**Village Improvement Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

Monday, August 27, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.

Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Commissioner Nelson Walker called the Village Improvement Commission meeting to order on August 27, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

**INVOCATION**

Ms. Millie Hawley provided the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

Morgan Johnson - Ambler

Nelson Walker – Kiana

Myra Wesley – Kivalina (telephonic)

Vincent Onalik - Noatak (telephonic)

Stacy Jack – Noorvik

Tanya Ballot – Selawik

Ethel Weber – Buckland

Alvin Iyatunguk – Deering

Norman Monroe (Alt.) Noatak

Nathan Hadley Jr. – Ex-officio Member

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

**INTRODUCTION OF STAFF AND GUESTS**

Silvano Viveiros Helena Hildreth Millie Hawley

Myra Adams Dolly Foster Kathy Christy

Carl Weisner Dolly Hawley Carl Weisner

Matt Mead

**Commissioner Ballot motioned, Commissioner Jack seconded to excuse Kobuk, Shungnak and Kotzebue Commissioners. By unanimous consent of the commissions were excused.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Commissioner Jack motioned, Commissioner Iyatunguk seconded to approve the agenda as presented. By unanimous consent of the commission, the agenda was approved.**

**APPLICATION REVIEW**

1. Kivalina VIF Application Resolution 18-01, Matching Fund for the D.O.T Road Project ($1,000,000.00)

Mr. Hiram Walker, VIF Project Manager, provided a detailed summary of the proposed Kivalina VIF Application.

**Commissioner Ballot motioned, Commissioner Monroe seconded to approve the Kivalina VIF Application Matching Fund for the D.O.T Road Project. A roll call vote call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.**

**A ten minute break was taken at 9:00 am.**

**The meeting reconvened from break at 9:12 am.**

1. Selawik VIF Application Resolution 18-02, Funding for Selawik Water/Sewer rehabilitation ($610,500.00)

Mr. Hiram Walker, VIF Project Manager, provided a detailed summary of the proposed Selawik VIF Application.

**Commissioner Iyatunguk motioned, Commissioner Johnson seconded to approve the Selawik VIF Application, funding for the Selawik Water/Sewer Rehabilitation Project. A roll call vote call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.**

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Ms. Millie Hawley thanked the commission for approving Kivalina’s application as this will allow us to safely get off the island.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Mr. Nathan Hadley Jr. congratulated both the Kivalina and Selawik communities for submitting their applications as it will be put forth to the Assembly for approval.

Commissioner Jack also congratulated the communities of Kivalina and Selawik also for submitting their applications.

Commissioner Ballot requested that we address the Kotzebue Alternate Commissioner seat as he has not attended a VIC meeting yet. She encouraged all the communities to submit a Wellness application. Lastly, she thanked the commission for approving Selawik’s water and sewer application.

Commissioner Johnson congratulated the two communities who turned in their applications and we hope to have more applications in the future. He thanked the VIC staff for getting the commissioners to Kotzebue.

Commissioner Wesley also thanked the commission on behalf of Kivalina. She commented that this road will provide more than school access and it will open up things like infrastructure for our village and families, promote safety, provide development and better education for our children. She thanked the borough and other agencies for their assistance.

Commissioner Iyatunguk also congratulated the two communities for their applications and thanked the VIF staff for their good work. He encouraged the communities to submit their applications and he would like to see more come in.

Commissioner Monroe wished the two villages well with their two projects and he thanked the staff for their good work.

Commissioner Weber thanked the commission for excusing her for the last two meetings. She congratulated Selawik and Kivalina for their applications and hope they are prosperous.

Chair Walker congratulated the commissioners for approving these two applications and as we go through more of them it will get a little easier. He thanked the community of Selawik and Kivalina representatives for

owing up at the meeting. He thanked the VIC staff for their hard work and to keep Commissioner Sun in our prayers as he is in the hospital at the moment.

Commissioner Iyatunguk motioned, Commissioner Jack seconded to adjourn. With no business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.