

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 24-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC  
BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING A VILLAGE  
IMPROVEMENT FUND APPLICATION FROM  
IPNATCHIAQ ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR A RISER POLE  
UPGRADE PROJECT, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS:** under Section 11.08.010 of the Borough Code, the Borough Village Improvement Commission was established to identify village service and capital improvement needs, plan and implement capital improvement and public service programs, and oversee investment of the Borough's Village Improvement Fund (VIF); and

**WHEREAS:** under Section 11.08.020 of the Borough Code, the Commission is responsible for advising the Borough Administration with respect to working with village residents, Borough communities, and village utilities to identify projects and programs for recommended funding; and

**WHEREAS:** on February 15, 2024, the Village Improvement Commission passed Commission Resolution 24-03, approving and recommending Ipnatchiaq Electric Company's VIF application in the amount of \$377,875 to fund a riser pole upgrade project for the community of Deering for final approval by the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly; and

**WHEREAS:** the project will provide necessary upgrades to the electric utility infrastructure for Deering; and

**WHEREAS:** the funding request meets the VIF eligibility requirements and will benefit the community of Deering as a whole; and

**WHEREAS:** the Assembly wishes to approve the VIF application.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:** Ipnatchiaq Electric Company's VIF application in the amount of \$377,875 to fund a riser pole upgrade project for the community of Deering is approved.

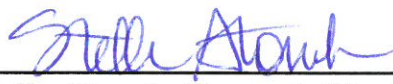
**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.**

  
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**Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President**

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.**

  
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**Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor**

**SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.**

  
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**Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk**

**ATTEST:**



**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH  
VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION**

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**WHEREAS:** under the Borough's Memorandum of Commitment Agreement with Teck Alaska, the parties stipulated that the Borough "retains sole control of the VIF" but that the Borough would establish a "consultation and review protocol" for "meaningful participation from all 11 villages" that has been established under the VIC; and

**WHEREAS:** Ipnatchiaq Electric Company (the Applicant), the electric utility for Deering, has submitted a VIF application in the amount of \$377,875.00 to fund a riser pole upgrade project for the community of Deering; and

**WHEREAS:** the project will provide necessary upgrades to the electric utility infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS:** the proposed use of funds meets the VIF eligibility requirements and will benefit the community.


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION:** Ipnatchiaq Electric Company's application for VIF funds in the amount of \$377,875.00 to fund a riser pole upgrade project is approved and is recommended for final approval by the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly.



**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.**

  
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**Marie Greene, Chair**

**SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.**

  
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**Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk**

**ATTEST:**



# Deering East & West Riser Pole Upgrade

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*2021 Application*

## *Ipnatchiaq Electric Company*

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PO Box 36021  
Deering, AK 99736

ipnatchiaqec@msn.com  
O: 907-363-2157

## *Daisy Weinard*

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# Application Form

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## *Project Information*

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### **Project Name\***

Deering East & West Riser Pole Upgrade

### **What is the timeline for your project/program?\***

Summer of 2024 the project will take up to 6 - 8 weeks

### **Is this an existing project/program?\***

Is it already operating or has construction started? Has the project/program delivered services already?

Yes

### **If you answered yes to the previous question, please explain the status of the project/program.**

Yes Current River Electric completed an assessment for the project summer of 2023.

### **What is the amount of the funding request to VIC?\***

\$377,875.00

### **Please describe how the VIF funds will be used for this project/program.\***

The VIF funds will be used to upgrade the Deering East and West Riser Poles along with installing an additional 25 streetlights for the community of Deering.

### **Does the project/program have other funding sources?\***

Does the project/program have other sources of funding, including matched funding or other grants (or state, community, partner organizations contributions)? If yes, please describe and attach relevant documentation.

Ipnatchiaq Electric Company will provide heavy equipment rental, housing, gravel and transportation.

### **Project Budget Spreadsheet\***

Please upload your total project/program budget, including details on VIF funds and how other funding will be used.

Deering 26040 - East End & West End Riser Pole Upgrade 11.24.23 (1).pdf

### Has the VIF provided funding to your community before?\*

Yes

### If you answered yes to the previous questions, please describe.

VIF provided money for the following projects in Deering: East End Feeder Rebuild Project, New Generator/Installation, Distribution System Phase 3 Project (City Shop to Vacuum Station)

## *Project Details*

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### Will this project/program continue after VIF funding?\*

Please describe why or why not.

