



Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 30, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

President Carl Weisner called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M. Welcome everyone to the meeting, hope everyone were able to prepare for winter; summarized previous day meeting.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Swan provided invocation for victims of abuse and this Assembly.

SAFETY MOMENT

Mayor Richards mentioned school started up again; getting dark, watch out for children crossing the street. If you have a fire department then request the reflectors tape on coats to make visible.

ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

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| Elmer Armstrong Jr. | Kirk Oviok Jr. | Dood Carr | Austin Swan Sr. |
| Hannah Loon | Sandy Shroyer | Nathan Hadley Jr. | Lucy Nelson |
| Carl Weisner | | | |

Excused:

Miles Cleveland, Sr. Larry Westlake, Sr.

Introduction of Staff and Guests

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| Clement Richards Sr. | Nelda Swan | Matt Mead | <i>Tanya Ballot</i> |
| Chris Hatch | Nate Kotch | Wayne Hall | Nelson Walker |
| Angie Sturm | Clara Jones | Noah Naylor | <i>Wendy Chamberlain</i> |
| Willie Towksjhea | <i>Marlene Moto-Karl</i> | Helena Hildreth | |

Member Swan motion to excuse Member Cleveland and Westlake, seconded by Member Hadley; motion passed unanimously by roll call. A quorum was present to conduct business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda presented for August 30, 2018. President Weisner request to add Resolution 18-21, 18-22 and 18-23. Mayor Richards request to add Executive Session to discuss financial matters that may adversely affect the Borough. Member Loon verified if the memorandum of agreement with State of Alaska needs action. Member Hadley request to add Wendy Chamberlain and Corey Mulder for Community Awareness Campaign; President Weisner mentioned she will be under Resolution 18-23.

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

July 24, 2018 regular meeting minutes presented for approval.

Member Swan motioned, Member Armstrong seconded to approve the minutes as presented; motion passed unanimously by roll call.

COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCES

None presented.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Vice President/Budget Audit Finance Madam Chair Nelson provided a summary of the BAF meeting held previous day.

Joint Construction Maintenance Committee meeting was held; President Weisner provided a summary of the meeting held this previous Monday. Kivalina Equipment shall be mobilized this fall. Encouraging to see youth attending the meeting. Member Swan mentioned that ASRC has brought heavy equipment already; currently getting ready for a man camp. President Weisner add that Administration and Chamberlain had applied an application with IRT Department of Defense and shall hear next month on building of the road, cause way and bridge.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES & EMERGENCY 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 recommend do pass; Legal Mead highlight changes requested. President Weisner mentioned this have been discussed in depth previous day and have invested a lot of money and expect to gain interest. Member Armstrong raised concern of approval of this ordinance; would we be able to switch over to a different plan? Vice President Nelson mentioned that YTD we've gained approximately two hundred sixty-six which we are conservative of how we invest.

Member Hadley motion to enact Ordinance 18-10, seconded by Member Swan; motion passed unanimously by roll call.

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 recommend do pass which has the match for Kivalina School; long overdue.

Member Shroyer motion to enact Ordinance 18-04-am-01, seconded by Member

Hadley; motion passed unanimously by roll call.

ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Member Carr mentioned she attended AML session at Denali Park; well put together. She had attended the fishing section although wanted to attend water and sewer. Glad to hear Nils Andreassen is the AML Director. Thank Assembly for sending us.

President Weisner mentioned that recently have been able to send larger groups to AML session; were able to communicate the interest of this Borough which have been helpful. Mr. Andreassen have been our facilitator for Retreats. In regards to water and sewer they have discussed mineral development and tax.

Member Shroyer also attended AML; added the discussion with Quinatok and she raised concern of VIC. People are reading the website, believe in the forefront of what have been happening. She would like to ensure we have representation from our area to stay active and be well informed. Thank you.

President Weisner mentioned next summer meeting in Soldotna; he talked with Shawn and he suggest for Kotzebue to be put in the hat for a summer meeting location. Raised concern with Legal on what is next step? Resolution? Member Shroyer mentioned possibly work with School District, Hotel or lodging will be an issue. Member Carr mentioned not during our meetings.

Member Swan mentioned he received an email from Betty for the Winter AML session is November 12-16, 2018 Hotel Captain Cook. President Weisner request for Clerk to contact members for availability. Member Carr thank Member Swan for ongoing emails from AML.

