



Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 7, 2023– 9:00 A.M.
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

Member Sampson called meeting to order at 9:01 am

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Swan provided invocation.

ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

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

Introduction of Staff and Guests

<i>Dickie Moto, Sr.</i>	<i>Matt Mead</i>	<i>Stella Atoruk</i>	<i>Hiram Walker</i>
<i>Ingemar Mathiasson</i>	<i>Jaime Schaeffer</i>	<i>Chris Hatch</i>	<i>Clara Jones</i>
<i>Angie Sturm</i>	<i>Elizabeth Ferguson</i>		

A quorum was present to conduct business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda presented for approval with for June 7, 2023.

Member Dood Lincoln-Carr motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Member Hannah Loon. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING, ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES & EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance 23-04** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly providing for the establishment and adoption of the line-item budget for fiscal Year 2024.*

Public Services Director: Clara Jones summarized, recommend do pass.

Member Magdanz: Raised concern of required local education contribution. Is there a reason that number changed? Also asked about assembly's appropriation to education last year. Member Magdanz asks if it's based on property value not tax.

Member Loon motion to approve Ordinance 23-04, seconded by Member Lincoln Carr; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Member Armstrong: Thank you good discussion. Member Armstrong raised concern about jackhammers for the villages. Thank you.

Member Sampson: I want to thank the mayor and the staff for the work that you have done preparing for this special meeting. Member Sampson raised concern about the caribou population and the federal board in regards to the amount of take per person is allowed. He also mentioned the Ambler road and having trilogy come up and discuss these issues. Member Sampson also raised concern about food stamps for the region. Member Sampson interpreting in Inupiaq.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Moto: Thank you. Mayor Moto raised concern about the Internet and cost for assembly members. He also brought up the need for a subsistence committee. Mayor Moto will reach out to Ambler Metal's or Trilogy to get an update on the Ambler Road.

Member Lincoln Carr: Thank you Mayor for your report. Member Lincoln Carr raised concern and responded to Mayor's comments about assembly members having the Borough pay for the internet.

Mayor Moto: with the direction of the assembly we will take it and move forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Lincoln Carr has made a motion to adjourn, and seconded by Member Magdanz at 10:19 am.

2. **Resolution 23-25** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly adding Clara Jones as an authorized signatory for Borough checks.*

Mayor Moto summarized, recommend do pass.

Member Lincoln-Carr motion to approve Resolution 23-25, seconded by Vice-President Shroyer Beaver; motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. **Resolution 23-26** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving the unincorporated community of Noatak for participation in the FY24 Community Assistance Program.

Mayor Moto summarized, recommend do pass.

Member Magdanz motion to approve Resolution 23-26, seconded by Vice-President Shroyer Beaver; motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. **Resolution 23-27** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly to pursue an EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant to conduct planning activities.

Mayor Moto summarized, recommend do pass.

Member Loon motion to approve Resolution 23-27, seconded by Member Lincoln Carr; motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. **Resolution 23-28** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough assembly approving the purchase of a Komatsu D61PX-24 Crawler Dozer and for related purposes.

Public Safety Director Clara Jones summarized, recommend do pass.

Member Sampson: this resolution was heavily discussed yesterday. Through the process of planning for Kivalina and the road. We didn't really foresee a problem with Snow removal, this year we had some equipment to purchase to remove snow on the system from Kivalina to the school. We ran into some glitches making sure that the berms were completely pushed off. And it didn't quite happen that way, so staff had to find a way to look into to resolve the problem and one way to resolve that problem was to get a CAT to push the snow completely out of the road system for buses to go back and forth to the school from the community of Kivalina.

Member Lincoln Carr motion to approve Resolution 23-28, seconded by Member Swan; motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Elizabeth Ferguson with NANA Regional: I just wanted to give a quick plug that tomorrow on Thursday June 8th the federal statistics board is meeting on the official actions about the caribou and you can find all that information online, I can share that with whoever through via email or Facebook or whatever. That's happening tomorrow and they are taking public comments if you are interested in it you can call and share your comments, Thank you.

Member Sampson: thank you but if NANA can work with a major organization to get a little group together to call in, I think its critically important that we call in in regards to the discussions we had earlier last month on the Caribou take issue. It's critically important that we have intake from the major organizations.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Ballot: Thank you.

Member Barr: I appreciate the special meeting to go over budgets and I look forward to upcoming retreat where we will have the opportunity to make informed decisions. I appreciate all the work with the staff and administration is doing, once you get your marching orders I highly recommend considering a timeline that we don't end up into a year-end rush. I do understand it does cost money to provide to our constituent's. Condolences for those who have lost loved ones I hope that everyone stays safe this summer.

Member Cleveland: Raised concern about the Ambler road and Shareholder Employment with Red Dog. Taikuu.

Vice President Shroyer Beaver: Thank you Walter for running the meeting, and I would like to send condolences to everyone who has lost loved ones, and also to Toby Drake and his family his father passed away Wayne Drake. They have worked in our community for many years. Everyone be safe.

Member Loon: Adigaa Taikuu Mayor and staff for the meeting that you prepared. Member Loon Raised concern about the Federal subsistence hearing in regards to the caribou. Taikuu.

Member Swan: Brought up New VIF Commissioner Charlie Norton. Thank you.

Member Lincoln Carr: Raised concern about Assembly Internet and the Ambler Road. Taikuu

Member Magdanz: Talked about the Ambler road. Condolences to families who have lost loved ones.

President Hadley: Thank you Walter for running the meeting. President Hadley raised concern about reporting scoring for water and sewer needs for the villages. Thank you to your staff.

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