



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, January 27, 2015 – 9:00 A.M.

Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

President Carl Weisner called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Miles Cleveland provided the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Reggie Joule	Judy Hassinger	Chloe Naylor	Yiyuk Henry
Wendie Schaeffer	Christine Hess	Annabelle Alvite	Steve Seward
Matt Mead	Martha Henry		

A quorum was established to conduct business.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Agenda of January 27, 2015 was presented for review and consideration for. President Weisner stated a new item has been added to the agenda, item G Assembly Reports; President Weisner also added to the agenda under item L Trail Staking and LED light updates; Mayor Joule requested the addition of Resolutions 15-07, 15-08 & 15-09, and 15-01, 15-02.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The meeting minutes of November 26, 2014 were presented for review and consideration for approval.

Member Ballot moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 26, 2014, seconded by Member Miles Cleveland. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS & APPEARANCES

None presented.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

None presented.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, INACTMENT OF ORDINANCES AND EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

None presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Judith Hassinger presented the monthly financial report.

President Weisner requested that Michelle Drew of BDO, the Borough's Audit firm present the annual audit report for the Borough.

ASSEMBLY REPORTS

President Weisner provided a verbal report regarding recent Assembly travel, including participation in the pre-Assembly retreat meetings, the Assembly retreat both in Anchorage and an AIEDA Public meeting regarding the Ambler Road project.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Joule presented the monthly Mayors report.

Member Sampson raised concerns regarding Parks and Reserves, it is something to look into and debate.

President Weisner raised concerns regarding cost of living, cost of energy and food security.

Member Sampson raised concerns regarding coastal management.

President Weisner raised concerns regarding Ambler mining district.

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Assembly discussed possible meeting dates. Member Ramoth motioned for meeting date of February 23 and 24, 2015, seconded by Member Hadley; motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance 15-01 *An Ordinance of The Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending sections of the Borough Investment Code and for related purposes.*

Presented by Mayor Joule and Judy Hassinger.

Member Hadley motion to approve Ordinance 15-01, seconded by Member Miles Cleveland; passed unanimously.

2. Ordinance 15-02 *An Ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving continued participation in a planning assistance agreement for the Kivalina Evacuation Road Study and for related purposes.*

Presented by Fred Smith.

Member Miles Cleveland motion to approve Resolution 15-01, seconded by Member Ramoth; passed unanimously.

3. Ordinance 15-03 *An Ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending Title 7 of the Borough Code and for related purposes.*

Presented by Steve Seward and Matt Mead.

Member Nelson motion to approve Resolution 15-01, seconded by Member Ramoth; the motion passed by majority vote.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 15-01 *A Resolution Authorizing the Northwest Arctic Borough to issue General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the Principal amount of not to exceed \$9,200,000 to refund*

certain outstanding general obligation bonds of the Borough, fixing certain details of such bonds, and authorizing their sale.

Presented by Judy Hassinger.

Member Nelson motion to approve Resolution 15-01, seconded by Member Sampson; passed unanimously.

- 2. Resolution 15-02** *A Resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Designating the Alaska State Legislative Capital Grant priorities for Fiscal Year 2016.*

Presented by Christine Hess.

Member Ballot motion to approve Resolution 15-02, seconded by Member Hadley; passed unanimously.

- 3. Resolution 15-03** *A Resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending the FY15 Long-Term Investment allocations, setting appropriate performance benchmarks, and for related purposes.*

Presented by Matt Mead.

Member Miles Cleveland motion to approve Resolution 15-03, seconded by Member Ramoth; passed with 1 no.

- 4. Resolution 15-04** *A Resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a professional services agreement with Coffman Engineers for the Wind-Diesel project in Deering and for related purposes.*

Presented by Fred Smith.

Member Hadley motion to approve Resolution 15-04, seconded by Member Miles Cleveland; passed unanimously.

- 5. Resolution 15-05** *A Resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving an agreement with KEA for the Buckland and Deering Wind-Diesel projects and for related purposes.*

Presented by Fred Smith.

Member Vern Cleveland motion to approve Resolution 15-05, seconded by Member Hadley; passed unanimously.

- 6. Resolution 15-06** *A Resolution to approve amendment of a professional services agreement with Bering Straits Development Company and for related purposes.*

Presented by Fred Smith

Member Miles Cleveland motion to approve Resolution 15-06, seconded by Member Ramoth; passed unanimously.

7. **Resolution 15-07** *A Resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a Mutual Aid Emergency Assistance agreement with the North Slope Borough and for related purposes.*

Presented by Wendie Schaeffer.

Member Ramoth motion to approve Resolution 15-07, seconded by Member Ballot; passed unanimously.

8. **Resolution 15-08** *A Resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly accepting additional AEA Grant Funds for the Buckland, Deering and Noorvik Wind-Diesel projects and for related purposes.*

Presented by Fred Smith.

Member Hadley motion to approve Resolution 15-08, seconded by Member Miles Cleveland; passed unanimously.

9. **Resolution 15-09** *A Resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Approving A Local Matching Payment to The Army Corps of Engineers under a planning assistance agreement for the Kivalina Evacuation Road Study and for related purposes.*

Presented by Fred Smith.

Member Ballot motion to approve Resolution 15-09, seconded by Member Vern Cleveland; passed unanimously.

President Weisner announced the 800# for public questions or comments.

OTHER BUSINESS

Wendie Schaeffer presented Trail Staking updates.

Member Sampson thanked Wendie for her work; also questioned if the funding source comes from the state and if NANA has given any dollars?

Lance Kramer stated that Rosie Barr would have the answer related to any contribution to trail staking from NANA.

Member Sampson gave suggestions on funding options from the State and the Park Service.

Member Ramoth questioned if these trails coinciding with the GPS tracking? Wendie Schaeffer indicated that due to changing conditions on land and ice each year the trails should be within plus or minus 30 feet of the trail.

Carl requested time frame; also raised concern regarding LED street lights.

Fred Smith gave an update on the LED street lights.

Member Ramoth mentioned it is very noticeable in Selawik, thank you.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

BJ out of Fairbanks raised concern regarding hunting, we are right with you, suggested to get the road up.

Colleen Swan from Kivalina commented on Trail Staking between Kivalina and Red Dog road.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Elder Rep. Winona Hawley thanked everybody in the Northwest Arctic Borough for their donations, god bless, thank you.

Youth Rep. Chloe Naylor thank you for selecting me as the Youth Rep.

Member Ramoth thanked the Mayor and staff, at some point would like someone to translate the Ordinance 15-03. Encourages public to join Search and Rescue and Fire; also requested updates on the joint meeting with the North Slope Borough.

Member Hadley recognized the Mayor and Staff for good audits; people be safe.

Member Vern Cleveland thanked the staff; also commented on the LED lights.

Member Miles Cleveland thank you for your prayers and financial help; for residents we need to cut down on community finances.

Member Ballot thank you, raised concern regarding fire safety during the cold spell. We need to show and acknowledge volunteers in communities, suggests gather and have a potluck.

Member Nelson welcomed the student representative and thanked the administration; good retreat.

Member Sampson thank you, commented in Inupiaq.

Member Schaeffer commented on the Ambler Road Project.

Member Greene no comments.

President Weisner thanked the Mayor and staff, Matt, Martha, Elder Representative and Youth Representative

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Joule commented on the Ambler Road, encourages people to stay informed and participate; the joint meeting with the North Slope Borough is to be determined; also thanked the members.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Ballot moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Ramoth. With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.