

NWAB Mtg Packet

November Regular Meeting

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**Northwest Arctic Borough
Assembly BAF/Work Session**
Monday, November 27, 2023 – 1:00 P.M.
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

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- C. SAFETY MOMENT**
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**Northwest Arctic Borough
Assembly Regular Meeting**
Tuesday, November 28, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

AGENDA

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 - 2. Financial Report, Angie Sturm
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S. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

T. ADJOURNMENT



Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 19, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Loon provided an invocation.

SAFETY MOMENT

Member Sampson mentioned Fall time, lot of boating around; still have high water in some of the areas have wood floating down. Be careful and be aware, don't travel in the dark.

Member Loon raised concerns of mental well-being, check often, and pass positive comments to children. Believe Maniilaq is traveling to the villages, we all need some kind of help during these days.

Member Lincoln Carr mentioned there is a nation-wide number to talk to someone, everyone needs access for mental health. The number is 988, someone to listen.

ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

Austin Swan Sr.	Dood Lincoln Carr	Walter Sampson	<i>Tanya Ballot</i>
<i>Miles Cleveland Sr.</i>	Hannah Loon	Delores Barr	Sandy Shroyer Beaver
Nathan Hadley Jr.			

Excused

Elmer Armstrong Jr. and Reid Magdanz

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Dickie Moto Sr.	Matt Mead	<i>Angie Sturm</i>	<i>Clara Jones</i>
<i>Fritz Westlake</i>	<i>Ingemar Mathiasson</i>	Chris Hatch	Gem Belamour
Shayne Schaeffer	Matt Will	Randy Walker	Chris Cox
<i>Ann Howarth</i>	<i>Marlene Moto-Karl</i>	Stella Atoruk	

A quorum is present to conduct business. Member Lincoln Carr motion to excuse Member Armstrong and Member Magdanz, seconded by Member Swan; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda presented for approval for September 19, 2023. Member Lincoln Carr requested to add Resolution 23-53 which was reviewed yesterday. Member Loon requested Covid numbers under other business.

Member Lincoln Carr motioned to approve as amended; Member Loon seconded; passed unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

August 22, 2023, regular meeting minutes presented for approval.

Member Sampson motion to approve, seconded by Member Swan; passed unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE

Ambler Metals Upper Kobuk Mineral Project (UKMP) Update, Ramzi Fawaz, President & CEO of Ambler Metals Mr. Fawaz provided a summary of recent activities through power point presentation. Last interaction was possibly during the Retreat early this year. Look forward to the draft supplemental EIS sometimes next week, request and encourage to listening audience to provide comments in a timely fashion.

Member Sampson asked about the timeline of investment scheduled, that will bring this Borough to the point where Red Dog is starting to slump down. This is possibly ten to fifteen years to start developing. In the attendance of per village of meeting, what percentage of support and oppose to Ambler Mining.

In regards of process of planning the development of road system; would there be any delays in the event there is an interest group that files a lawsuit. Possibly if AIDEA invites the interior to this area to have a dialogue, ideal for future development.

CUAP Update, Chris Cox Mr. Cox provided introduction and summarized the power point presentation. He has been trying to mirror this program to other regions although difficult to do; you all should be proud of thriving success for us. As you all know, Noatak hasn't joined since the beginning of this.

Mr. Cox mentioned that ANTHC ARUC had received in May a 2023 Featured honored nations all star from Harvard Kennedy School Project on Project on Indigenous Governance and Development; because of the CUAP Program they were able to get the recognition.

Member Lincoln Carr thanked them for the presentation, proud of the program; our villages deserve this safe water. Congratulations on the award. Suggest continuing to tell the State, they are failing yet for the communities with no water. Thank you for your work. Member Sampson thank you for presentation; raised concern of biomass issue, is there a wood cutting plan in certain areas through NANA or private landowners.

Legal Mead asked if there is anything planned to help the villages with the RUBA program. President Hadley asked if there are other regions that joined like this.

Break observed at 10:15 A.M., reconvened at 10:30 A.M.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Budget, Audit & Finance Chair Lincoln Carr provided a summary of the previous day's meeting, a good meeting.

Financial Report Mrs. Sturm provided a summary of financial ending August 31, 2023; this was discussed in detail yesterday, if any concerns please join during the work session.

Member Loon raised concern of the PILT declining; VIF having savings only for village infrastructure, is that correct?

PUBLIC HEARING, ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES & EMERGENCY ORDINANCES
Non presented.

ASSEMBLY REPORTS

President Hadley mentioned he traveled to Utqiagvik with Administration met with different departments. Also, met with Public Safety regarding the policing and search and rescue department. They are concerned of hunters going on their lands that pass through this area; possibly have a resolution.

Member Lincoln Carr asked who all attended this Utqiagvik meeting? This resolution presented today entails some of that right?

Member Swan mentioned school had a late start, second week now. He raised concern of road; had a hard summer, some foot wide cracks.

Member Loon asked President Hadley to clarify his comments referencing forming a rescue like Utqiagvik because no caribou, alarmed; do we want to rescue. Member Lincoln Carr raised concern of hunters buying hunting permits, although ours are subsistence hunting. We as a region, need to put stuff in writing; known facts who, where.

