

CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Anchorage, Alaska

February 10, 2021
Wednesday
4:00 p.m.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Recording Secretary: Jody Abruzzino

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Hollis called the Operations Committee meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the boardroom of Chugach Electric Association, Inc., 5601 Electron Drive, Anchorage, Alaska.

A. Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

Stuart Parks, Chair *(via teleconference)*
Harold Hollis, Vice Chair
Rachel Morse, Director *(via teleconference)*
Mark Wiggin, Director *(via teleconference)*
Bettina Chastain, Director *(via teleconference)*

Other Board Members Present:

Sam Cason, Director *(via teleconference)*
James Henderson, Director *(via teleconference)*

Guests and Staff Attendance Present:

Lee Thibert Brian Hickey

Via Teleconference:

Arden Quezon	Julie Hasquet	Luke Sliman
Mark Fouts	Shelly Schmitt	Arthur Miller
Andrew Laughlin	Mike Brodie	Pete Smithson
Sean Skaling	Tim Prior	Willis Geffert, NERA
Tyler Andrews	Sherri Highers	Kurt Strunk, NERA
Matt Clarkson	Dave Casey, Member	

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Hollis requested that item VI.C. Battery Storage Project Update, be discussed first in Executive Session. Director Wiggin moved and Director Parks seconded the motion to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Director Chastain moved and Director Wiggin seconded the motion to approve the January 13, 2021, Operations Committee Meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

- A. *Member Comments*
None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *Replacement of Fuel Dispensing Facility and Repair of Storm Drain Collection System Project (Hickey/Prior)*

Brian Hickey, Chief Operating Officer (COO) and Tim Prior, Senior Manager, Operations discussed the Replacement of Fuel Dispensing Facility and Repair of Storm Drain Collection System and responded to questions from the Committee.

Director Wiggin moved and Director Morse seconded the motion that the Operations Committee recommend the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to proceed with the project to Replace Fuel Dispensing Facility and Repair Storm Drain Collection System for a total cost of \$1,173,654. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. *Eklutna Fish & Wildlife Project and McMillen Jacobs Contract (Hickey/Brodie)*
Brian Hickey, COO, discussed the Eklutna Fish & Wildlife Project and McMillen Jacobs Contract and he and Lee Thibert, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) responded to questions from the Committee.

Director Parks moved and Director Chastain seconded the motion that the Operations Committee recommend the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to proceed with the 2021 phase of the Eklutna Fish & Wildlife project, as identified in the approved 2021 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Budget, in the amount of \$2,520,000. And, further, authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with McMillen Jacobs in the amount of \$2,325,790 as described in the attached Resolution. The motion passed unanimously. Director Morse requested the two items not be included together on future agendas. No objections were made.

- C. *Vegetation Management Update (Hickey/Sliman)*
Luke Sliman, VP, Field Operations discussed the Vegetation Management Update and he and Brian Hickey, COO responded to questions from the Committee.

- D. *Virtual Annual Meeting Discussion (Hasquet/Andrews)*
Julie Hasquet, Sr. Manager, Corporate Communications discussed the Virtual meeting and she and Lee Thibert, CEO responded to questions from the Committee.

Director Wiggin moved and Director Chastain seconded the motion that the Operations Committee recommend the Board of Directors approve the attached

resolution authorizing the Association's annual membership meeting be conducted through a virtual platform for the limited purpose of announcing election results. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Chastain requested more information be provided at the next Regular Board Meeting in regard to prizes and what steps would be taken to improve member attendance. No objections were made.

E. CEO Performance Review Schedule (Evaluation Committee)

Lee Thibert, CEO recommended a survey through a 3rd party and the results of the survey be discussed at the April Operations Committee Meeting. Director Parks agreed that the survey go through a 3rd party, but that the survey be done sooner, and the results be discussed at the March Operations Committee Meeting. Director Morse recommended finishing the discussion at the next Regular Board Meeting. No objections were made.

Acting Chair Hollis called for a recess at 5:13 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:27 p.m.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Battery Storage Project Update*
- B. Gas Supply Update*
- C. Railbelt Reliability Council (RRC) Update*
- D. Renewable Energy Plan*
- E. Update (May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022) Project Specific Initiatives*

At 5:28 p.m., Director Chastain moved, and Director Morse seconded the motion that pursuant to Alaska Statute 10.25.175(c)(1) the Board of Directors' Operations Committee go into executive session to: 1) discuss and receive reports regarding financial 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 7:08 p.m.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Comments were made at this time.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:18 p.m., Director Wiggin moved, and Director Morse seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.