contractors at home and still with the drug use its still in effect because it is not recognized by Federal and its Public Safety and Health Safety issues that the contractors need to abide by to drug test whomever

they hire and that's for all contractors or anybody that looks for a job need to respect that and as for the local hire from our community we still push for that but a lot of us don't qualify for the equipment they have there and they need to bring their folks in to operate and maybe show someone to take their place to operate in our communities. Taikuu, have a good Thanksgiving.

Member Weisner thank you Miles and we are very sorry for the loss and we will continue to support you and your family.

Member Schaeffer congrats to you and Larry, thanks to Walter; requested the minutes or reports from the Regional Strategy, the Education Summit and NWALT to distribute prior to the retreat; raised concern regarding the student rep vacancy. Also mentioned the Regional Elders Council will be in the villages to answer questions.

Member Westlake thanks Carl; also thank you Walter for your service all the years. The assembly got to remember they got the same power as we do, were not over you, were with you and if we work together we will accomplish whatever we do. Happy Thanksgiving.

Member Weisner thank you Walter, I have learned a lot from you, I look forward to learn from you and also the others on the assembly, as your assembly president I will be a facilitator of our meetings but I will ask you to speak up and ask questions and the decision comes from the body and not from any one person and I respect that, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Joule Thank you Iyagaq, Larry Carl Congratulations I look forward to working with you as new presiding officers Tarruq you mentioned about the student rep and a student rep will be here in December, we've begin the discussion and I apologize for the lateness and that has been in process and I too would like to thank the assembly and people over the last few months when my younger sister who lives in Nome, Beverly was ill and thank you for your support and many people may not know Beverly, she and I shared the same mother Vera Joule used to be, daughter of Tony and Annie Joule and Beverly was the youngest of 5 and I thank everybody for their prayers for their and support. Thank you. I too would like to wish everybody a Thanksgiving triggers a long holiday season on through New Year's, I know it's a time of stress and when people sometimes feel like they can't accomplish all of the things that they would like to do for their friends and families and yet it's a joyous season too and I would like to extend that wish of a happy joyous Holiday season through Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years and encourage people to be safe and safe in travel and I'm looking forward to the challenges in the opportunities that our Borough has and continuing a relationship with the assembly to accomplish I think what we all want for the people and that's of the Borough and have a positive impact on the quality of life and that encompasses many, many things and it even encompasses work and responsibilities as individuals. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and be safe, and I thank my staff so much and welcome our newest member but I can tell you the people who work for this Borough are wonderful hard working people and I just like to say thank you to them.

Ingemar Mathiasson we have received some beautiful pictures from Deering on LED street lights and I believe we have Daisy on line.

Daisy Weinard I work for the electric company in Deering and they just put up all of the street lights that you guys sent and im supposed to receive 10 more. Thank you guys so much for getting the funding for our street lights, Deering is really happy and safer and brighter for the community now. Thank you.Happy Thanksgiving.

Carl thanked Daisy and Ingemar for calling in and thank you for the pictures. Committee assignments will be completed for December if you feel strongly about committee please let me know, use the contact information at the beginning of the packet, I will try to accommodate you the committees are limited so we just have to do the best we can.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Member Ramoth moved to adjourn. With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 A.M.**