Public Safety Director Hatch stated there have been rumors or threats on social media to shoot airplanes down; none of this is acceptable. Member Sampson suggests forming a task force with Arctic Slope; put a plan to address the critical issue. Member Shroyer Beaver no matter where they are or from, it's our responsibility.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Community and Economic Development Director Westlake provided a summary of recent activities. Next commission meeting scheduled for November first in Anchorage. Next scholarship deadline is January 15th for the Ferguson Scholarship college and university applications. No deadline for ATC or vocational classes, would like week of class or sooner if possible. For the VIF applications, the deadline was September 15th with meeting date of October 10-11, 2023 in Kotzebue.

Energy Coordinator Mathiasson provided an update of activities, next Energy Steering Committee is scheduled 3rd and 4th of October.

Interim Planning Director Belamour provided an update of activities. Tentatively the next meeting is scheduled for October 11-12, 2023, also, a youth representative seat open.

Public Services Director Jones provided an update on activities. Phone difficulties.

Interim VPSO Coordinator Matt Will provided a brief update of the program. Held a booth at the State Fair, currently offering positions. For the FY24 budget with approval today from Assembly at the amount of \$1,340,468.00 with additional \$500,000.00 in funding for positions. Construction to start soon in Noorvik on the renovation of the VPSO house.

Member Lincoln Carr expressed her gratitude for the VPSO Program, appreciate the booth at the State Fair. Member Loon welcome Mr. Will to the Program and to Mr. Hatch. She raised concern of near-death experiences because substance abuse, beyond our control. She requests a number of medivac due to these issues.

Member Cleveland requested an update while on KOTZ Radio of the boiler tune-up for the communities.

Director Jones continued with the Public Services summary. A teleconference scheduled tomorrow joint agreement with NANA and Northern Contractors; for inspecting, cleaning and recalibrating residential boilers and toyostoves for the whole area. Starting with Upper Kobuk River than Noatak.

Vice President Shroyer Beaver asked about how people qualify or sign up for Kotzebue on the boiler/toyostoves program. She reminds everyone that we the Borough serve all, not only shareholders. Big job, thank you for the work you're doing. Member Lincoln Carr asked if it will be expedited throughout the region due to the time frame.

Public Safety Director Hatch provided an update on the activities. Mentioned traveled to Utqiagvik along with Administrator Saima Chase, Mayor, and President; met specifically with the Police Department for the strategic plan.

President Hadley expressed his gratitude for having warm storages available in all the villages. Member Lincoln Carr asked about aerosol spray cans or fire blankets you throw on; has any of that been considered? President Hadley mentioned that shipping of the extinguishers is double the cost with shipping.

TIME & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is Special meeting on October 9, 2023, regular meeting October 23-24, 2023. President Hadley asked Legal about a meeting on this Friday, a telephonic meeting for the RFP opening today. Member Lincoln Carr asks if on 23rd? She requests a morning meeting. President Hadley stated on 22nd. Member Loon thank Member Lincoln Carr for the time suggestion although children are brought to school about that time.

Member Lincoln Carr asked if October 23-24, 2023, is during that AFN; not that we'd agree to attend but if other entities the Assembly sits on.

President Hadley mentioned September 22, 2023, time set by Mayor.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None presented.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 23-49** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly accepting an FY24 Village Public Safety Officer Grant and for related purposes.

Mayor Moto summarized resolution, we accept and recommend do pass.

Member Sampson motion to approve Resolution 23-49, seconded by Member

Barr; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

2. **Resolution 23-50** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving engagement of Altman, Rogers & Co. to conduct the FY23 Audit.

Mayor Moto summarized resolution, recommend do pass.

Member Lincoln Carr motioned to approve Resolution 23-50, seconded by Member Swan; motion passed by majority by roll call vote with no response from Member Cleveland due to phone difficulties.

3. **Resolution 23-51** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly to approve a grant from the Alaska Energy Authority Renewable Energy Fund for a Solar PV Project in the Community of Selawik, Alaska, and for related purposes.

Mayor Moto summarized resolution, recommend do pass.

Member Lincoln Carr motion to approve Resolution 23-51 as presented, seconded by Vice President Shroyer Beaver; passed by majority with Member Ballot abstain.

4. **Resolution 23-52** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly ratifying the appointment of election judge chairs for the 2023 General Election to be held on October 3, 2023.

Mayor Moto summarized resolution, recommend do pass.

Vice President Shroyer Beaver motion to approve Resolution 23-52, seconded by Member Sampson; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

5. **Resolution 23-53** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly opposing any action by the Federal Subsistence Board to drastically reduce the allowable harvest of Western Arctic Caribou Herd.

Mayor Moto summarized resolution, recommend do pass.

Member Loon motion to approve Resolution 23-53, seconded by Member Barr; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Safety Director Hatch provided an active number of Covid cases; as of September 18, 2023, seven cases (five in Kotzebue, two in Noorvik).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ann Howarth, Kotzebue resident, has four children; one of which is a private pilot. She heard your discussion on safety issues with social media threats. Worried, wonder if any local, state, or federal law enforcement will contact the people making the threats. Really think they need to follow through, whether arrest or citation can't make threats on local pilots. Very upsetting, nothing being done about it. Encourage Borough to put on the website or social media informing residents not all the pilots are transporting hunters. Private pilots have access to the country as well as everyone else, but the threatening part is serious. Want feedback from Borough, thank you for taking call.

