



**SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE
BOARD MEETING**

July 19, 2012 at 9:30 am
Call-in information: 888.550.5602
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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order ----- Marquardt**
Meeting was called to order at 9:39 am. Alice Ruby chaired the meeting.
- II. Roll Call ----- Varner**
Members present: Layton Lockett, Patrick Jordan, Kathleen Totemoff, Louise Stutes, Lamar Cotten, Alice Ruby; quorum established. *Staff present:* Andy Varner, Cameron Dean. *Erik's Gone Fishin.'*
- III. Approval of Agenda ----- Ruby**
Motion to approve agenda made 1st by Stutes, 2nd by Lockett. Agenda approved.
- IV. Consent Agenda ----- Ruby**
A. Board minutes for June 20, 2012
Motion to approve agenda was made 1st by Trevor Brown, 2nd by Louise Stutes. Agenda approved.
- V. Policy and Program Issues ----- Varner**
A. AEA Regional Energy Planning Contracts (Information Item)
Varner explained that this item was included for informational purposes just in case there was anything to update the Board on at this point. Varner reiterated that these contracts require that SWAMC develop and prepare regional energy plans for both Bristol Bay and the Aleutians. We will sub-contract much of the technical aspects.
There were no updates necessary as the contracts still remained at AEA in late July and had not been forwarded to SWAMC for signature. SWAMC had submitted proposed "Statements of Work" to AEA for inclusion in both contracts in early July. Varner will share these contracts with the Board once they are received.
Cotten said that he thinks these plans will be very helpful, especially for the Bristol Bay communities that do not have the capacity to do these kinds of plans. A similar exercise was done for Lake and Pen communities and a few in the Aleutians, and the plans/assessments have paid dividends as they've leveraged AEA funding. These plans will help provide some answers for AEA and the Legislature when it comes to funding requests.
- VI. Governance Issues ----- Varner**
A. Mikunda Cottrell Review/Audit Proposal
Mikunda Cottrell Co. (MCC) sent SWAMC a 3 year proposal to perform the organization's yearly reviews and tax (990) preparations for the fiscal years of 2012-2014. The multi-year proposal is meant to streamline some of the auditing activities and build in some budget calculations and assurances for SWAMC over the next three years.

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Each subsequent review and tax prep has a cost increase to cover inflation (and likely regulation) changes, but the Board felt this was reasonable.

Motion to approve the proposal was made by Lockett, seconded by Jordan. Proposal approved unanimously.

B. SWAMC Membership Challenge

Varner went over the incentive package described at the last Board meeting, designed to attract new members to SWAMC. Any Board member that gains a couple new members would get a free lunch from SWAMC, and the member that earns the most in new membership would get a donation to their favorite SW charity.

Lockett provided a few names and contract information for Adak and Aleutians contacts. Jordan requested some information that he could pass on to Bristol Bay processors and other organizations when they have an "end of the season" wrap-up meeting. Cotten requested membership information that could be sent to lodges and hospitality organizations in the Lake and Peninsula region. Varner will follow up with that.

VII. Financial Report-----Varner

A. June 2012 Financial Statements

With no objections, a motion to approve the May Financial Statements was made 1st by Cotten, 2nd by Stutes. The Financial Report is approved.

VIII. Staff Report ----- Staff

Varner has been working with other ARDORs and DCCED over the summer to get the ARDOR program reauthorized for another 5 years. The orgs are also trying to get more funding for the program included in the Governor's budget. Both of these efforts have required many meetings for strategy development.

Cameron, the STEM Education Coordinator, has been trying to get more communities and school districts interested in the Ocean Sciences curriculum he developed. So far only Kodiak has been interested. Totemoff mentioned the rural schools coordinator from the Kodiak Island SD as a good contact. The work will be very hands-on for students.

IX. Board Comments

No comments.

X. Adjourn ----- Ruby

Meeting adjourned at 10:19am.

Next Meeting

TBD- Some August conflicts with Board members