

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

**August 16, 2023**  
**Wednesday**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

Recording Secretary: Ky'yanna Hamilton

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Director Cooper called the Regular Board of Directors' meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. in the boardroom of Chugach Electric Association, Inc., 5601 Electron Drive, Anchorage, Alaska.

*A. Pledge of Allegiance*

Director Cooper led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*B. Roll Call*

*Board Members Present:*

Sam Cason, Chair (*arrived at 4:04 p.m.*)

Sisi Cooper, Vice Chair

Rachel Morse, Treasurer

Susanne Fleek-Green, Secretary

Mark Wiggin, Director

Bettina Chastain, Director

Jim Nordlund, Director

*Staff and Guests in Attendance:*

*Present:*

Arthur Miller

Allan Rudeck

Matthew Clarkson

Andrew Laughlin

Sherri Highers

Dustin Highers

Julie Hasquet

Mike Miller

Cameron Miller

Russell Thornton

Mike Brodie

Randall Chicola

Bernie Smith, Member

Crysal Enkvist, APA

Kate Ayers

Todd McCarty

Mark Henspeter

David Caye

Bart Armfield, Consultant

Jim Pickel

*Via Teleconference:*

Karen Griffin

Steve Vandergriff

George Donart, Member

Ashton Doyle

Nat Herz, Member

Rachel Christensen,

Member

Ethan Schutt, Member

Shaina Kilcoyne, Member

Heather Slocum

*C. Safety Minute*

Marty Freeman, Senior Manager of Safety, and Security presented "Preventing Sprains and Strains", the year-to-date safety information, and responded to questions from the Board.

D. *Electric Power Factoid: Federal Funding* – (C. Miller)

Cameron Miller, Senior Manager of Line Operations presented a detailed update about “Electric Power Factoid: Linework” and answered 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*

Ethan Schutt, Chugach Member, spoke on Directors Compensation being discussed in Executive session.

Antony Scott, Chugach Member, spoke on the decarbonization update and some changes he would like to see in the future.

George Donart, Chugach Member, spoke about the Natural Gas Storage and Decarbonization.

**IV. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

A. *Alaska Power Association (APA) Report*

Crytal Enkvist, APA, provided an update on APA activities, upcoming events and responded to questions from the Board.

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

Director Morse reported that there have been no new Audit & Finance Meetings since May 31, 2023, and noted that the next Audit & Finance meeting would be August 30, 2023.

Director Wiggin reported on the July 12, 2023, Operations Committee Meeting and stated the next meeting would be held on September 6, 2023.

Director Fleek-Green reported on the August 9, 2023, Governance Committee Meetings and stated the next meeting would be held on September 13, 2023.

C. *Other Meeting Reports*

Director Cooper presented the Directors Gold Certificate to Chair Cason.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. *Board Calendar*

B. *Training and Conferences*

1. *NRECA Fast Track Director Training (September 18-22) – Anchorage, AK*
2. *NRECA Region 9 Meeting (September 26-28, 2023) – Omaha, NE*

C. *Minutes*

1. *July 26, 2023, Regular Board of Directors’ Meeting (Cacy)*

D. *Director Expenses*

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

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

- A. *2023 General Rate Case Update (Clarkson) (4:45 p.m.)*  
Matt Clarkson, Chief Legal Officer, provided an updated timeline for the 2023 General Rate Case Update, and responded to questions from the Board.
- B. *New ERA – Funding Opportunities (D. Highers) (5:00 p.m.)*  
Dustin Highers, VP of Corporate Programs, provided an update New ERA Funding Opportunities and answered questions from the Board.
- C. *Chugach Energy Policy Principles (Rudeck) (5:20 p.m.)*  
Allan Rudeck, Chief Strategic Officer, provided a report on the Chugach Energy Policy Principles and answered questions from the board.
- D. *Board Policy Scheduled Tasks/Reports (Board/Staff) (5:40 p.m.)*  
The Board Policy Scheduled Tasks were provided in the meeting packet.

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

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. *Cooper Lake Hydro Electric Project Siphon Operation Upgrades\* (Ori) (5:45 p.m.)*  
Eugene Ori, VP of Power Production, provided a report on the Cooper Lake Hydro Electric Project and Answered questions from the Board.

Director Wiggin moved, and Director Nordlund seconded the motion that the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to increase the McMillen contract to \$2,894,026. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. *35KV Switch Cabinet Procurement\* (M. Miller) (6:00 p.m.)*  
Mike Miller, VP of Engineering, provided a report on the 35KV Switch Cabinet Procurement and responded to questions from the Board.

Director Cooper moved, and Director Morse seconded the motion that the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with Anixter Power Solutions for the procurement of eight 35kV switch cabinets in the amount of \$2,747,904. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. *Appointment Power Transformer Procurement\* (M. Miller) (6:10 p.m.)*  
Mike Miller, VP of Engineering, provided a report on the Appointment Power Transformer Procurement and responded to questions from the Board.

Director Morse moved, and Director Wiggin seconded the motion that the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with OTC Services for the procurement of four power transformers in the amount of \$5,216,210. The motion passed unanimously.

*D. Desktop Replacement Project Authorization\* (McCarty) (6:25 p.m.)*

Todd McCarty, Vice President of Information Services, provided a detailed description of the Desktop Replacement Project, requested the Board's Approval, and responded to questions from the Board.

Director Fleek-Green moved, and Director Nordlund seconded the motion that the Board of Directors approve the attached Resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute all agreements, contracts, purchase orders and all other documents deemed necessary to effectuate, carry out, or further the Desktop Replacement project with an estimated total cost of \$5,200,000 and an estimated completion date of May 2025.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*A. New ERA – Funding Opportunities (D. Highers)*

At 7:16 p.m., Director Morse moved, and Director Wiggin seconded the motion that pursuant to Alaska Statute 10.25.175(c)(1), the Board of Directors go into executive session to discuss and receive reports regarding matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the cooperative. The motion passed unanimously.

*The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:04 p.m.*

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**XI. DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director comments were made at this time.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:14 p.m., Director Wiggin moved, and Director Nordlund seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.



Susanne Fleek-Green, Secretary

Date Approved: September 27, 2023