

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

**April 26, 2023**  
**Wednesday**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

Recording Secretary: Sandra Cacy

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Chastain called the Regular Board of Directors' meeting to order at 4:00 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  
Bernie Smith, Director

*Staff and Guests in Attendance:*

*Present:*

Arthur Miller	Sean Skaling	Jean Kornmuller
Matthew Clarkson	Mike Miller	Todd McCarty
Crystal Enkvist,	Karen Griffin	Kate Ayers
AK Power Association	Sherri Highers	Mark Henspeter
Josh Resnick	Teresa Kurka	Ky'yanna Hamilton
Marty Freeman	Julie Hasquet	David Caye
Andrew Laughlin	Steve Konkel,	Jonas Banta,
Trish Baker	Member	Alaska Center
Gene White,	Alex Baker,	Dimitri Shein,
Member	AKEVA	AKEVA

*Via Teleconference:*

Cutis Sims	Nathan Golab	Shaina Kilcoyne,
Matt Perkins,	Ashton Doyle	Member
Alaska Renewables	Darvin Thornton	Peyton Reid

- C. *Safety Minute*  
Marty Freeman, Senior Manager, HSE, discussed “*Safe Use of Power Tools*” and March Safety Statistics and responded to questions from the Board.
- D. *Electric Power Factoid: Automatic Outage Notification*  
Todd McCarty, Vice President, Information Services, presented an overview of automatic outage notifications and responded to questions from the Board.

## II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

## III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

### A. *Member Comments*

Gene White, Chugach Member and AK Electric Vehicle Association (AKEVA) Member brought up the issue of the lack of EV charging stations and Arthur Miller, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), addressed the topic and upcoming plans.

Aurora Roth, Chugach Member, was not available to speak, however Chair Chastain read her comment which was in regard to Chugach emails being delivered to junk or spam filters. Arthur Miller, CEO, and Teresa Kurka, VP, Member Services, addressed Aurora’s comments and responded to questions from the Board.

Dimitri Shein, Chugach Member and AKEVA Member, also addressed the Board on the issue of the lack of EV charging stations and the lack of faster charging stations in Anchorage. Arthur Miller, CEO, addressed Dimitri’s comments and responded to questions from the Board.

## IV. DIRECTOR REPORTS

### A. *Alaska Power Association (APA) Report*

Director Hollis introduced Crystal Enkvist, Executive Director, AK Power Association (APA), who provided an update on APA activities, which had a Safety Focus recently, as well as other upcoming events. Director Hollis praised APA for staying on top of legislative updates during the legislative session.

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

Director Wiggin stated that he had nothing new to report on REAP.

### C. *Board Committee Reports (Audit and Finance, Operations & Governance)*

Director Hollis reported on the March 29, 2023 Audit & Finance Committee Meeting and noted that the next Audit & Finance meeting would be May 31, 2023.

Director Wiggin reported on the April 19, 2023, Operations Committee Meeting and reported the next meeting would be held on May 3, 2023.

Director Cason reported on the April 12, 2023 Governance Committee Meetings and reported the next meeting would be held on June 7, 2023.

*D. Other Meeting Reports*

Director Hollis reported on the Railbelt Issues Forum that he attended on April 17, 2023 and commented on the Alaska Energy Security Task Force.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

*A. Board Calendar*

*B. Training and Conferences*

1. *NWPPA Annual Conference, May 14-17, 2023, Anchorage, AK*
2. *Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference, May 22-25, 2023, Anchorage, AK*
3. *APA 2023 Federal Legislative Conference, June 6 – 8, 2023, Washington, DC*
4. *APA & AIE Annual Meetings, August 22 – 25, 2023, Valdez, AK*

*C. Minutes*

1. *Marcy 22, 2023, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting (Doyle)*
2. *April 13, 2023, Special Board of Directors' Meeting (Doyle)*

*D. Approve Board Policy 304 – Capital Credits*

*E. Approve Board Policy 302 – Integrated Resource Planning*

*F. Approve Board Policy 306 – Strategic Planning*

*G. Director Expenses*

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

**VI. CEO REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

*A. Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) Surcharge (Kornmuller)*

Jean Kornmuller, Sr. Manager, Regulator Affairs, discussed the implemented ERO Surcharge and responded to questions from the Board.

*B. January/February 2023 Financial Statements and Variance Report (Griffin)*

Karen Griffin, VP, Finance and Accounting, provided the January and February 2023 Variance Report, an update on the Financials, and responded to questions from the Board.

*C. 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**

None.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*A. Recommendation on May1, 2022 – April 30, 2023 – Chief Executive Officer Evaluation and Compensation (Board)*

At 5:19 p.m., Director Cooper moved, and Director Hollis 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) discuss personnel matters. The motion passed unanimously.

*The meeting reconvened in open session at 6:01 p.m.*

## **X. NEW BUSINESS\***

### *A. Old Seward Highway Undergrounding Project\**

Mike Miller, Vice President, Engineering, Distribution-Construction, discussed with the Board the Old Seward, O'Malley Road to Dimond Blvd Overhead to Underground Conversion project and the necessary costs and purchases associated with it. Arthur Miller responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Director Morse moved and Director Wiggin seconded the motion that the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to acquire, construct, and install the Old Seward, O'Malley Road to Dimond Boulevard Overhead to Underground Conversion project for an estimated Total Installed Cost of \$5,700,000. The motion passed unanimously.

### *B. Baxter Road Undergrounding Project\**

Mike Miller discussed with the Board the Baxter Road Overhead to Underground Conversion project and the necessary costs and purchases associated with it. Arthur Miller responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Director Hollis moved and Director Cason seconded the motion that the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to acquire, construct, and install the Baxter Road Overhead to Underground Conversion project at an estimated Total Installed Cost of \$2,900,000. The motion passed unanimously.

### *C. Girdwood to Indian Steel Procurement\**

Mike Miller discussed with the Board the Quartz Creek Rebuild: Girdwood to Indian Steel Pole and Crossarm Procurement bid options and reasons for choosing Valmont. Mr. Miller responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Director Cooper moved and Director Wiggin seconded the motion that the Chugach Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with Valmont in the amount of \$3,153,357. The motion passed unanimously.

### *D. Recommendation on May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023 – Chief Executive Officer Evaluation and Compensation\**

The Board discussed the May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023 – Chief Executive Officer Evaluation and Compensation.

Director Wiggin moved and Director Hollis seconded the motion that the Board of Directors approve the May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023, Chief Executive Officer evaluation and compensation as discussed in executive session.

## **XI. DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director comments were made at this time.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:58 p.m., Director Morse moved, and Director Wiggin seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

  
  
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Samuel Cason, Secretary  
Date Approved: May 24, 2023