



**Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 11, 2017 – 1:30 P.M.
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK**

CALL TO ORDER

President Carl Weisner called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Cleveland provided invocation.

ROLL CALL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

Elmer Armstrong Jr.	Austin Swan Sr.	Miles Cleveland Sr.	Hannah Loon
Walter Sampson	Larry Westlake Sr.	Nathan Hadley Jr.	Dood Carr
Tanya Ballot	Lucy Nelson	Carl Weisner	

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Clement Richards Sr.	Matt Mead	Angie Sturm	Clara Jones
Patrick Savok	Dickie Moto	Wayne Hall	Elizabeth Cravahlo
Ann Marie O'Brien	Margaret Hansen	Jaime Lambert	Helena Hildreth
Chris Hatch	<i>Ingemar Mathiasson</i>	<i>Brad Reich</i>	Shawn Gilman
Michael Cooper	Janine Bedford	Noah Naylor	Charlie Gregg
Stella Atoruk			

(telephonic)

A quorum was present to conduct business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda presented for April 11 2017.

Member Carr motioned to approve as presented, Member Sampson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

win for all involved. He expressed his gratitude working with Borough; for him personally, he thank you very much. Wayne also mentioned that its NANA land, their resources and they are fortunate to be selected to be the operators.

President Weisner mentioned that there was the Red Dog Management Committee had communicated with the negotiation team.

Brad Reich expressed his gratitude to the past Mayor, past Chief of Staff and negotiation team to putting the agreement together. Also, to the Assembly, thank you. Appreciate all the hard work; look forward working with you all down the road.

Member Loon extends her gratitude to the Red Dog Management Team.

Elizabeth Cravahlo, NANA Vice President External and Government Affairs mentioned that they are encouraged by this agreement. Really look forward to seeing the village benefit from this agreement; thank you for your hard work.

President Weisner mentioned they are looking forward to the joint meeting within this area. Member Sampson expressed his gratitude to the negotiation team. He applauds Mayor for taking leadership, thank you. Member Hadley would like to see Reggie Joule at the next reading. President Weisner mentioned that David Case would be proud of this agreement also. Member Loon also request Martha Whiting too.

Mayor Richards thank Teck for your presence, thank you to the Assembly for your hard work. Division brings out wisdom, wisdom brings out leadership, and leadership makes decisions and actions; that is where we take it. Mayor request direction as to the budget, Finance needs direction and we'd like to ask for direction from the BAF Committee.

Vice President Nelson mentioned that we are going to plan on how to move forward although there needs to be a second reading before becoming active.

Member Sampson motion to approve Ordinance 17-03; seconded by Member Swan. Motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None presented.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Swan expressed his gratitude for the voting today, coming from a community that has been down. Long time coming, thank Red Dog, Mayor and staff, President and Assembly. Thank you from bottom of his heart.

President Weisner thank Mayor for working with Assembly along the way, critical reason for that.

Vice President Nelson thank for all present; as Assembly members they have a duty to care for our people. She provided a summary of what have been done to be where we are today; to eliminate risks. Really appreciate Legal opinion, thank you for all comments that have come forward. Thankful to come to this point.

President Weisner expressed his thank you to Legal.

Member Sampson remind everyone this is the first reading; second reading end of this month. Hoping nothing will change here until then.

Member Cleveland mentioned that this has been a long battle; when he was on NANA they battle with that land from cousins up North. He is thankful for those that battled for us; thank you to the past members. Thank the Assembly that is here today; we've made the right decision and will move forward.

Member Loon is thankful that Margaret Hansen is here; she works with the Villages. Although she would like the villages to call in their needs and priorities.

Member Ballot mentioned good job everyone; persistent is paying off.

Member Armstrong mentioned that this is long time coming; trying to get the best for the communities. Thank you to the President and Vice President.

Member Hadley thanks to the negotiation team, Mayor and staff. The public has been a big part in the decision making of this. Thank you, look forward to continue working with you.

President Weisner thank Member Westlake for your leadership while going into this process.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Richards mentioned they are working with NWALT; would like to have a meeting soon. Recently had North Slope Borough Mayor here, in the process of scheduling a Summit. Will work with Assembly for recommendations for where and when. He also mentioned a signing ceremony with Red Dog; will have in the Sounder. Great job to staff and Assembly; we may have differences but we are here. Congratulations to taking the first step in voting in the right direction. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, Member Loon motion adjourn at 2:25 P.M.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stella Sarah". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stella" and the last name "Sarah" clearly distinguishable.