The required maintenance will continue.

### If you answered yes to the previous question, please describe how it will be funded.\*

How will the project continue after VIF funding end and by whom.

After the project is funded and complete the Ipnatchiaq Electric Company will cover yearly insurance, operation and maintenance costs.

### Project/Program Partnerships\*

Please describe other projects in the community that could support the success of this project/program.

Current River Electric and Ipnatchiaq Electric Company worked diligently to complete past projects.

### Are there any issues or other projects that could negatively impact the success of your project?\*

If yes, please explain how your organization has the administrative and management capacity to execute the project (i.e., financial software, audits, history of management of other projects, stable relationships across community entities, and examples of other successful projects).

No.

**Administrative and Management Capacity\***

Please explain how your organization has the administrative and management capacity to execute the project (i.e., financial software, audits, history of management of other project, stable relationships across community entities, and examples of other successful project).

Ipnatchiaq Electric Company has the management and administrative capacity to execute the project.

**Staff experience\***

Please outline any experience your organization/staff had had with similar projects/programs.

Ipnatchiaq Electric Company's staff has successfully completed past projects through the Village improvement Fund, Village Economic Development through NANA, USDA High Energy Cost Grant, Alaska Energy Authority.

**Is the project/program "ready to go" or shovel ready?\***

Please explain how it has considered the equipment, resources, people, and permits needed for success.

Yes, materials are ready to be shipped.

**Borough Title 9 Permit\***

Has the applicant certified that it will comply with any required permits including a Borough Title 9 Permit?

No

**Does the project/program address an issue that is life threatening, or a health risk?\***

i.e., health and safety, emergency, danger to people, the environment, or property. Please describe.

Yes the East and West riser poles do not share an even load for both sides of the village.

**Please describe if the project/program supports one or more priorities identified by the community.\***

Uptown Distribution

**Please attach any relevant documentation to show community involvement or support.\***

Examples include letters of support, joint resolution, priority lists, meeting minutes, sign up sheets, Title IX permit, etc.

Regular Meeting Minutes.pdf



## Meeting Minutes\*

Regular Meeting Minutes.pdf

## Audit\*

IEC FY 24 Budget.xls

## Benefits

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### What are the short-term goals of the project/program?\*

Trying to upgrade to avoid future repairs or emergencies.

### What are the long-term goals of the project/program?\*

Upgrade the electrical infrastructure as well as modernize it to last 20 years.

### Who will benefit from the project/program?\*

Please be specific (e.g., children, youth, elders, women, etc.) and include details (e.g., numbers).

The community of Deering and the future generation will benefit

### What is the level of community impact?\*

Will the broader community benefit or just a few individuals?

The broader community will benefit.

### Community Impacted\*

Will the project benefit one Village, more than one Village, or multiple Villages in the Northwest Arctic region?

Deering only

### Will the project create local jobs? If so, how many?\*

No.

## ***Electronic Signature***

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With my electronic signature, I certify that the information provided in this application is true, correct, and complete. I agree to allow any information on this application (unless otherwise noted) to be released for publication. I authorize the Northwest Arctic Borough to verify any information submitted as part of this application.

**I have read the above information.\***

Yes

**Title of Authorizing Official\***

General Manager

**Date\***

12/15/23

**Electronic Signature\***

By typing in your name below, you certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge.

Daisy Weinard

Direct questions related to the online application system to The Alaska Community Foundation by email: [grants@alaskacf.org](mailto:grants@alaskacf.org), or by phone: 907-334-6700.

After you submit your application you will receive a confirmation email. Thank you for applying!

## ***ADMINISTRATOR QUESTIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS***

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### **Administrator Only**

Your next steps are to respond to all required administrator questions and mark each application complete.

### **Documents**

Check off each item as it is received, either as an upload document or as a hard copy.

