



Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 24, 2019 – 9:00 A.M.  
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Nathan Hadley Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

**INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

*Member Cleveland provided invocation.*

**SAFETY MOMENT**

None presented.

**ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL**

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

Elmer Armstrong Jr.	Kirk Oviok Jr.	Dood Carr	Austin Swan Sr.
<i>Miles Cleveland Sr.</i>	Sandy Shroyer Beaver	Hannah Loon	Reggie Joule III
Walter Sampson	Larry Westlake Sr.	Nathan Hadley Jr.	

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Lucy S. Nelson	Nelda Swan	Coltrane Chase	Kyleigha Wilson
Matt Mead	Angie Sturm	Nate Kotch	Aucha Kameroff
<i>Wendy Chamberlain</i>	Amanda Sage	Verna Westlake	Chuck Greene
John Chase	Wesley Early	Cora Norell	Helena Hildreth
<i>Rose Foley</i>	Carl Weisner	Linda Joule	Laura Orenga de Gaffory
<i>Marlene Moto-Karl</i>	Stella Atoruk		

**A quorum was present to conduct business.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda presented for September 24, 2019. Mayor Nelson asked if Assembly would like Mrs. Chamberlain provided a highlight of previous day presentation.

**Member Sampson motioned, Member Carr seconded to approve the agenda as amended; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

August 27, 2019 regular meeting minutes presented for approval.

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



## COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCES

Red Dog Community Investment, Verna Westlake provided a summary of activities; recently completed village visits listening to community and wellness continuously raised which is now Teck's priority. Member Sampson asked regarding leading local entities have responsibility and accountability for development outcomes; is its local community or looking at regional entities you are referring to. Mrs. Westlake is proposing a task force which isn't developed yet; involving community members as well. Possibly round table discussions and seek funding; important to communicate to our people we do hear and care.

Member Loon thank Teck for efforts; believe social issues in the communities. She asked about the five entities on the graph and where is Teck listed? Ms. Westlake mentioned this is a request to work together; reaching out to all major entities, have met with Regional Elders last week as well.

Member Sampson raised concern regarding community feedback; entities aren't working together, how closely do you work with NWALT on quarterly or monthly basis. Ms. Westlake mentioned this presentation has been presented to Maniilaq. Member Sampson expressed the importance of Elders role as a Council. Mayor Nelson mentioned Borough supports efforts along with NWALT.

Member Loon believes since formation of Elders Council it has been distanced because under NANA; voices should come from common parent and Elder from each village. Member Sampson asked if this governance can be involved in Teck's visits to listen to discussions and recommendations. Member Carr thank Ms. Westlake for presentation and taking the lead and agree with you, don't need to reinvent the wheel. She expressed her gratitude to Teck for providing the needs to what villages needs.

Member Loon asked where are the residents age 18-40; missing in any public meetings in reference to wellness. She recommends wellness activities summertime, need to hear from middle age. Member Sampson provided brief history of role and responsibility of members which shall be reviewed for each entity.

Native Village of Kivalina, Millie Hawley wasn't sure able to call in. Mayor Nelson mentioned NVoK had received a grant from Denali to reimburse for the Kivalina Evacuation Road at the amount of one million dollars. Mayor Nelson thank them for the effort.

*Legislative Affairs, Wendy Chamberlain provided a summary of Juneau activities along with Washington DC visit. Governor Dunleavy had reassigned his budget director which hasn't been announced yet; had seen huge reductions recently. Also, has a new chief of staff; additional Governor don't support taxes and reducing dividends.*

*Ms. Chamberlain mentioned the Assembly had a successful trip to DC; they were excited with the updates provided. Currently working on additional funds for the VPSO's*

*program, an application is in process. Although eligibility have been brought up because tribal entities are entitled although Northwest Arctic Borough is the only entity in Alaska that is run not by tribal.*

*Assembly have raised concern of illegal substances coming into the communities for not getting screened at Anchorage Airport or commuter airlines to do some sort of screening although we don't have jurisdiction of privacy clearance. DOT has reached out to Bureau of Justice, along with TSA to workout a way for Borough to screen for illegal drugs or alcohol.*

*Ms. Chamberlain mentioned she have talked with Jonathan Hutchinson, DOT stated that should be on the STIP for remainder of funding for the Cape Blossom. Estimate for second phase of project is \$27.5M; stage one estimate of completed in Fall of 2021. Stage two ideally funded in 2021 to allow contactor to mobile in Fall of 2021, looking for another budget amendment.*

Member Carr thank Ms. Chamberlain, Mayor Nelson and Nate Kotch for recent lobbying trip which was well organized. Thank you and keep up the good work.

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

Madam Chair Carr provided a summary of Budget, Audit and Finance meeting held the previous day. She welcome youth representative Coltrane.