Marlene Moto-Karl, Deering resident called regarding subsistence hunting for caribou. Can emergency orders shut down for transporting guides in our area. Local hunters have been traveling by boat, been rough and worried about boating. Close sport hunting. People should respect our local option law, too many importers there. Also, Borough has land but don't remember where. They welcome local hunters although no caribou around.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Barr mentioned good important information, appreciate all work being done. Exciting to see RPO positions being filled, hope to get nominations in to get planning. Condolences to those that lost loved ones, prayers for those that are sick in hospitals. Stay safe this Fall. Thank you.

Member Loon thank you, good meeting; thank you Assembly, staff, and presenters. Thankful for resolution on caribou. Thankful for this day, even though it rains, and food security is in question. Thankful for moose that had been shared. Condolences and prayers. Thank you.

Member Swan is thankful for the Assembly, Mayor, and staff for doing what you do to move forward. Condolences to families that lost friends and relatives, always praying for you. Thank you.

Member Cleveland miss Zoom. Good meeting, those that comment about caribou, thank you; the animals are not ours. Blessing to us, we need to understand that we share. Blessings in return. Thank you.

Member Ballot sends condolences to those that lost loved ones. Thank you to the Borough Mayor, staff; thank you for reports, dedicated time for all the work. Look forward to finalizing the VPSO/warm storage in Selawik. Wish everyone safe hunting and gathering; as Miles said we must share but shared more than enough; we need to feed our family as well. Switched over to moose since haven't had caribou for a while. Surviving and making it work in our communities, thank you for the great meeting.

Member Sampson stated issues we've discuss are always on the forefront of this very body; also, to NANA and Maniilaq. Three major organizations that receive, complained of services for clients. We represent this whole region, what is presented; thank you Ann for comments regarding threats made. Suggest address through NWALT so that can publicly make statements regarding their viewpoints. Encourage administration and President to address these critical issues.

Member Lincoln Carr echo Member Sampson's comments, thankful for comments. We need to make people accountable; people paid to address these issues. Thankful for Mayor and Administration for working on public safety. It's time when we see wrong; first, do it in writing; address it, make them accountable. Echo Member Sampson, refer to NWALT. Thankfully CUAP, costs are reduced. We need to let the public know about the heating program. Get out and vote, vote for people you believe will speak for you and not for themselves. Thank you to Sandy and Tanya who helped move forward. On behalf of Zoom, it is beneficial to move forward to do business.

Vice President Shroyer Beaver stated good two-day meeting. Lot of good information, hope people will ask questions if needed regarding the caribou harvesting. Thank staff for the work that you do. Friendly reminder, concerned about the boiler program; timeline of that, Kotzebue is a big community. There are families with single parents. Thankful to the election workers, tough job. Thank you for the work you do.

President Hadley wishes his mom happy birthday. He enjoyed working with Mayor at different meetings, had concerns about the VPSO Program. To the hunters, be safe. Take care. Thank you to Ann and Marlene for calling in. Condolences to relatives, losing family is hard. Safe hunting to all local.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Moto sends condolences to those that lost loved ones. Good meeting, we continue to work on VPSO program. Still working on improvements, last year we lobby for additional although actively recruiting. Met with Utqiagvik, possibly have them come here to see what we've been doing.

Still working with Noatak to join the CUAP program, while the funds are available. Working with Legal and NANA on the boiler program.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Lincoln Carr motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice President Shroyer Beaver at 12:06 P.M.

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Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Special Meeting Minutes
Friday, Sept 22, 2023 – 1:00 P.M.
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Shroyer-Beaver called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Loon provided an invocation.

ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

<i>Austin Swan Sr.</i>	<i>Dood Lincoln Carr</i>	<i>Walter Sampson</i>	
<i>Miles Cleveland Sr.</i>	<i>Hannah Loon</i>	<i>Delores Barr</i>	<i>Tanya Ballot</i>
<i>Sandy Shroyer Beaver</i>	<i>Nathan Hadley Jr.</i>		

Excused

Elmer Armstrong Jr.
Reid Magdanz

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Fritz Westlake	Clara Jones	Matt Mead
Dickie Moto	Stella Atoruk	Chris Hatch

A quorum is present to conduct business. Member Lincoln Carr motion to excuse Elmer Armstrong Jr and Reid Magdanz. Member Loon second the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda presented for approval for September 22, 2023

Member Lincoln Carr motioned to approve as presented; Member Cleveland seconded; passed unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 23-54** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a contract with Northern Contractors and Consulting, LLC for construction services for the Borough's Public Safety/VPSO Housing building in Noorvik, Alaska.
Acting Mayor Hatch summarized Resolution 23-54, recommend do pass. Member Lincoln Carr raised concern of timeline of the project because of social media comments. Also raised concern of the building being a renovation project or addition to an existing building.

Member Ballot raised concern about following the codes and the procurement purposes that were multiple bids needed or we are sole sourcing this. She wanted to make sure doing the codes and processed things properly. Member Loon raised concern about the funding of this project.

Member Lincoln Carr motion to approve Resolution 23-54 as presented, seconded by Member Barr: motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None presented.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Sampson requested to be excused for the rest of the meeting.

Member Swan mentioned it was a good short meeting and have a good afternoon.

Member Loon mentioned it was a good meeting and thanked the staff that work hard for the funding and the Resolution. Thank you to the Assembly and safe travels.

Member Barr thanked everyone for the work that being done and see you next week.

