



Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 24, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.  
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Moment of silence held for those that have passed on. Continue to help each other.

**SAFETY MOMENT**

Member Carr remind those on radio land, please ensure your kids have a life jacket.

**ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL**

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

Elmer Armstrong Jr.	Kirk Oviok Jr.	Dood Carr	Larry Westlake Sr.
Hannah Loon	Sandy Shroyer Beaver	Miles Cleveland	Austin Swan Sr.
Nathan Hadley Jr.	Lucy Nelson	Carl Weisner	

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Clement Richards Sr.	Nelda Swan	Matt Mead	Marie Greene
Hiram Walker	Nate Kotch	Noah Naylor	Chris Hatch
Chuck Greene	John Baker	Silvano Viverios	Clara Jones
Josephine Howarth	Ingemar Mathiasson	Carl Washington	Katherine Keith
Scott Mayhner	Paul Kari	Margaret Carpenter	<i>Tanya Ballot</i>
Angie Sturm	Sarah Schacher	Stella Atoruk	

**A quorum was present to conduct business.** President Weisner welcome everyone; we have a good agenda to get things going for Kivalina.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Member Hadley request to add Search & Rescue update; President Weisner mentioned possibly under Mayor's report. Mayor Richards request to add Ordinance 18-04-am-01 under introduction of ordinances in reference to Kivalina Match requirement. President Weisner request to add Arctic Development Summit under other business. Member Loon recommend Economic Development Commission be represented from the communities. President Weisner request to add DOT under communications/appearances to provide an update. Member Armstrong raised concern to adding the resolution from Kivalina.

**Member Carr motioned, Member Hadley seconded to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

June 26, 2018 regular meeting minutes presented for approval.

**Member Westlake motioned, Member Swan seconded to approve the minutes as presented; motion passed unanimously.**

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

Sarah Schacher and Margaret Carpenter, DOT provided an update of the Kivalina Project. Since January a contractor have been selected through the procurement process, important for them to work closely with the community. The contractor is currently in Norton Sound Region, possibly get situated to begin winter work; huge benefit to begin preliminary embankment. As discussed looking for a match of approximately five million with intention using the contribution to get mobilized this fall because can't use federal dollar for that.

President Weisner mentioned this have discussed in depth, preference of local hire and hope residents are prepared when work begins soon. Vice President Nelson raised concern to the Assembly; when we requested the bonds for school project, did we ask for additional bonds to cover this? She also verified the monies Native Village of Kivalina had one point four million towards this project; is that part of the four point nine or will that reduce that amount? Vice President Nelson request clarification of the monies received as of now and the remaining amount. Mayor Richards raised concern of the how many bidders there were and the process of selection.

President Weisner raised concern of the Cape Blossom update; he believe they were in the STIP although unsure of the process. Mrs. Schacher mentioned they are currently working on right of way with NANA; hopefully anticipate winter construction. She expressed the importance of moving forward with the monies requested on Resolution 18-18; which has a deadline of this coming Thursday.

### **BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES**

Acting Chair Carr provided a summary of the Budget, Audit and Finance meeting held the previous day; enjoyed majority of the Assembly have attended, saw the advantage when work session started. Vice President Nelson mentioned reviewing the Ordinance 18-04-am-01 shows Kivalina Road MOA shows an additional of one million; is that supposed to reflect the one point four three millions which is part of the contribution from Kivalina IRA Council.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS, ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES & EMERGENCY ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance 18-09** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending the Borough Code to establish a uniform compensation rate for Borough Boards, Commissions, and Committees, and for related purposes.*

Mayor Richards recommend do pass. Legal Mead summarize Ordinance 18-09.

**Member Armstrong motion to enact Ordinance 18-09, seconded by Member Westlake; motion passed unanimously.**



## **ASSEMBLY REPORTS**

Member Hadley mentioned that he attended a community meeting with Buckland regarding the Water and Sewer MOA with ANTHC; he believe issues have been resolved and agreement have been signed.

President Weisner request an update with the Water and Sewer partnership.

Member Carr mentioned she have traveled with Assembly to Barrow for the Joint North Slope and Borough meeting. She also have attended ICC in Utqiagvik; they did an excellent job of hospitality. Thank you to Assembly for the opportunity to attend.