Mrs. Sturm provided a brief summary of financial report ending August 31, 2019. She noted she didn't book the \$7.5M receivable from the PILT revenue which will be processed. Bond DEED reimbursement have been cut by fifty percent. Mrs. Sturm also mentioned the savings accounts for VIF and general fund were closed due to AMLIP which accrue higher yield.

Member Loon thank Mrs. Sturm for report, she asked where the \$1M from Kivalina will be in the books? Will it be in general fund?

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

None presented.

### **ASSEMBLY REPORTS**

Vice President Westlake apologize for not attending the meeting yesterday, had a final inspection on Kiana Airport. While President Hadley was in D.C. he had the privilege of attending a couple meetings here in Kotzebue. He met with NWALT group which suggest bringing strategy village meeting that used to be held. Representative Lincoln came with the Resource Committee meeting, held meeting at Maniilaq Board chambers. Regional Elders Council met recently, have discussed drug issues in the area. Trooper Nay presented recent activities with Drug Enforcement. Elder's Council suggests opening something like SPUD.

There is Ilisagvik which hasn't been used, possibly talk to NANA about their camp and maybe one on Noatak River. Good to hear have support of Teck. He mentioned the Regional Council follow Inupiaq Iitqusait and it comes from the village, suggests it be addressed at the village Elders council.

Member Carr asked Legal if BAF and work session should be together in the code; it expedited business with a vote of the Assembly. She mentioned regarding lobbying trip; Alaska gets seven cents per acre and US gets twenty-seven or twenty-eight per acre. Member Carr looks forward to budget work session.

### **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Nelson summarized written report ending August 2019.

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

Mayor Nelson mentioned that 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month, scheduled holiday on 21st. Member Sampson recommend October 24-25, 2019 Thursday and Friday of October.

**Member Sampson motion to approve next meeting dates, seconded by Member Oviok; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance 19-05** an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending title two of the borough code to set the salary of the mayor.

Mayor Nelson thank Assembly for consideration.

**Member Carr motion to approve Ordinance 19-05, seconded by Member Sampson; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

2. **Ordinance 19-06** an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly reorganizing and amending sections of the borough public services and public safety code, and for related purposes.

Mayor Nelson summarized Ordinance 19-06, recommend do pass.

**Member Sampson motion to approve Ordinance 19-06, seconded by Member Carr; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution 19-60** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly appointing Coltrane Chase as Youth Advisory Representative to the Assembly.

Mayor Nelson summarized Resolution 19-60, recommend do pass.

**Member Sampson motion to approve Resolution 19-60, seconded by Member Shroyer Beaver; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

2. **Resolution 19-61** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving an assembly donation under the FY20 Budget for the Chukchi Consortium Library.

Mayor Nelson summarized Resolution 19-61, recommend do pass. Member Carr requests reports of utilization.

**Member Sampson motion to approve Resolution 19-61, seconded by Member Loon; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None presented.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**President Hadley motion to go into executive session to discuss a subject that tend to prejudice and reputation and character at 10:19 A.M., seconded by Member Shroyer Beaver. Assembly back at 10:41 A.M. with no decisions made.**

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Linda Joule, Maniilaq Association Social Medicine Program provided a handout of program which may go hand in hand with Verna's presentation and they plan on getting together. Back in 2018 Maniilaq have received a three-year grant, Circles of Care. Member Sampson thank her for presentation and glad willing to present at the next monthly meeting. Member Carr thank Mrs. Joule for presentation and anxious to see how the Assembly can get involved.

*Marlene Moto-Karl called regarding caribou migration, slowly heading towards Deering. Upriver asking where the caribou are, maybe predators. She suggests teaching young kids about hunting. Also, concerned about someone at Sulianich selling ivory carvings and back in the 90's not supposed to put color on ivory. She is concerned about their Church have no pastor; is there a way a pastor can go there. Election coming up, hopefully powers and duties have been reviewed. In the past they had a City Council tried to have Deering wet, can't have that around. Watch out for young kids getting a hold of bad drugs.*

Mrs. Verna Westlake thank you for your feedback, encouragement and continued support. We have great resources and thank you.

*Marlene Moto-Karl raised concern of loved ones that get on probation that go to Anchorage, hard to get a hotel or hud housing and hotel. Kotzebue helps people with place to stay.*

### **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

Member Armstrong mentioned good meeting, thank Maniilaq and audience for attending.

Member Oviok thank you for meeting, good participation and updates for the villages. He recognizes past Assembly member Lloyd Davis' granddaughter. Thank you.

Member Carr thank you for good meeting. Reminder voting, please vote in your villages. Thank Linda and Verna for presentation; those are the meats of needs. We have all the qualified and educated people although we need to help each other and selves. Thank Assembly and have a good safe trip back.

Youth Representative Coltrane Chase thank Mayor Nelson and Assembly for appointment and look forward to learning about issues within the Borough this year. Thank you.

#### **MAYORS COMMENTS**

None presented.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Sampson motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Shroyer Beaver at 11:02 A.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Salla Aarut". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

