

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

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

**REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

Recording Secretary: Heather Slocum

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Cason called the Regular Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in the boardroom of Chugach Electric Association, Inc., 5601 Electron Drive, Anchorage, Alaska.

*A. Pledge of Allegiance*

*B. Roll Call*

*Board Members Present:*

Sam Cason, Chair  
Sisi Cooper, Vice Chair  
Susanne Fleek-Green, Secretary  
Rachel Morse, Treasurer  
Mark Wiggin, Director  
Bettina Chastain, Director  
Jim Nordlund, Director

*Guests and Staff Attendance*

*Present:*

Arthur Miller	Marty Freeman	Stevie Frakes
Sherri Highers	Rachael Frison	Jackie Berman
Matt Clarkson	Brenda Hewit, NVE	Trish Baker
Andrew Laughlin	Bernie Smith, member	Crystal Enkvist, APA
Allan Rudeck	Fatih Rukoshkif, member	Dan Rodgers, member
Katie Millen	Chennery Fife, member	

*Via Teleconference:*

Sandra Cacy	Stephanie Huddell	Nathan Golab
Julie Hasquet	Amanda Mankel	Deborah Gardino
Candace Strandberg	Brett Pherson	Samantha Owen, McMillen
Amanda Romano	Todd McCarty	Emily Cohen
Sean Skaling	Josh Travis	Stephanie Edwardson
Mark Henspeter	Todd Glass, consultant	
Deborah Brollini, member	Mitchell Roth, member	

C. *Safety Minute*

Marty Freeman, Senior Manager of Safety and Security presented on Boating Safety and the year-to-date safety information and responded to questions from the Board.

D. *Electric Power Factoid: Recruiting with Social Media*

Rachael Frison, Manager HR, Manager of Transmission Engineering, presented on the Recruiting with Social Media and answered questions from the Board.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Director Wiggin moved, and Director Nordlund seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The amended motion passed unanimously.

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

**III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

A. *Member Comments*

Members Brenda Hewitt, Faith Rukonshikof, Emily Coen, and Chennery Fife gave comments on the Eklutna Project.

Non-member Julian Ramirez gave comments on the Eklutna project.

Member Mitchell Roth – made comments on the Operations Committee presentations.

*Director Copper joined online at 4:42 p.m.*

**IV. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

A. *Alaska Power Association (APA) Report*

Crystal Enkvist, Executive Director, APA, provided an update on APA activities, upcoming events, and responded to questions from the board.

B. *Board Committee Reports (Audit & Finance, Operations & Governance)*

Director Morse reported the Audit and Finance Committee Meeting held April 6 and the upcoming meeting on May 29.

Director Wiggin reported on the Operations Committee Meeting on April 6 and the upcoming meeting on May 10.

Director Fleek- Green reported on the MAC Committee Meeting and the upcoming Governance Committee Meeting on June 5.

C. *Other Meeting Reports*

Director Cooper reported on the Election Committee meeting.

Director Morse reported on the NWPPA annual meeting.

## **V. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Board Calendar*
- B. Training and Conferences*
  - 1. *NWPPA Annual Conference, May 12 - 15, 2024, Salt Lake City, UT*
  - 2. *Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference, May 21 – 23, 2024, Anchorage, Ak*
- C. Minutes*
  - 1. *March 27, 2024, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting (Hamilton)*
  - 2. *April 16, 2024, Special Board of Directors' Meeting (Mankel)*
- D. Conversion of Commercial Paper to Long-Term Debt*
- E. Cooper Lake Power Plant Unit 2 Runner Replacement*
- F. Director Expenses*

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

## **VI. CEO REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Legislative Update (Baker)*

Trish Baker, Sr. Manager Government Affairs reported on current legislation and answered questions from the board.
- B. January & February 2024 Financials and Variance Report*

Nathan Golab, Manager Plant Accounting, presented the January and February Financials and Variance Report and answered questions from the Board.
- C. Board Policy Scheduled Tasks*

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

Arthur Miller, Chief Executive Officer, discussed CEO Reports and responded to questions from the Board.

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Eklutna Fish and Wildlife Program\**

Andrew Laughlin, Chief Operating Officer presented on the Eklutna Fish and Wildlife Program and answered questions from the Board.

## **IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION\***

- A. Eklutna Fish and Wildlife Program*

At 5:42 p.m. Director Wiggin moved, and Director Nordlund seconded the motion that pursuant to Alaska Statute 10.25.175(c)(1) and (3), 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; and 2) discuss with its attorneys matters the

immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect on the legal position of the cooperative. The motion passed unanimously.

*Director Cooper arrived in-person during Executive Session. The time was not noted.*

The meeting reconvened in open session at 6:55 p.m.

**X. New Business\***

**A. Eklutna Fish and Wildlife Program**

Director Chastain moved, and Director Morse seconded the motion that the Chugach Board of Directors approve the attached resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to join the Project Owners in submitting the Proposed Final Program to the Governor of Alaska for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

*Chair Cason presented Vice-Chair Cooper with the Director Gold Certificate.*

**XI. Executive Session\***

**A. Chief Executive Officer Evaluation**

At 7:19 p.m. Director Cooper moved, and Director Wiggin 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 7:52 p.m.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS\***

**A. Chief Executive Officer Evaluation (Board)**

No action was taken at this time. The Board scheduled a Special Board of Directors' Meeting to be held May 12, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. prior to the Operations Committee Meeting to complete the Chief Executive Officer Evaluation.

**XIII. DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

NONE.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:01 p.m., Director Morse moved, and Director Wiggin seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.



Susanne Fleek-Green, Secretary

Date Approved: May 22, 2024