Member Lincoln Carr thanked assembly members and the Mayor and everyone for calling in. She did a small presentation of her trip to Red Dog. She wished all the Assembly would have been there, but they had a good turn out that everything was very informative and as far as this Resolution 23-54 she wanted to ask the questions because that's what she saw on social media, and she wanted up and open and cleared. So, we don't have to answer any of the comments. The last thing that she thanked Member Ballot and Member Shroyer-Beaver and that they will be missed.

Member Ballot thanked everyone for a good quick meeting and for the information and she is glad to see projects in the region happening for the better helping our communities with these facilities. She told everyone to have a good trip next week.

Member Shroyer-Beaver apricate the work that you are doing at the Borough. Thank you very much. It's nice to see that we are doing work for our VPSO's housing. It's very much needed.

President Hadley thanked Member Shroyer-Beaver for running the meeting.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Moto thanked the Assembly for all the good questions today. And make sure the staff follows the process and works with Legal Mead for questions that need to be answered. We don't want to go down the wrong road and social media shouldn't be a problem for us. He thanked the Assembly again for a good job supporting the VPSO program and asked Public Safety Director Hatch to give an update on how much VPSO we will have on had by October. Public Safety Director Hatch provided an update of VPSO on hand. That one VPSO will sign an offer letter that will bring it up to six VPSO officers. Of those six officers we have five that will be fully trained or at least trained at the academy level, and they may need to finish their fire academy which is being done here in Kotzebue in October. At the beginning of October, we have those officers on staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Before Member Lincoln Carr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. She thanked the Mayor for calling in and sending condolences to his family for the loss of their family member.

Member Lincoln Carr moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:24 pm. Member Barr seconded the motion.



Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 9 – 1:00 P.M.
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

President Hadley called the meeting to order at 1:08 P.M.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Loon provided an invocation.

ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

<i>Austin Swan Sr.</i>	Dood Lincoln Carr	Walter Sampson	<i>Tanya Ballot</i>
<i>Miles Cleveland Sr.</i>	Hannah Loon	<i>Delores Barr</i>	Sandy Shroyer Beaver (1:13)
<i>Elmer Armstrong Jr</i>	Reid Magdanz	Craig McConnell	Raven Sheldon
Nathan Hadley Jr			

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Fritz Westlake	Matt Mead	Bonnie Nauska	Chris Hatch
Stella Snyder	Stella Atoruk		

A quorum is present to conduct business. President Hadley mentioned that Vice President Shroyer-Beaver will join shortly.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda presented for approval for October 9, 2023

Member Sampson motioned to approve as presented; Member Lincoln Carr seconded; passed unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 23-55** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly certifying the October 3, 2023, General Election results.

Acting Mayor Hatch provided a summary of the Resolution. Canvass Chair Nauska summarized Election Results.

Member Sampson moved to adopt Resolution 23-55; Member Lincoln Carr seconded the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Borough Clerk Atoruk swore in Craig McConnell, Raven Sheldon, and Hannah Loon. Also mentioned to Shroyer-Beaver and Ballot that she has plagues for their services on Assembly.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None presented.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Armstrong thanked Members Ballot and Shroyer-Beaver for their great job with assisting the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly. Also congratulated McConnell and Raven on their seat on the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly and looking forward to working with them in the future.

Member Cleveland congratulated Member Loon and Member McConnell and Member Sheldon on their Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly. Also thanking Shroyer-Beaver and Ballot for serving the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly for their knowledge and help over the years on the seat.

Member Shroyer-Beaver thanked everyone and stated she enjoyed her time in the Assembly and that they have a good group of people in the Assembly that everyone agrees to disagree on everything and respect everyone where they stand on issues.

Member Ballot stated that she enjoyed her time sitting in the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly representing the villages that she represented. That she learned so much from each one of you and it taught her a lot. She hoped that her contributions assisted the borough, and everyone continued to work hard in the decisions that you make down the road. She congratulated Member Sheldon on filling the seat. That he will work well with the rest of the Assembly. Also congratulated Member McConnell and Member Loon. To the rest of the Assembly do your best to be fair and consider the rest of every person of the Northwest Arctic Borough in your decision and thank you.

Member Swan apologized for nothing attending in person. Stated there are phone issues with his services. Welcoming Member McConnell and Member Sheldon and Member Loon is also looking forward to working with them all.

Member Barr congratulated those that ran for the Assembly Seats and won. She wished Shroyer-Beaver and Ballot well wishes and thanked them for their commitment for the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly. Also looking forward to working with Member Loon and Member McConnell and Member Sheldon.

Member Magdanz congratulated the new Assembly Member McConnell and Member Sheldon and Member Loon, welcomed her back and looking forward to working with them in the future. Thank Shroyer-Beaver and Ballot for their service for Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly and their encouragement and their service and their support of him in his growth with the Assembly.

Member Sampson congratulated Member Sheldon and Member McConnell and Member Loon for their position as Assembly Member. To Shroyer-Beaver and Ballot thanked them for their times they had together dealing with issues of the residents of this region. At times they had their differences as Assembly members, and they treated themselves as officials during the meetings at the end of day they leave as friends. He pointed out that we go through a lot of challenges, sometimes those challenges are trying to blend in as personal stuff, but they don't get into the decisions for the Borough. He is glad that everyone got to know each other better and thank you for your service for this government.