President Weisner added a summary of the joint Borough meeting; he mentioned the importance of potential road from Dalton Highway to Ambler Mining District and specifically the portion discussing joint Borough's interest in exploring potential investment and ownership of any road.

Vice President Nelson mentioned she also have attended the joint meeting; provided a summary of the meeting. If you ever go there, take a look at their Search & Rescue, really state of the art.

President Weisner mentioned that President Jim Stotts informed everyone of Calista is withdrawing from ICC, Chugiak is considering joining; he summarized the development of the ICC. We have a suicide epidemic; currently working on a declaration statement. If there are any youth involvement if you'd like to participate in this meaningful endeavor, contact Borough.

Member Carr remind everyone of the video that Corey have put during ICC is well done, take a look at it. Thank you Corey.

President Weisner added that during the joint North Slope meeting we weren't able to consider the ANWR resolution due to not noticed properly; will we see that at the next meeting? Can we still consider a joint Borough resolution if passed.

## **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Richards summarized his written report; echo a lot of the Assembly's report. Good news regarding the Kivalina Project, we are here today to move forward. Exciting for the Region.

Member Hadley request an update on shelter cabins; also, regarding the items purchased for them. President Weisner mentioned the yellow beacons on the shelter cabins are helpful. Mr. Viverios mentioned that Borough have ordered number of adult life jackets along with child and infant jackets.

Member Carr raised concern to unspent monies, she suggest some life jackets for children sizes and have down front. So many swim without them; possibly put on their donated by.

Member Cleveland raised concern to the strobe lights; do they need a building or put anywhere?

### **TIME & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

President Weisner mentioned August 27-28<sup>th</sup> actually coincide with School District Board meeting; he suggest August 20-21<sup>st</sup> or August 29-30<sup>th</sup> although 20-21<sup>st</sup> is AML time at Denali. If material to consider then we will schedule for August 29-30. 2018.

Break taken at 9:52 A.M.

Reconvene at 10:10 A.M.

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance 18-10** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending Sections of the Borough Investment Code and for related purposes.*

Mayor Richards request Legal Mead to summarize changes of the code.

**Member Carr motion to approve Ordinance 18-10, seconded by Member Hadley; motion passed unanimously.**

2. **Ordinance 18-04-am-01** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving and adopting an amended line-item budget for Fiscal Year 2019.*

Mayor Richards mentioned that this is to match the monies for the Kivalina Project to move forward. Legal Mead summarized the previous day discussion, to tap into reserve funds we'd require two thirds vote. President Weisner raised concern of it being appropriate of the order considering the appropriation before the resolution. Vice President Nelson raised concern; if we do get additional funds for the match, with other entities which reduce the amount that we've to provide for local match. She request Mr. Kotch to clarify as far as the monies are concerned. Member Carr thank Mr. Kotch for clarification; we all still support this. President Weisner mentioned that we've been able to apply to the IRT although passed the deadline; hopefully in September might get assistance whether bridge and cause and road or both. Member Swan thank Assembly, Staff and Remote Solutions for all the hard work; long time coming.

**Member Loon motion to approve Ordinance 18-04-am-01, seconded by Member Westlake; motion passed unanimously.**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution 18-14** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving engagement of BDO USA LLP to conduct the FY18 Audit.*

Mayor Richards recommend do pass. Mrs. Sturm anticipate there maybe additional



expense with the Village Improvement Fund, although will see during audit. Vice President Nelson verified the requirement date of the audit needs to be complete by; ensure done well in advance.

**Member Shroyer Beaver motion to approve Resolution 18-14, seconded by Member Cleveland; motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Resolution 18-15** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a services agreement with Alaska Janitorial S.F., Inc., to provide janitorial services for the Borough building, and for related purposes.*

Mayor Richards recommend do pass; Mrs. Sturm summarize resolution. Vice President Nelson raised concern of local hire; we are here to provide economic development although trying to improve lives. Member Carr mentioned she had raised that concern yesterday; this company have been here approximately thirty years and does a good job.

**Member Carr motion to approve Resolution 18-15, seconded by Member Shroyer Beaver; motion passed unanimously.**

**3. Resolution 18-16** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly authorizing execution of a memorandum of understanding with the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management concerning the preparation of the Squirrel River Special Recreation Area Management Plan.*

Mayor Richards recommend do pass. Mr. Naylor summarized Resolution 18-16; if passed then we'd be at the table during the drafting of the document. Member Carr raised concern of what this entail; what use of this. Is the visitations, is that a camping area when public can go? Is there a duration?