Member Loon also attended the AML at Denali; different world. One of the highlights was a man from South; retaining his employees and managers whom had a good presentation. Also, thank you for Member Swan for representation.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Richards summarized his written report. President Weisner raised concern to the Ambler Mining District; appreciate the chronology of the project. Although there was a separate document he believe AIDEA stated estimated monies to Borough through a PILT. Mayor Richards mentioned that Borough had informed AIDEA that they would like to be a part of. President Weisner mentioned at the AML session there was a part by Jim Williams, Fairbanks North Star Chief of Staff; he is interested in the joint resolution by North Slope and Northwest. Mayor Richards mentioned he was invited although wasn't able to attend.

Member Carr thank Mayor for reminding her of the Red Dog Visit; great full day of touring and discussions. She is grateful to see longtime employees there. President Weisner also mentioned that Legal Mead and Kaam weren't able to attend although wanted to.

TIME & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

President Weisner mentioned that the fourth Tuesday of September is when usually meets although time conflict with School Board meetings; if Assembly will pencil in September 26-27, 2018 if need to meet. Although he knows folks will hope to harvest during that month. Member Carr suggest to plan on it; Elections is following month.

Break observed
Reconvene at 10:00 A.M.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None presented.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **North Slope Borough and Northwest Arctic Borough Joint Resolution D-2018** *a joint resolution in support of responsible oil and gas exploration and development in ANWR.*

President Weisner mentioned that North Slope Borough have passed although have asked Northwest to consider; had in depth discussion yesterday. Mayor Richards recommend do pass. Legal Mead summarize the joint resolution supporting ANWR. President Weisner mentioned had in depth discussion previous day; although had concern regarding the unorganized like Doyon Region. President Weisner request to forward this to Fairbanks North Star whom would like to consider with their Assembly.

Member Carr motion to approve, seconded by Member Swan; motion passed unanimously.

2. **Resolution 18-20** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly opposing State Ballot Measure 1.*

Member Loon summarize Resolution 18-20 in Inupiaq then translate after. She encourage Administration to do PSA at the Radio Station to state on how to vote. President Weisner encourage the Assembly to voice their concern.

Vice President Nelson raised concern to Legal Mead regarding supporting efforts like this; endorsing certain kinds of actions that Borough is allowed and not allowed to do which this is allowable.

Mayor Richards oppose Ballot Measure one and support this resolution and opposition to it; will affect development and resource and our right. Legal Mead summarize Resolution 18-20; would affect infrastructure projects which are critical in this Borough.

Mrs. Wendy Chamberlain also provided a summary of this resolution; she recommend voting no on ballot measure one.

Mr. Wayne Hall remind everyone that State of Alaska had done a good job managing the resources; when this initiative first came out it was found by Governor's office to not be on the ballot although did end up on the ballot. He believe this will create more red tape; from municipality stand point although would affect ports or roads. There is a public hearing scheduled on September 10th here in Kotzebue.

Member Hadley mentioned that it shall be on the website. Member Loon verified the date and time of the public hearing of ballot measure one. President Weisner suggest representation from Borough at the meeting. Member Loon also raised concern if there is a teleconference available for communities to participate? Member Armstrong is in support of this resolution because of infrastructure happening. President Weisner mentioned Cape Blossom and possible airport and water port. Member Loon mentioned it would affect Village investment and priorities.

President Weisner mentioned if this shall pass then we will be making a political statement that we oppose ballot measure one and hopefully others will join us.

Member Armstrong motion to approve Resolution 18-20, seconded by Member Carr; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

3. **Resolution 18-21** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving Village Improvement Fund Applications from Kivalina, Selawik, Deering, Noatak and Kiana.*

Mayor Richards recommend do pass; VIC met and passed each application. Mr. Nelson Walker, VP thank Assembly for inviting him; he provided a summary of VIC. Communities have listed their priorities and the meetings have been held without a certain entity facilitating. Mr. Walker summarized Resolution 18-21; he mentioned the amount for Kiana of \$882K is matching funds. He stated they will keep tract of matching funds from other entities to see how much will come into the Region.

Member Loon congratulate to the VIC for hard work and working together with Teck; these are highlights of the first village funds going into the villages. She understand that Commission follow to villages with staff; she would like to ensure the commission members get compensated for working.

Member Swan thank Mr. Walker for hard work; encourage the communities that the monies are readily available; it's not like State or Federal Government. It's there for you. President Weisner mentioned available through the PILT with Teck; from the agreement there is monies aside for the Villages. He echoes Member Swan's comments; sooner the better to get all the villages that haven't applied yet.

Member Carr thank Mr. Walker; please pass on to the Commission for where we are today thank them. Thank you to Teck for these Villages, it's up to your village what you need.

Mr. Walker mentioned that there will be outreach to those that haven't heard from; there is eleven point one million in the pot, if passing this there is still eight point five million available to this Region. If you need help, contact the staff.