Member Loon congratulated Member Sheldon and Member McConnell for their seat on the Assembly and Thank you to Ballot and Shroyer-Beaver for showing your great leadership in the public safety area. Will do best with good ethics, thank you.

Member Lincoln Carr thanked Member Ballot and Shroyer Beaver; thankful for leadership on Public Safety, CUAP, and being ethical and always willing to go the extra mile. Wish this new Assembly moves forward working together in the best interest of this Borough. Thank you for calling in.

Member McConnell thank Sandy and Tanya for services, for everything they've done though out the years in the region. Congratulations to his friend Derek, did well during the race. Look forward to working on the Assembly, lot of work and challenges and with you all.

Member Sheldon mentioned honored and humbled to be on Assembly. Thank Sandy and Tanya for being on Assembly, understand big shoes to fill. He will seek guidance from her; work with Tribe and City, happy to be here. Do his best for the Assembly and our people.

President Hadley thanks Tanya and Sandy for work on the Assembly, learned a lot from both of you. Thank you for your services. Welcome Raven and Craig. Wish everyone a safe month. Remind the Assembly the reorganization is set at the regular meeting.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Acting Mayor Hatch thank Tanya and Sandy for service. Awaiting covid numbers from Maniilaq.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hadley thank Deputy Clerk Shayne Schaeffer for work she has done for the Borough.

Member Loon moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:41 pm. Member Lincoln Carr seconded the motion.



Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

Member Hadley called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Loon provided an invocation.

SAFETY MOMENT

Member Loon in Inupiaq; mentioned it's very slippery outside, those of you walking. Be cautious when on ice, anywhere on the river; check thickness of ice before subsisting.

Member Sampson in Inupiaq; Fall time again, that time of year; ice is dangerous. We need to talk to our children and grandchildren of how dangerous of thin ice. Let your family know where you are and plan to go.

ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

<i>Austin Swan Sr.</i>	<i>Dood Lincoln Carr</i>	Walter Sampson	Craig McConnell
Miles Cleveland Sr.	Hannah Loon	Delores Barr	Raven Sheldon
<i>Elmer Armstrong Jr.</i>	Reid Magdanz	Nathan Hadley Jr.	

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Fritz Westlake	<i>Clara Jones</i>	<i>Angie Sturm</i>	Chris Hatch
Ellen Coffin	Tess Baldwin	Elizabeth Ferguson	<i>Anna Crary</i>
Gem Belamour	Hiram Walker	Joe Evans	Stella Atoruk

A quorum is present to conduct business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda presented for approval for October 24, 2023. Acting Mayor let the Assembly know that ICC is scheduled to arrive on the first flight, how would you like to handle that.

Member Sampson request to accommodate when arrive. Member Loon requests to add Zoom under other business.

Member Sampson motioned to approve as amended; Member Cleveland seconded; passed unanimously by roll call vote.

REORGANIZATION OF ASSEMBLY

Legal Crary suggests she temporary nominate herself to chair the nomination in reorganization process, ask Assembly for unanimous consent. President Hadley motioned she has unanimous consent; Member Sampson stated no objection.

Legal Crary open nominations for President of Assembly. Member Lincoln Carr nominate Nathan Hadley Jr. as President, seconded by Member Swan.

Member Hadley accepts nomination of Assembly President. Member Sampson motion to close nomination, ask for unanimous consent for Nathan; seconded by Member Cleveland.

Legal Crary opened nomination for Vice President. Member Lincoln Carr nominated Elmer Armstrong Jr. Member McConnell nominated Walter Sampson.

Member Cleveland motion to close nominations, seconded by Member Magdanz. Clerk Atoruk and Public Safety Director Hatch tallied results of Vice President with the following Member Sampson with eight and Member Armstrong with three votes.

President Hadley thanks the Assembly for voting him again; humble to be in the position.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

None presented, Clerk Atoruk request table until next meeting.

Member Cleveland motion to table, seconded by Member Barr; passed unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE

ICC Update, Kelly Eningowuk Executive Director

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Budget, Audit & Finance Assembly President Hadley provided a summary of the previous day's meeting, a good meeting.

Financial Report Borough Treasurer Sturm provided a summary of financial ending September 30, 2023. Member Loon state we are nearing the years where the PILT is lesser amounts. She requests in sequential amount for 2024-2027; been enjoying, thank you Teck for services provided for the villages.

Member Loon encourages and friendly reminder to close out your projects. Vice President Sampson requested the bond payment schedule. Member McConnell raised concern of Sulianich; in the packet it appears budget is \$1.5 M then revenue to date is roughly \$150,000. Although heard not accurate; hope to get clear explanation of what happened with Sulianich finances.

PUBLIC HEARING, ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES & EMERGENCY ORDINANCES
None presented.

ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Vice President Sampson mentioned he sits on Rural CAP Board, nonprofit organization which formed back in 1964; in the beginning concentrated on subsistence issues. During AFN he also got appointed to Alaska Veterans Association Board which consist of twelve regions. Hope to expand the programs VA has, try to use tribal entities; use to help veterans in Alaska. Couple of his comrades passed on without knowing what is available; but their heirs can get headstones.

Vice President Sampson expressed the importance of our Rural Bush Alaska are being discriminated by Veterans.

Member Loon mentioned they were invited to Red Dog Site visit, visited underground facilities. Able to visit cc camp; good to see young people working. Thank you.

