

**CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Anchorage, Alaska**

**February 08, 2023**  
**Wednesday**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Recording Secretary: Ashton Doyle

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Wiggin called the Operations Committee meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in the boardroom of Chugach Electric Association, Inc., 5601 Electron Drive, Anchorage, Alaska.

*A. Roll Call*

*Committee Members Present:*

Mark Wiggin, Chair  
Bettina Chastain, Director  
Sisi Cooper, Director

*Committee Members Absent:*

*Harold Hollis, Director*

*Board Members Present:*

Sam Cason, Director  
Rachel Morse, Director (*arrived at 4:09 p.m.*)

*Guests and Staff Attendance*

*Present:*

Arthur Miller	Marty Freeman	Bart Armfield, Consultant
Andrew Laughlin	Kate Ayers	Steve Gerlek, Consultant
Matthew Clarkson	Julie Hasquet	Philip Zempel
Sean Skaling	Todd McCarty	Josh Travis
Ron Vecera	Andrew White	
Kathleen Tolentino	Jean Kornmuller	

*Via Teleconference:*

Sandra Cacy	Shaina Kilcoyne,	Donovan Russoniello,
Dustin Highers	Member	Member

**II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Director Cooper moved and Director Chastain seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

*Director Morse was not present at the time of the vote.*

### **III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Director Cooper moved and Director Chastain seconded the motion to approve the December 7, 2022, Operations Committee Meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

*Director Morse was not present at the time of the vote.*

### **IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

#### *A. Member Comments*

Shaina Kilcoyne, Chugach member, commented on the good work being done with the Beneficial Electrification and Energy Star program and requested information on the new tax benefits available for energy efficiency for homes and businesses through the IRA, be placed on the website.

*Director Morse joined the meeting at 4:09 p.m.*

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

#### *A. Beluga River Unit Update (Armfield)*

Bart Armfield, Fuel and Corporate Planning Consultant provided an update on Beluga River Unit performance and responded to questions from the Committee.

#### *B. Gas Supply Update (Gerlek / White)*

Steve Gerlek, Fuel and Corporate Planning Consultant and Andrew White, Senior Manager Energy Resources provided a gas supply update and responded to questions from the Committee.

#### *C. Grant Funding Update (D. Highers)*

Dustin Highers, Vice President of Corporate Programs, provided an update on state and federal grant funding and responded to questions from the Committee.

### **VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### *A. Cybersecurity (McCarty)*

#### *B. Substation Security (Freeman / Travis)*

#### *C. Personnel Matters – Board Vacancy (Board)*

At 5:36 p.m., Director Chastain moved and Director Cooper seconded the motion that pursuant to Alaska Statute 10.25.175(c)(1), (3) and (4) the Board of Directors go into executive session to: 1) discuss and receive reports regarding matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the cooperative; 2) discuss with its attorneys matters, the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect on the legal position of the cooperative; and 3) personnel matters. The motion passed unanimously.

*The meeting reconvened in open session at 7:43 p.m.*

### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**VIII. DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Comments were made at this time.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:48 p.m., Director Chastain moved and Director Cooper seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.