

CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Anchorage, Alaska

December 20, 2023
Wednesday
4:00 p.m.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Recording Secretary: Ky'yanna Hamilton

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wiggin called the Operations Committee meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. in the boardroom of Chugach Electric Association, Inc., 5601 Electron Drive, Anchorage, Alaska.

A. Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

Mark Wiggin, Chair
Jim Nordlund, Vice Chair
Bettina Chastain, Director
Sisi Cooper, Director
Sam Cason, Director

Board Members Present:

Susanne Fleek-Green, Director
Rachel Morse, Director

Guests and Staff Attendance

Present:

Arthur Miller	Julie Hasquet	Bart Armfield, Consultant
Andrew Laughlin	Mark Henspeter	Randall Chicola
Matthew Clarkson	Mike Miller	Josh Travis
Sherri Highers	Russ Thornton	Hans Thompson
Allan Rudeck	Paul Johnson	Steve Gerlek, Consultant
Tiffany Wilson	Emily Mueller	Peyton Reid
Trish Baker	Mike Brodie	Shawn Skaling
Kate Ayers	Bill Carlson	Margeret Louie, Member
Dustin Highers	Nat Herz, ADN	

Via Teleconference:

Sandra Cacy	Heather Slocum	Samantha Owen,
George Donart, Member	Todd Glass, WSG	McMillan
Aurora Roth, Member	Todd McCarty	Tim Hinterberger,
Ed Jenkins, MEA	Brad Authier, Member	Member

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Friendly Amendment to add Cooper Landing Outages to the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Director Cooper moved, and Director Nordlund seconded the motion to approve the October 11, 2023, Operations Committee Meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

A. Member Comments

Chugach Members, Tim Hinterberger, addressed the Board with comments on Renewable Electric Generation.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Eklutna Project Update (Hasquet/Laughlin)

Andrew Laughlin, Chief Operating Officer, gave an update on the Eklutna River Project and responded to questions from the Committee.

B. Overview of Net Metering (Ayers/Henspeter)

Kate Ayers, Senior Manager of Key Account and sustainability and Mark Henspeter, Business Development Analyst, gave an overview of the Net Metering Project and responded to questions from the Committee.

C. Natural Gas Supply (Rudeck/Thompson/Gerlek)

Al Rudeck, Chief Strategic Officer, Hans Thompson, Power Pool and System Studies Analysis, and Steve Gerlek, Consultant, gave an update on the Natural Gas Supply and responded to questions from the Committee.

D. Campbell Substation Update (Laughlin/M. Miller)

Andrew Laughlin, Chief Operating Officer, and Mike Miller, VP of Engineering gave an update on the Campbell Substation and responded to questions from the Committee.

E. Cooper Landing Outages (Laughlin/Miller)

Arthur Miller, Chief Executive Officer, and Andrew Laughlin, Chief Operating Officer, addressed an operations error that negatively impacted the community of Copper Landing and responded to questions from the Committee.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Natural Gas Supply (Rudeck/Thompson/Gerlek)

B. Power Pooling (Thornton)

C. Eklutna Project (Board)

At 6:13 p.m., Director Cason moved and Director Cooper 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.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:58 p.m.

VII. NEW BUSINESS *(continued)*

A. Strategic Planning Update (Miller/Board)

Arthur Miller, Chief Executive Officer provided a high-volume overview of the Strategic Planning Update and responded to questions from the Committee.

VIII. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Comments were made at this time.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:13 p.m., Director Cason moved, and Director Cooper seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.