Member Lincoln Carr mentioned she attended the informative visit to Red Dog, increased living conditions up there. Thank you for being part of the tour, appreciate what Teck is doing.

President Hadley mentioned he attended the tour also, as we've heard Finance Director Sturm the finances will drastically decline. He believes a lot of services will be cut, like the water and sewer services. Hopefully Borough can look for partners to possibly continue low costs for our people. Expressed the importance of health and safe water.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Public Safety Director Hatch provided a summary of recent activities; now have six officers, five of which are trained. Now have a new VPSO coordinator, moving in February. Him and family will be living in Noatak, full time. Hazard mitigation planning, half of the communities signed the MOA; encourage you to reach out to your local leadership to complete so can be eligible for FEMA funding.

Member McConnell asked how many VPSO's are in the villages today. Also, the coordinator that has been mentioned; is he the seventh or is he the sixth? When off duty is the village without coverage. Whatever it costs to get VPSO in every village, it is worth it. Member Loon asked how many VPSO or VPO are on the field right now.

Member Magdanz asked what villages stations are covered right now? Are they rotating as needed? He requested a winter trail update as soon as people start traveling. Member Sheldon requested local hire; aggressive advertisement like at career fairs. For hazard litigation, can we get examples that can be included in the plan.

Vice President Sampson raised concern of local hire; one, those that would like to apply that have a record, secondly when hired they don't have regional support. To change, we must change; encourage administration to coordinate an effort to have wellness program in communities to support VPSO at village level. Jointly with local organizations.

Member Armstrong remember lobbying to increase the pay, the State has a system to where it applies to the whole state. Suggested further detailed discussion to do ourselves, possibly at the next retreat. Member McConnell expressed the importance of public safety; would like to have the best VPSO program in the State.

Member Loon asked about FEMA, how much of a task is it to apply? Including erosion you've said, what task by each village? Member Cleveland suggested each community to have an ordinance to support the VPSO Program.

Planning Administrator Belamour provided an update on recent activities. Noah Naylor recently got rehired as Planning Director on October 9th although on leave today. BLM mentioned that the Ambler Draft EIS has been posted on the website; comment period started October 20th, 90-day comment period until December 19th.

Member Magdanz asked if Borough intend to submit comments for the Ambler SEIS. He would like to have further discussion before comments are submitted.

Public Services Director Jones provided a summary of recent activities. Village travel is scheduled with NANA and Northern Contractors, on 11th of October the Elder Boiler Maintenance Project will be posted. So far have received about two hundred applications. Sent all the DOT brush cutting for the airports although haven't received Selawik, Noorvik, Kiana and Deering; she will follow up.

Member Cleveland asked if Director Jones can assist Mack Henry with his application. Member Magdanz requested clarification of eligibility guidelines, elders 60 +, do they have to own the home? Or rent? Or just apply? What information do you have to have to submit a successful application. Applications available at the NANA offices? Everyone that applies you will get services and not competitive?

Member Lincoln Carr asked what is the new deadline? Are the applications available in Kotzebue office?

Energy Coordinator Mathiasson provided an update of department. Prices continue to rise in the villages on electricity; four villages are over a dollar per kilowatt-hour. The sustainable energy conference coming up, in Anchorage; governor put together an energy task force. Sending out starlinks to all government (City and Tribe) with Covid left over funds, ongoing project.

President Hadley asked Mr. Mathiasson if the conference is in May. He suggests this Assembly should support, look forward to additional information on the energy conference. Member McConnell thank you for report. Regarding the solar farms; congratulations for good work and implementing the IPP. As the solar farms are built, it does not necessarily reduce the electricity cost to the resident. Savings go to AVEC, and saving to IPP; not directly to the resident, correct?

Somehow, we shall make it to where the resident is benefiting. Another point, directly to AVEC; when you reduce the cost, you'll be saving AVEC what they buy from IPP. Due to phone difficulties, Mr. McConnell couldn't understand Mr. Mathiasson clearly. Member McConnell would like to have the IPP set up to benefit the residents because AVEC will charge more.

Member Magdanz asked Energy Coordinator Mathiasson if we are stuck unless we can get rates below \$.23 then State of Alaska will penalize us. Member Loon expressed the importance of visuals presentations, possibly power point; suggest AVEC on next agenda so they can understand. President Hadley said he worries about water lines freezing when power outages.

Vice President Sampson suggest flow charts, to see where residents are benefiting from the solar panel system verses what AVEC is benefiting from. Member McConnell ensures we are maximizing benefits for our residents. Regarding the cost of fuel, in the report it has prices; after working at the school, he saw price differences of fuel. As a Borough we must do better to consolidate orders to bring prices down.

TIME & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

November 27, 2023, work session and regular meeting on November 28, 2023.

Fifteen-minute break observed at 10:53 A.M., reconvened at 11:10 A.M.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None presented.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 23-56** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly adding Noah Naylor and Ellen Coffin as authorized signatories for borough checks.

Acting Mayor Westlake summarized resolution, recommend do pass.

Member Loon motion to approve Resolution 23-56, seconded by Member Barr; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote, although Member McConnell stepped away.

2. **Resolution 23-57** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a Village Improvement Fund Application from the City of Kotzebue to purchase a car crusher to facilitate community car disposal, and for related purposes.

Acting Mayor Westlake summarized resolution, we accept and recommend do pass.

