



Northwest Arctic Borough

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Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Special Telephonic Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 10, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Lincoln Carr called the meeting to order on July 10, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Loon provided the invocation.

ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

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

Introduction of Staff and Guests

<i>Mayor Lucy Nelson</i>	<i>Matt Mead</i>	<i>Verna Westlake – Teck AK</i>
<i>Helena Hildreth</i>	<i>Fritz Westlake</i>	<i>Carl Weisner</i> <i>Nate Kotch</i>
<i>John Chase</i>	<i>Ryan Anderson, Department of Transportation (D.O.T.)</i>	
<i>Charlie Gregg</i>		

A quorum was present to conduct business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

July 10, 2020 Special Teleconference Meeting Agenda

Member Sampson motioned to approve as presented; Member Cleveland seconded; passed unanimously. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.



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COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCES

Ryan Anderson – Department of Transportation (D.O.T.), Cape Blossom Update

Mr. Anderson, D.O.T., gave a brief update of the Cape Blossom road project.

Mr. Anderson reported that the Cape Blossom Road project went out to bid yesterday for the road construction and the bids will be opened on August 4, 2020. Mr. Anderson then gave an update of the Cape Blossom road project Stage I from Ted Stevens way to Sadie Creek. Mr. Nate Kotch briefly reviewed the Cape Blossom Road Stock Pile Options. Mr. Anderson stated that the contractor would work with the borough for an additional 150,000 cubic yards of gravel.

Mayor Nelson reported that his project has been a long time coming for the Cape Blossom road and the partnership with the Native Village of Kotzebue as well. She recommends that the Assembly consider Option two for moving forward.

Member Shroyer Beaver motioned, Member Sampson seconded to consider Option two for further evaluation by Attorney Matt Mead and Mayor Nelson's recommendation. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 20-38** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving contracts for construction of a storage building in Kotzebue.*

Mayor Nelson summarized Resolution 20-38; recommend do pass.

Member Hadley motioned to approve Resolution 20-38, seconded by Member Loon; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

2. **Resolution 20-39** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a contract for construction of warm storage buildings in Kiana, Shungnak, and Ambler.*

Mayor Nelson summarized Resolution 20-39; recommend do pass.

Member Shroyer Beaver motioned to approve Resolution 20-39, seconded by Member Loon; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.



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ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Joule thanked the members for their input and continue to pray for those who have lost their loved ones.

Member Oviok thanked the administration for the update on the Cape Blossom Project.

Member Shroyer Beaver thanked Mayor Nelson and staff for their due diligence in their work.

Member Armstrong thanked Mr. Ryan Anderson, D.O.T., for the Cape Blossom Project update and is glad we are moving forward with it.

Member Barr thanked the staff for the good work they are doing and to continue to pray for those who are ill and in the hospital.

Member Swan commented that he is thankful that we have these projects going for our region.

Member Cleveland commented about his concern for the barge going up the Kobuk River as he believes it will be a challenge between two villages. He commented about work that will be coming to the villages and to be sure and notify the residents, as a little helps a lot.

Member Loon commented that any little employment in the communities helps a lot and she expressed the importance of helping others especially during this Covid 19 pandemic. She commented that she will be moving back to Kotzebue on July 13 and the importance of family working together and the availability of housing helps a lot.

Member Sampson thanked everyone for a good meeting and is thankful for the projects moving forward. He mentioned they had a good recent meeting with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Senator Sullivan on issues we have in the region.

Vice Chair Carr thanked the Mayor and Administration for the clarity on the resolutions that was acted on today. She commented about the use of the Ipads to be more user friendly and better internet access.

Chair Hadley thanked the Mayor and staff for the meeting preparation, also good information on everything that was discussed on the agenda. He also mentioned the importance of practicing safety measures during this Covid 19 crisis, especially during construction.



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MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Nelson thank the Assembly for their comments and it is her priority to vet out conflict of interests during the RFP process, and that she shares that with the Directors also. She reported at the next meeting they will be provide an update on the CARE act funds and added they have been continuing to meet with the Covid 19 task force regularly. She also met with the Secretary of the Airforce and she expressed our need to her about the importance of having a port at Cape Blossom

ADJOURNMENT

Member Shroyer Beaver motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Sampson to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 AM.