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Northwest Arctic Borough Ethics Committee Meeting Minutes Friday, April 10, 2015 – 1:00 P.M. Northwest Arctic Borough – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pete Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

INVOCATION

Moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

Ethics Committee Members Present:

Frank Greene Lucy Nelson Pete Schaeffer

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Wendie Schaeffer Stephanie Joannides Stella Atoruk

A quorum was present to conduct business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda presented for April 10, 2015 meeting. Chair Schaeffer mentioned that if any public comments it will have after executive session.

Member Nelson motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Member Greene. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Stephanie Joannides mentioned that there has been two matters brought before the ethics committee; possible ethics violations; when presented to the committee and the subject might be one to tend to prejudice the character of the other person and they haven't requested a

public hearing at this point. Discussion of those matters remain confidential and provided in the code and ordinances.

Member Nelson move to approve to go into Executive Session, seconded by Member Greene.

Before going into executive session Stephanie Joannides provided a background for the Committee; independent counsel, lawyer since 1984. Background consist of criminal defense work, prosecutor for years, assistant of attorney general representing the Department of Law, Public Safety, Corrections; also, been assistant attorney general representing for the State and State agencies when they were sued, and the employees. Become a judge in 1994 as district court judge and superior judge in 2000; proteome to court of appeals during that time. Going into seventeen years she had retired and become as a senior judge doing temporary assignments and projects for the court; also private mediations. She had been inactive and retained by Northwest Arctic Borough as an independent counsel for the Ethics Committee for this project.

Member Nelson motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Member Greene. Passed unanimously.

Reconvene at 2:01 P.M.

Chair Schaeffer mentioned they are seeking more information, instructed legal counsel to investigate for more information. At this time to audience comments.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Member Nelson had no comment.

Member Greene glad got this meeting going, looking forward to the information.

Member Schaeffer had no comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Nelson move to adjourn at 2:25 P.M.