Member McConnell raised concern of City taking over the fee to empty oil from vehicles. Also, hopefully the landfill will get taken care of, along with the pile on side.

Vice President Sampson mentioned Tech Center has some programs regarding mechanical work, maybe an option. If there are villages that would like to get rid of their old cars and opportunity with barges; would City be able to take that charge as well. Member Loon asked if this include KIC? These one hundred cars on the proposal; are those around town are those on the KIC property?

Member Lincoln Carr asked if she need to declare conflict of interest because she sits on KIC Board. Member Swan raised concern of rust and dust, health issues. Member Sheldon recommend Zender Group to provide technical funding to look at landfills. Member Loon recommend working with KIC or Tribal for additional resources, not only City to carry.

Vice President Sampson motion to approve Resolution 23-57, seconded by Member Magdanz; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

3. **Resolution 23-58** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a Village Improvement Fund Application from the Native Village of Kivalina for a Wellness Program.

Acting Mayor Westlake summarized resolution, we accept and recommend do pass.

Vice President Sampson motion to approve Resolution 23-58, seconded by Member Barr; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

4. **Resolution 23-59** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving submission of an application for a Department of Energy Office of Clean Energy

Demonstrations Grant for the Community of Ambler, and for related purposes.
Acting Mayor Westlake summarized resolution, we accept and recommend do pass.

Vice President Sampson motion to approve Resolution 23-59, seconded by Member Lincoln Carr; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

5. **Resolution 23-60** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly supporting Teck American's ongoing work towards exploration of the Aktigirug and Anarraaq deposits near the Red Dog Mine.

Mayor Moto summarized resolution, we accept and recommend do pass. Member Magdanz asked if there was a difference between the two resolutions from yesterday and yesterday. Glad to see to make sure our voice is heard, in full support of.

Vice President Sampson motion to approve Resolution 23-60, seconded by Member Loon; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

6. **Resolution 23-61** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving the unincorporated Community of Noatak for participation in the FY24 Community Assistance Program.

Acting Mayor Westlake summarized resolution, we accept and recommend do pass.

Vice President Sampson motion to approve Resolution 23-61, seconded by Member Barr; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Zoom communication. Member Loon mentioned used to use although no longer. Expressed the importance of seeing slides, would have been nice to see where the proposed mines are. Thank you, administration, what is future of zoom use.

Vice President Sampson raised concern of photograph of general area. Zoom has had issues and stops our discussion process, there are other options. *Member Lincoln Carr appreciate Zoom when not in person. She suggests thru President and Administration she suggest starlink, make doable. Even discussed at administration verses service and monthly fee. Member Swan echo her comments, starlink have a business version too.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Tessa Baldwin, City Manager and Joe Evans, City Attorney provided to Assembly an update of Cape Blossom along with Veterans. A public services announcement has been posted, road to landfill through base road is closed due to safety concerns. A refuse truck fall off the side of the road.

City of Kotzebue has taken the lead on the Cape Blossom and Port Project for several years now, she believes its really a regional project. They are asking all local regional organizations to come together and discuss a regional project; the City of Kotzebue is running into challenges of what they can and cannot do because it's outside of their jurisdiction. Manager Baldwin stated as this project is developing, they are requesting cooperation and ensuring that when they come together as a region that it's taken

seriously as a regional project. A Cape Blossom Regional Committee has been established, which Borough has two seats on. Previously it was Clay Nordlum but await to hear who will sit on staff administration side; NANA, KIC, and City on the committee.

City Manager Baldwin mentioned that they don't have funding to maintain the road, they are operating on reserve. They are requesting additional cooperation from all local regional organizations to continue dialogue. For your information, DOT will be here tomorrow night; on Thursday they are facilitating a conversation as to what the road maintenance and operations will look like between the Northwest Arctic Borough and City of Kotzebue.

City Attorney Evans provided an overview of the maintenance agreement. He mentioned back in 2017 as a condition of funding of phase one; DOT required Borough and City to sign maintenance agreements which stipulated once took ownership of the road then responsible for maintenance. That is what DOT has done with Shore, Third and Fifth Avenue as Assembly knows the Cape Blossom Road is approximately twelve miles in length. Which two point seven within the city limits and nine miles within Borough limits.

As discussion with DOT on Thursday is how do you expect us to maintain; also, when does it become ours (meaning City and Borough). Phase two of the road is for bridge over Sadie Creek is approximately fifteen to twenty million dollars. Who will be responsible for bridge inspection and maintenance. As the Assembly knows; it took City of Kotzebue about fifteen years to cobble twenty million of forty-three million for phase one. STIP in 2017 put in roughly twenty-three million dollars, that is when they required us to sign the maintenance agreements.

City Attorney Evans stated they closed the road this past summer when the culverts collapsed although DOT mentioned federal highway monies were used. Discussion of opening and closing of the road too. Also, once get south of city limits there is no cell service. They have approximately twenty-four questions for DOT. Also, phase two of the road are posted on the DOT website. Formal RFP will be out later this month or next month; estimate fifty million to complete. Math doesn't pencil out for him; is there additional funding for phase two.

City Manager Baldwin raised concern between all regional entities is the match funding for second phase. Previously had a gravel source for match funding for phase one, which hasn't been verified as how much remains. Also, how much is the match to be; assume a lot more than phase one.