Mrs. Tanya Ballot thank Mr. Walker for updating the Assembly; she encourage all communities to fill out the applications. She thanks Teck, Assembly and Commission; thankful to be part of this group. Thankful that the water and sewer application was moved, big relief for community and burden lifted off leadership. Very passionate about prevent suicide; we need to stand up together. She provided a draft application to all the commission members; we need to save lives. Thankful for support, we shall be role model; if you need help call. Enjoy listening on radio.

Member Loon raised concern of Champions; when you say Champions whom is that? She echo's Mrs. Ballot's comments. When parents are drinking there are children that have no place to stay; she see issues in her community. She encourage Tanya to work with people of Selawik and possibly work with Boys and Girls Club or school to help students to ensure attending.

Mr. Hall expressed his excitement of this; has been a lot of work for VIC, highly complement them. Proud of the approach on the whole process; wouldn't be surprised if this is used as a model.

Member Swan motion to approve Resolution 18-21, seconded by Member Carr; motion passed unanimously by roll call. Thank you for all those involved; hopefully see projects started.

4. **Resolution 18-22** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a memorandum of agreement with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for Winter Trail Staking, and related purposes.*

Mayor Richards recommend do pass to assist with staking trails throughout the area. President Weisner raised concern if the installation of the trails will be carried out by locals, first preference. Also, will it be limited to one trail or more than one. Vice President Nelson raised concern of detailed amount not to exceed and purpose. Member Armstrong raised concern if this would affect the chance of getting the grant that Borough gets every year. President Weisner thank Remote Solutions for bringing this forward which is helpful.

Member Carr motion to approve Resolution 18-22, seconded by Member Loon; motion

passed unanimously by roll call.

5. **Resolution 18-23** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly calling for coordinated action to address Regional Suicide, Substance Abuse, and related Mental Health Issues.*

Mayor Richards recommend do pass and move forward on this. President Weisner mentioned that this is to what Mrs. Ballot had addressed. Mrs. Chamberlain and Mrs. Mulder also provided a summary of this resolution as a public awareness. President Weisner thank Member Hadley for bringing this forward to the Assembly. Member Carr thank those that are involved; we've realized that we have to do something and suggest to bring to NWALT to have all entities involved. We need to find a positive route to deal with unspoken hurts, thank Borough and everyone.

President Weisner raised concern of adding another whereas to add NWALT. Member Hadley thank Wendy and Corey; he would like School District be involved. We have Golden Eye Media with the documentation of pulling together. Community can be invited to address this also. President Weisner mentioned that the previous day the Assembly raised concern of the desire of the Mayor calling a NWALT meeting.

Mayor Richards expressed the importance of this issue; he look forward working with State, NWALT and this Administration moving forward.

Member Hadley motion to approve Resolution 18-23, seconded by Member Loon; motion passed unanimously by roll call.

OTHER BUSINESS

None listed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Carr motion to go into Executive Session regarding financial matters to Northwest Arctic Borough, seconded by Member Loon; Member Armstrong ensure Member Oviok will be able to call in. Motion passed unanimously by roll call.

Reconvene; update provided regarding financial matters although no action taken.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Willie Towksjhea, Kotzebue Elder mentioned as he listen to the meeting. He heard a comment about kids need help with no place to stay. This week he brought in teens because can't sleep; Kotzebue is running alcohol twenty-four seven. Some kids aren't going to school because the parents are constantly drinking. He lost five family members due to alcohol. Life is changing. No jobs or education; truth and matter is nothing to stand up for. Help our Natives; possibly open a shop for mechanics to work on Honda and Snow machines. We

need place to sleep for our children; they are hurting when parents are drinking. One building will be enough; he used to work in homeless shelter and alcohol center for years. He is here to help people. Thank you.

President Weisner thank Mr. Towksjhea for addressing to Assembly on this issue; Assembly have passed this resolution to call to action on the NWALT to address some of these concerns.

Marlene Moto-Karl, Deering Resident called regarding the discussions on suicide and drug abuse. She mentioned in 2009-2010 there were gun cases for the community and wondering if all the villages can get that. Also, she raised concern of a distance friend/relative in Anchorage that passed away although short of funds to bring the deceased home. The funeral home charges families when the bodies are kept over three days.

Mayor Richards recommend Marlene to contact the Administration to get any assistance.

Mrs. Tanya Ballot, Selawik Resident called regarding reinstate and possibly rest of the communities public safety funding for communities to operate the VPO Programs. She suggest for the Assembly and Administration look into which is much needed.

Mayor Richards thank Mrs. Ballot for the call; huge concern and liability. This will be looked into; appreciate you call.

