

CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Anchorage, Alaska

January 25, 2023
Wednesday
4:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Recording Secretary: Ashton Doyle

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Chastain called the Regular Board of Directors' meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. in the boardroom of Chugach Electric Association, Inc., 5601 Electron Drive, Anchorage, Alaska.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Chastain led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Bettina Chastain, Chair
Mark Wiggin, Vice Chair
Harold Hollis, Treasurer
Sam Cason, Secretary
Rachel Morse, Director
Sisi Cooper, Director

Staff and Guests in Attendance:

Present:

Arthur Miller	Sean Skaling	Alan Mitchell,
Matthew Clarkson	Kate Ayers	Analysis North
Mike Brodie	Karen Griffin	Steve Konkel,
Bill Murray	Mark Henspeter	REAP, Director
Josh Travis	Paul Johnson	Jonas Banta,
Marty Freeman	Chantelle Lewis-Boutte	Alaska Center
Andrew Laughlin	Erin Whitney, Member	Rachel Christensen,
Bernie Smith, Member	Isaac Pacor, Member	Alaska Center
Jean Kornmuller	Crystal Enkvist, Alaska	
Todd McCarty	Power Association	

Via Teleconference:

Arden Quezon	Aurora Roth, Member	Michelle Beadle,
Curtis Sims	Antony Scott, Member	Non-member
Sandra Cacy	Shaina Kilcoyne, Member	Eric Booton,
Julie Hasquet	Bennett Norman,	Member
Sherri Highers	Non-member	Walter Hopkins,
		NERA

- C. *Safety Minute*
Marty Freeman, Senior Manager, HSE, discussed “*What Does it Mean to be Safe*” and *December’s Safety Statistics* and responded to questions from the Board.
- D. *Electric Power Factoid: Integrating Renewable Generation*
Sean Skaling, Sr. Manager, Business and Sustainable Programs and Development, presented an overview on Integrating Renewable Generation and responded to questions from the Board.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Morse moved and Director Cason seconded the motion to approve the agenda. A friendly amendment was made to remove item VIII.B. from the agenda and move to the February Regular Board of Directors Meeting. The amended motion passed unanimously.

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

A. *Member Comments*

Erin Whitney, Chugach member and former Director, gave public notice of her decision to step down from the Chugach Electric Board of Directors to avoid a conflict of interest with a federal appointment as Director of the Arctic Energy Office for the US Department of Energy.

Bernie Smith, Chugach member serving on the Member Advisory Council, gave comments regarding the Board packet and requested an icon be placed on the main page of the Chugach website that links to meeting materials.

Isaac Pacor, Chugach member, gave comments regarding the use of executive session and requested more open discussions with the public regarding renewable energy.

Arora Roth, new Chugach member, requested public comment be extended to renters who pay electric bills but may not be listed as members. Roth also suggested the implementation of an optional program for customers to roundup their electric bills with the additional funds supporting renewable energy projects.

Shaina Kilcoyne, Chugach member, commented on the four concept papers for the federal Grid Resilience and Innovation Program (GRIP).

Bennett Norman, non-member, commented on lack of transparency around Chugach’s renewable energy plans.

IV. DIRECTOR REPORTS

A. *Alaska Power Association (APA) Report*

Director Hollis introduced Crystal Enkvist, Executive Director, APA, who provided an update on APA activities and upcoming events. Director Hollis also discussed the Railbelt Issues Forum.

B. *Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP) Report*

No report was given on REAP activities and upcoming events. Director Wiggin will provide this report in the future.

- C. *Board Committee Reports (Audit and Finance, Operations & Governance)*
Director Hollis stated there have been no meetings since the November 30, 2022, Audit & Finance Committee Meeting and that the next meeting would be March 29, 2023.

Director Wiggin stated there have been no meetings since the December 7, 2022, Operations Committee Meeting and that the next meeting would be February 8, 2023.

Director Cason reported on the January 11, 2023, Governance Committee meeting and reported the next meeting would be held on April, 12, 2023.

- D. *Other Meeting Reports*

Director Cooper reported on the January 18, 2023 Member Advisory Council Meeting and reported the next meeting would be held on April, 4, 2023.

V. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. *Board Calendar*

- B. *Training and Conferences*

1. *NRECA PowerXchange, March 3-8, 2023, Nashville, TN*

- C. *Minutes*

1. *December 14, 2022, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting (Cacy)*

- D. *Director Expenses*

Director Morse moved and Director Cason seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

At 5:03 p.m. the Board took a short break to get dinner and returned to open session at 5:18 p.m.

VI. **CEO REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. *October 2022 Variance Report and November 2022 Financial Update (Griffin)*

Karen Griffin, VP, Finance and Accounting, provided the October 2022 Variance Report, an update on the November 2022 Financials, and responded to questions from the Board.

- B. *Mobile Radio Implementation (Murray)*

Bill Murray, Manager of Telecommunications, provided a Radio System Update and responded to questions from the Board.

- C. *Eklutna Project Update (Brodie)*

Mike Brodie, Manager M&O Services and Transform Shop, provided a Eklutna Project Update and responded to questions from the Board.

- D. *Dixon Diversion – Economic Evaluation (Skaling)*

Sean Skaling, Sr. Manager, Business and Sustainable Programs and Development, provided an economic evaluation on Dixon Diversion. Skaling and Walter Hopkins, specialist contractor with NERA, responded to questions from the Board.

- E. *Board Policy Scheduled Tasks/Reports (Board/Staff)*

The Board Policy Scheduled Tasks were provided in the meeting packet.

Arthur Miller, CEO, discussed the CEO Reports and Correspondence contents and responded to questions from the Board.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Vacancy (Clarkson)

Matthew Clarkson, Chief Legal Officer, provided an overview of policy regarding Board vacancies and responded to questions from the Board.

B. Adoption of Amended 457 (b) Plan (Frison)

This item was removed from the agenda and moved to the February Regular Board of Directors Meeting.

C. RDI Contract Approval (Travis)

Josh Travis, Vice President – Administrative Services, provided an overview of the Resource Data Inc. (RDI) Contract and responded to questions from the Board.

Director Morse moved and Director Cason seconded the motion to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to approve the 2023 Resource Data Inc. (RDI) Contract at a value not to exceed \$3,556,400. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel Matters (Miller/Board)

At 6:49 p.m., Director Hollis moved and Director Cooper seconded the motion that pursuant to Alaska Statute 10.25.175(c)(4) the Board of Directors go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:02 p.m.

X. NEW BUSINESS


None.

XI. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director comments were made at this time.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:22 p.m., Director Wiggin moved and Director Cooper seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.


Samuel Cason, Secretary

Date Approved: February 22, 2023