Member Sheldon mentioned he is somewhat familiar with STIP process; do you have state liaison here? Another avenue he recommends tribal transportation program, when they apply for tribal funding, they use a formula of inventory. Noorvik has more roads than Kotzebue because of the road up to the gravel source. He asked where will be the meeting be held at?

Vice President Sampson asked the back road which was built through Kotzebue IRA; who has responsibility on that? What about the road that goes from the airport to the radar site. Has the city then taken responsibility of that road system? There were people living

in that federal area. If they treat Dempsey one way and these people differently, there is an issue. What has Kotzebue received under 14 c3 if any? Was there any road, anywhere they get under 14 c3. Any thought to city of Kotzebue acquires the road under that section.

Member Loon thank City for coming forward, suggest under communication and appearance. On our next agenda possibly, seems like Borough as a lot of responsibility to cover nine miles. Friendly reminder to Mayor, President, and Legal for Assembly to meeting with DOT, NAB and KIC. Thank you.

Member McConnell stated the gravel that was used for phase one came from Nome although got to be cheaper than getting it from this region rather than freight it. Possibly Kivalina gravel, monies kept in our region and possibly cheaper for City.

City Attorney Evans mentioned Veteran Chester Ballot had gone on an Honored flight to Washington DC and back on this Saturday; Alaska Airlines sponsors two flights a year. He invites any Veterans or folks that evening when he gets back to welcome Chester and his daughter. There is a Veterans Day Luncheon on November 11, 2023; welcome. Day before is 248th birthday of United States Marine.

Member McConnell asked about the property across the street from NAPA, what the Veterans own; what is happening with that? Vice President Sampson raised concern of how National Park Service got title of the property that is National Guard property.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Magdanz mentioned good meeting. Condolences to those that lost loved ones. Stay safe out there with this nasty wet weather.

Member Lincoln Carr stated something needs to be done with audio. Appreciate the presentation by City today. Will be out of town another week or so, appreciate able to call.

Member Armstrong thanked City of Kotzebue and NANA for coming to the meeting; still have issues to take care of. Working together can be done. Still working on making improvements like with public safety, have coverage in all the villages. Look forward to working with the new Assembly. Should discuss retreat soon, so we all can understand our role. Look forward to working with you all.

Member Swan enjoyed the meeting. Good work by Assembly and staff. Glad to move forward with these issues, humbling working together. Congratulations to Nathan and Walter for accepting positions, look forward to working another year. Thank you.

Member McConnell stated he is happy to see Noatak participate in the CUAP program, which has been in place for ten years. Thank City for coming forward with an update on the Cape Blossom Project; the whole idea is to reduce the cost of living for this area. Cautious you with AC and Crowley to make profit; he doesn't believe that will drive prices down without competition. Nome and Kotzebue have the same freight charges although we pay higher prices; because Nome has competition to force lower prices. Just building a road won't do it.

Member Loon expressed her gratitude to Assembly and staff for the meeting today. Lot of work to do; only through partnering with others we can do so much. Safe travel to all.

Member Barr echoes everyone's comments about a good meeting, and appreciates work being done by the administration. Still have a lot of work, look forward to working with the new assembly. How are we going to decrease operating expenses until find a new tax base. Look forward to continuing working on goals from last retreat.

Member Cleveland echo Member McConnell's comments, what is that purpose of the Cap Blossom Road; now we are discussing who is going to maintain. Now to pay more money to keep this open for resident of Kotzebue while he can't go airport in Ambler without a vehicle. The roads need to be open for medivac, that need to be considered. Good meeting, thank you staff for keeping Assembly up to date.

Member Sheldon stated when involved with City they used to approach legislature, possibly do research, and pass it on to city governments. Monies available through application process; eligible items like heavy equipment and buildings. Possibly have VIC match, have city apply. Echo Member Loon's comment regarding partnerships within the tribes, DOT, and ANTHC; to lower cost of water and sewer or roads. DOT opens an application process every three years; Native Village of Selawik had obtained monies. Although a lot of turnovers, he recommends having the website updated every month with notices, road conditions and travel conditions. Thank you.

Vice President Sampson in Inupiaq. First, thank you for the good meeting. Welcome Raven and Craig to Assembly, had good discussions. Sometimes we have our differences, sometimes not too well, even if we get to that point. We need to make sure those differences get in the way of decision making to address the needs of the people. Believe heading in right direction; over time Red Dog monies declining. We also have eighteen million to pay back for the schools although some need renovations or expansion. Need to get a strong position for Ambler Mining District, so we can say if benefit; we've been split in decision. At some point bring to leadership, to NWALT based on what villages want. Thank you.

President Hadley gives condolences to friends and relatives; hard to go through change. Humble this year to be selected as Assembly President, continue to do his best; don't pick sides and listen to all. Hope to develop our area; with Kotzebue being the hub. Sometimes we don't see what is happening like KEA taking lead with solar paneling and Borough working hard on IPP. A few years ago, NWALT had KEA as a priority. Thank you, City of Kotzebue, for coming forward, thank you Elizabeth for attending the meeting. Thank staff for their work.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Acting Mayor Westlake thank you for the good meeting. Appreciate discussions today. Look forward to the new website on November 2, 2023; everything will be updated. President Hadley stated that Marie Greene text him and let him know that Kelly isn't coming and to put on next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Loon motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Barr at 12:33 P.M.

