Jim Nordlund

Member for: 40 years Occupation: Retired

Employer: Former Executive

Director, NeighborWorks Alaska, Former Alaska State Director, USDA Rural Development, Former State Legislator

Education: B.S. Government, St John's University,

Minnesota; Masters of Public Administration,

University of Colorado; Credentialed

Cooperative Director, NRECA

Nominated by: Nominating Committee

Incumbent: No Declarations: None

Candidate Statement

I am asking for your vote to return to the Chugach Board. I served on the Board from 2006-2015. Having recently retired, I would like to re-dedicate my experience and energy to the good of our Association.

Chugach is well-managed, however, we face big challenges. Over 80% of our power is generated by burning Cook Inlet natural gas. The dominate producer has indicated that lower cost gas will soon be depleted. The importation of LNG from outside Alaska is a very real prospect. At the same time, improvements and lower costs have propelled renewable generation worldwide. Chugach needs to assertively implement more renewable production to avoid substantially higher costs of LNG imports.

If elected I would:

- Remember that members want reliable and low-cost power. It is important to keep the lights on and rates affordable for low-income people and for businesses to compete.
- Aggressively pursue feasible renewable energy while recognizing that some gas generation will still be necessary.
- Efficiently integrate ML&P customers, staff, and systems into Chugach.
- Attract and retain competent staff with quality working conditions. There is no reliable power without reliable employees.
- Continue coordination of Railbelt utilities.
- Support and encourage Chugach as a member-owned cooperative association.

Thank you.