## File Attachment Summary

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### *Applicant File Uploads*

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- Regular Meeting Minutes.pdf
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# Current River Electric



*A General Contractor specializing in all aspects of:  
Overhead and Underground Power Line Construction and Maintenance  
Power Generation Installation, Upgrade & New Build*

**November 24, 2023**

Daisy Weinard, GM  
Ipnotchiaq Utility  
P.O. Box 36021  
Deering, AK 99736

RE: Deering Job 26040 ~ Deering East & West Riser Pole Upgrade

Daisy,

Please find enclosed a Scope of Work along with a budget for the Deering East and West Riser Pole Upgrade along with an approximately an additional 25 Street Lights for the community of Deering.

## **SCOPE OF WORK**

### **West Feeder Riser Pole**

1. Set new pole adjacent to old riser pole.
2. Old riser taken down and
3. Installed in new 3-phs junction box
4. New riser feeding out of that Junction box & installed on new pole
5. Old pole RE-deadended with new Triple arm upgrade
6. New epoxilators installed
7. New down strain anchor installed

**Physical Address:** 4210 S. Eider Circle ~ Wasilla, AK 99623 **Mailing Address:** 9505 Lewis Loop Wasilla, AK 99623

**Office:** 907-357-4790 ~ **Fax:** 907-357-4795 ~ **Cell:** 907-354-0950 ~ **Email:** [currentriver@live.com](mailto:currentriver@live.com)

8. Also, 4 new Street Light poles set at the following locations
  - a. Around the City Shop area,
  - b. IRA equipment area
  - c. The Tank Farm fill up stations@ both ends
9. Then, new Street Lights installed on every pole starting at solar panels all the way to the dump staging/turn around area.

#### **East End Feeder**

1. Old riser to be dismantled
2. And installed in new junction box adjacent to the existing junction box.
3. Then the old riser to be fed into that and out of that new junction box we have 3-Phase fed into the old Junction box
4. Which in turn, then feeds up and out onto the main line installed on adjacent new pole.
5. Old pole gets cleaned up
6. New deadend arms installed and transformer installed on the old pole
7. Street light installed on the old pole
8. Which then feeds 2 more poles and street lights at either end of the bridge area.
9. Thereby, lighting up the water tank, the school and the bridge area.
10. 4 more poles will then be installed along the East End Road going past the school to the old store with new lights installed on them, which will then light up the road area.
11. **SAFETY:** Near airport, on line running to water pump station, 2 riser poles need to be reworked/overhauled. These poles are almost falling over & some maintenance needs to be done.
12. **SAFETY HAZARD:** Also, on the same line, on the underground portion, there is a single-phase junction box that has been run over and crushed. It is still working, but is very much a hazard "as is" and a new one need to be installed.
13. **SAFTY HAZARD:** Fix & cover up exposed high voltage wire leaving pole.

#### **Projected Timeframe of Work: Estimated 6 – 8 weeks**

**Commencement Date: Estimated for July of 2024** (dependent upon working equipment in Deering and long lead items arriving)

**Exclusions:** The following items are to be provided by the Utility at their cost.

1. Housing & associated costs (usual rental house, please)
2. Heavy equipment and associated fuel
3. Gravel
4. Designated on-site transport and associated fuel



**Budget Breakdown to Include:**

- Materials
- Existing Onsite Materials designated and to be used on Project
  - a) 14 onsite power poles
  - b) 7 street light transformers
  - c) Onsite existing duplex wire
  - d) Onsite existing 4" liquid tight
- Freight (materials + tooling)
- Travel
- SOA Notice of Work Fees
- Labor & Per Diem x 2 Journeyman Lineman
- Admin Fee
- CRE Contingency for cost overruns

**Total Cost \$377,875.00**

Please do not hesitate to contact CRE with any questions that you may have. Should you wish to proceed I will be pleased to provide the Utility with a formalized contract. Lastly, please bear in mind that availability and lead time are still a critical factor in Distribution line materials.

Regards,

*Tyler L. Willis*

Owner

(907) 357-4790

Ipnatchiaq Electric Company

P.O. Box 36021

Deering, AK 99736

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**Regular Meeting Minutes 11-8-23**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Moto at 7:06 pm.

**Board Roll Call:** Present were Emerson Moto, Kevin Moto, Michael Jones, Denise Iyatunguk excused Gloria Carter Staff: Daisy Weinard and Selma Moto

**Approval of Agenda:** Table election of officers. Michael made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Denise.