Member Westlake mentioned BLM have met with people of Kiana early this spring; Squirrel River is a very unique area for everything, he fully supports. Member Loon raised concern to alarming to hear big game and recreational area with visitors from all over. Although, regarding the Ambler Mining District they've talked about the migration route. Some of the actions taken by local people fortunately Noatak had caribou although Selawik, Noorvik and Kiana had no caribou. She expressed that it will affect the caribou. Member Armstrong expressed he is glad Borough will have a seat at the table to make changes.

Member Loon raised concern to what affects Kiana also affects Selawik and Noorvik. Member Hadley request for Member Loon to get information as she is Chairman for the Subsistence Committee.

**Member Hadley motion to approve Resolution 18-16, seconded by Member Westlake; motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Resolution 18-17** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a professional services agreement with NANA Regional Corporation, Inc. for Title Nine Monitoring and related services.*

Mayor Richards recommend do pass. Mr. Naylor summarized Resolution 18-17. Vice President Nelson raised concern of Assembly passing recently or was it for the previous year. Member Carr mentioned she would like contact information on Borough's website with phone numbers to call in aircraft citing. She also request a monthly report of what went on.

**Member Westlake motion to approve Resolution 18-17, seconded by Member Carr; motion passed unanimously.**

**5. Resolution 18-18** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a memorandum of agreement with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to provide for a local match contribution for the Kivalina Evacuation and School Site Access Road Project, and for related purposes.*

Mayor Richards recommend do pass, in the works for many decades and highly recommended.

**Member Swan motion to approve Resolution 18-18, seconded by Member Shroyer Beaver; motion passed unanimously. Equipment will be mobilized this fall with plan to start next spring.** Mayor congratulations to Kivalina. President Weisner thank Wendy Chamberlain for her work also, and to Remote Solutions.

**6. Resolution 18-19** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly authorizing a professional services agreement with Analysis North to conduct a mini-split heat pump study in coordination with other state partners.*

Mayor Richards recommend do pass. Mr. Mathiasson summarized Resolution 18-19. President Weisner thank him for the cost saving energy for homes. Member Carr thank Mr. Mathiasson for this services, she is thankful for work on the website and fortunate to all the studies.

**Member Hadley motion to approve Resolution 18-19, seconded by Member Cleveland; motion passed unanimously.**



## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Arctic Economic Development Summit which President Weisner request to add. Partnership between Northwest Arctic Borough, NANA, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and North Slope Borough would like to ensure another meeting is scheduled soon. If okay with Assembly he'd like to direct Administration to keep momentum going with meaningful agenda.

Member Carr raised concern of possibly working on the joint resolution; is that something we can do at that time. President Weisner suggests to Mayor to consider those leaders in the past to draw on some of their experience to ensure we don't lose the momentum. Member Westlake mentioned that the location is usually rotated and believe its Northwest Arctic Borough's turn.

Member Loon requests to help communities under Economic Development Administration; the list of commission members live in Kotzebue or elsewhere. Believe helpful to have planning commission working with their local planning village committees to be involved; beneficial of knowing living in the village. She suggests like the VIF, excited about the services to help the communities.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Member Hadley motion to go into Executive Session at 10:52 A.M. to discuss negative impact on financial matters of Northwest Arctic Borough, seconded by Member Shroyer Beaver. Reconvene at 11:40 A.M. no decisions or direction given during the executive session.**

## **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

*Tanya Ballot of Selawik called regarding clarification on the Water and Sewer. She stated that ANTHC was there previously although would like a follow up. She believe the inner logistics of a transition is going to happen; would like to ensure not being entirely left out. Mrs. Ballot thank Mayor for help thus far and look forward to working together.*

## **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

Member Armstrong mentioned good meeting. Thank Administration, Employee, State and Remote Solutions. He'd like Administration to get with the communities to see if their jack hammers are adequate or if need replacement of bits. Also, to Marie regarding the VIF if some of the criteria can be removed for the funds so the communities can have good books when applying. Glad to see Chris here, congratulations to the graduating VPSO's. Member Armstrong recommends Administration work with Ingemar on getting Noorvik wind turbines. He also suggest track equipment for hauling fuel, similar to North Slope; believe that would be good for Noatak this winter. Quite a challenge for Noatak to make a road. Thank you.