Mr. Wayne Hall, Teck Alaska Red Dog thank the Assembly for passing Resolution 18-20 in support of the VIC. Also, in passing Resolution 18-21 in opposition of Ballot measure one. Thank you.

Ella Leavitt of Kivalina called in regarding Elders; she is seeking emergency apartment housing. Possibly temporary apartments; housing shortage. Recently she heard that AML shall discuss with local villages because our Elders need interrupter. Also, would be nice if someone from State would travel to the villages to issues ID because many don't have money to travel to Kotzebue. Thank you Assembly, she encourage you to take Elder housing shortage in Kivalina be discussed in the near future.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Armstrong thank you for good meeting. Thank guest for attending, thank Mayor and Administration. Thank you to Assembly for taking care of ordinances and resolutions.

Member Swan had a directive from Elder Representative, his wife to thank Assembly for a fine job and staff for good work. Member Swan is thankful for the work today, thankful for staff and all. To outline villages, we still have eight point five million to distribute. Thank you.

Member Loon thank Chairman, Mayor and staff for working hard. Thank you to Legal and Nate for explaining everything. Condolences to Helena; thankful you're here. Thank you to Ingemar for those that signed up for water and sewer; Selawik will go \$68 from \$200 a month. School District will benefit from this. Thankful we will have good water. Reminder Steering Committee is October 16-17, 2018 if you're interested in attending; what kind

heating systems for user environmental. Happy to see Economic Development minutes; they will be going through strategic planning to be for the villages; meeting will be September 24-25, 2018 and she would like to attend. Village Improvement she thank Wayne as the people decide for themselves on what they want. For the ones that didn't fill out, we encourage you to celebrate your needs and submit. For those that applied, and getting matching grants; all the commission members are valuable and staff is here to help. Thank the Assembly, enjoy this fall.

Member Hadley thank Mayor and staff for good work. Thank the guests for your comments. Happy for the villages that are getting monies from VIC; congratulations. Resolution 18-23 will really help the communities in the future.

Member Carr echoes Member Hadley's comments; thank Wendy and Corey that worked with him. Commend Borough on taking the lead; suggest this be presented to NWALT not only young people need help but also adults. Thank Teck, Wayne, and VIF; today applications have been acted on. If you need help, ask the commissioners or Borough to submit. On AML there is a fall session coming up; it's a big training on governing and this Assembly is different types which are beneficial. She encourages the Assembly members to let the clerk know if you'd like to attend. Also, she raises concern to Mayor of accountability; she has heard of complaints of employees working full time. We need to make a change if necessary; not to have salaried employees to just put in four hours a day. Thanks to Administration of where we are today; we can do more and not wait for State or Federal.

Member Oviok thank you President, Mayor and staff; audience and radio land. Thank you to Hannah for doing her reports. Good work session and regular meeting. Thank you for passing Resolution 18-23 and Wendy for working on it. Thankful for working together. Have a safe weekend. Thank you.

Member Loon thank President. A constituent mentioned good to listen to; remember Walk for Life to say no more to Suicide. Thank you have a good day.

Member Shroyer Beaver mentioned happy with VIC; learning curve. Really proud of work getting done. Kivalina will have big project; ASRC will be hiring soon. Show up on time, you represent all of us. Excited about rise issue; we need to continue to do and NWALT shall be part of. Too many affected by Suicide; we need to come together to help our people. As discussed before our people have criminal background; we need to help them. People need ID's, she mentioned DMV is open once a month. Wish all of you to have a good weekend; school is on. Thank you.

Vice President Nelson thank President; she echoes the mission. Proud of ordinances and resolutions that have been approved. Congratulations to Selawik, Deering, Kivalina and Kiana for your applications. Proud of ordinance to revise budget for Kivalina Evacuation and School site access Road which were added. Also, to the community utility assistance program moving forward. To the students back in school; get lots of rest, study. Hunting around the corner; safety first. Also, there was an ad in the paper regarding letting first group pass first so everybody can be successful. Thank you, good meeting.

President Weisner mentioned he has been honored to experience on the Assembly to watch Borough grow and more capable of providing for our responsibilities. Everyone shall be aware of capabilities, file for your Village applications so can get monies sooner than later.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Richards mentioned good meeting. Thank Assembly for working with Administration. Hunting, plan round trip and take extra gas. There are SPOT's in the villages, check them out. Keep safety in mind. Congratulations to the villages that have applied, encourage the other villages to apply. Contact us and we are willing to help. Be safe, have a good fall hunt. Thank you to guest that attended. Good meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Carr motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Shroyer to adjourn at 12:50 P.M.