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**Personnel:** Selma, Denise and Gloria will go to BIA Providers Conference. Office will be closed.

**Executive:** None.

**Correspondence:** December Drawing Incentive: check to see what DNS has. Post tomorrow 11-9-23. Customers must pay their bill by December 15<sup>th</sup> drawing will be December 21.

**Public/Board Comments:** None.

**Next Meeting Date:** December 21, 2023

**Adjournment:** Michael made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Denise at 7:56pm.

Submitted by Selma Moto, Bookkeeper

*Selma Moto*

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*Selma Moto*

<b>IEC Budget</b>	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>FY21</b>	<b>FY22</b>	<b>FY23</b>	<b>FY24</b>
Customer payments	46 residential	115100	107000	107000	100000
	7 Commercial	170000	207000	206000	250000
	7 CF	44500	52000	35000	35000
	5 State and Federal	25000	20000	28000	28000
	Accounts receivable	2500	500	7000	3000
Pce Reimbursements		104000	95000	100000	150000
		<b>461100</b>	<b>481500</b>	<b>483000</b>	<b>566000</b>
Grants		250000			
		421	345000	256950	256950
Other					
Total		<b>711521</b>	<b>826500</b>	<b>739950</b>	<b>822950</b>

Ipnotchiao Electric Budget  
**Utility Board**

	FY	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
Stipends					
Regular 12	5 BM	8625	9000	9000	9000
Special 6	5 BM	2250	3000	3000	3000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10875</b>	<b>12000</b>	<b>12000</b>	<b>12000</b>
<b>Taxes</b>	7.65%	746.00	918	918	918
Travel/Per diem/Dues					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11621.00</b>	<b>12918.00</b>	<b>12918.00</b>	<b>12918.00</b>
<b>Administration</b>					
Manager		44460	47580	49140	50700
Bookkeeper		34320	39000	40560	42120
Temp Bookkeeper		2160	2160	2280	2280
	<b>Total</b>	<b>80940</b>	<b>88740</b>	<b>91980</b>	<b>95100</b>
	Taxes	7309	8013	8306	8588
	WC	518	568	589	609
Telephone/Internet		5600	6300	6500	6600
Election Judge		480	480	480	480
Postage		1500	1300	1300	1500
Supplies/Freight		5000	7000	7000	7000
Equip Repair/Parts		600	600	600	600
Other		900			
Office Rent		3000	6000	6000	6000
Travel/Per Diem		3000	3000	3000	3000
RCA/fees		510	510	510	510
Credit Donations		500	500	500	500
Donations		5000	5000	6500	6500
Misc		1500	1500	500	1800
	<b>Total</b>	<b>116357</b>	<b>129511</b>	<b>133765</b>	<b>138787</b>
<b>Power Plant Dept.</b>					
PPO CM		18928	20384	21112	22568
PPO AR		17108	18564	14560	15288
PPO in trng		5880	5880	5600	5600
Lineman		7200	7200	7200	7200
Labor		576	576	576	576
PPO Fuel Del.		8112	9048	9360	9828
	<b>Total</b>	<b>57804</b>	<b>61652</b>	<b>58408</b>	<b>61060</b>
	Taxes	5220	5567	5274	5514
	WC-5.46%	3312	3533	3347	3500
Bucket Truck		43605.88			
Win Turbine Maint.			8420	7200	7200
PP Supplies		6000	10000	10000	10000
Delo Oil		5000	3000	3000	6000
Fuel Loan		96300	151789	264426.5	293802
Interest		1926	3035	5289	5876
Gas		1200	2000	2000	1500
Equipment Rental		20000			
Training/Per Diem		2900			
Insurance		10000	10772	12415	13524
Business License			100	0	100
Depreciation Expense		5142	5142	5142	5142
Misc.		20000	25000	25000	25000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>278409.88</b>	<b>290010</b>	<b>401501.5</b>	<b>438218</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>406387.88</b>	<b>432439.00</b>	<b>548184.50</b>	<b>589923.00</b>
	VIF DIST			256950	256950
Total Revenue		<b>711521</b>	<b>826500</b>	<b>739950</b>	<b>822950</b>