Member Carr thank you for good meeting; appreciate when everyone is at BAF. Again, thank Borough for Joint Assembly meeting in Utqiagvik. Also, thank Borough for sending her as an observer for ICC; Arctic Slope and North Slope did an excellent job hosting. She is grateful for VPSO and his department; thank Chris, Mayor and his staff, crucial player here in our Region giving them comfort. Thank you to Ingemar also, when heat pumps are going



to be installed possibly plan ahead so a region installer get trained. Thank you, exciting meeting.

Vice President Nelson congratulate David Ann Mills whom represented this Region in WEIO in Fairbanks; she is second runner up. Also, congratulations to Miss WEIO, daughter of Marlene Jaycox and Bobby Evans from Kiana and Nome. To Pookie, congratulations on your new job, believe you will serve well. With the Kivalina Road Project, good to see moving forward, congratulations to all those involved. Safety tip, boating use your pfd's. Have fun berry picking and subsisting. Thank you.

Member Oviok thank President and Mayor. He mentioned ICC President gave a great statement; capacity knowledge, we have that ability. Deepest condolences to Selawik, as well as other villages.

Member Shroyer mentioned possibly reconsider where the tobacco funds go for big projects. She is excited for Kivalina; really happy going forward. On safety, too many people drown. Practice safety; she see booths with some life jackets but parents please encourage your kids to use them. Thank you to staff, thankful for Ingemar whom can't retire. Thankful for Bering Air and Ravn for discounted tickets for kids to attend; Phyllis Booth had coordinated. This was a community effort, Nullagvik and Sandy's B & B provided lodging, number of restaurants and cabs provided for the kids. Another fund raiser, the color run had a great turn out. Thank you to the community for everything; be safe, a death in the Region affects all. Thank you.

Member Loon thank Mayor, staff for all work. Thoughts to Selawik, Kotzebue; thank you for your way of life. Every season we follow berries, fish and salmon. We are making a living; that is who we are. We thank all the businesses for the Village of Kivalina.

Member Swan mentioned Kivalina's cup is running over; thank Mayor, Remote Solutions, Assembly for getting us this far with this project. It's been a hard, strong, slow progress but getting there. Thank you all very much.

Member Cleveland mentioned good meeting; we've been talking Ambler Mining District for years and coming to reality. Sorry to hear of the losses, we have concerns of our people; we need to share our love. Still waiting to hear of ownership of the building between Ambler Shungnak. Thank you.

Member Hadley thank Mayor and staff for preparing ordinances and resolutions that support Kivalina. Sure will vote in favor of it next meeting. Believe VIC will meeting August 14-15<sup>th</sup> hopefully a reach out will be made out to Kivalina before deadline if they'd like to receive from VIF. Thank you for able to attend the ICC conference, similar problems. Hopefully to hear from Wendy regarding Ballot Measure one; it would hurt our Region along with North Slope. Recommends no on ballot measure one.

Member Westlake is honored to be here today to discuss the Kivalina Road Project; have been here in the late 80's, have always thought of the people of Kivalina. It's going to happen, thank you for being united here today.



Elder Representative Nelda Swan mentioned in previous years they'd always be ready for evacuation and when Mr. Westlake worked on airport that the matting on the airport will keep her afloat. Glad on the move, thank Mayor and staff, Assembly member for supporting them.

President Weisner thank you for accommodating his two boys, appreciate that. Thank you Mayor, thank you Assembly for work.

#### **MAYORS COMMENTS**


Mayor Richards request Clerk Atoruk to read out seats open for the Election to be held on October 2, 2018. Mayor Richards mentioned good meeting. Excited for Kivalina, lot of work. Those of you traveling, take extra gas, plan roundtrip. To those that lost loved ones, heart goes out to you. Good meeting, excited for Kivalina.

Member Westlake raised concern of what time is deadline of the petition or is it the whole day.

Member Hadley raised concern if Borough had provided any Search & Rescue assistance; for our Deputy Clerk, it's hard when you can't find a loved one. Is Borough doing anything?

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Shroyer Beaver motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Carr to adjourn at 11:50 A.M.

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