



**SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE
BOARD MEETING**

May 16, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.
Call-in information: 888.550.5602
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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order----- Stutes**
Meeting called to order at 9:52am.

- II. Roll Call -----Varner**
Paul Gronholdt, Layton Lockett, Alice Ruby, Louise Stutes, Trevor Brown, Glen Gardner & Joe Sullivan, Michelle Ravenmoon; quorum established.
Called in late: Glenn Gardner.

- III. Approval of Agenda ----- Stutes**
Motion to approve agenda called by Trevor Brown, 2nd by Layton Lockett; with no objections agenda approved.

- IV. Consent Agenda----- Stutes**
 - A. Board minutes for March 21, 2013
Motion to approve agenda called by Layton, 2nd by Trevor Brown, with no objections agenda approved.

- V. Policy and Program Issues ----- Varner**
 - A. Gulf By-catch / Catch Shares Letter
Varner provided background on reason for letter and how SWAMC developed this position. Ruby stated that she has no comments on the letter, largely due to the fact is not as familiar as other Board members are. Stutes stated she was happy with the letter, which followed the form that the Kodiak Assembly developed. Sullivan agreed the letter addressed our concerns for community protections without being controversial. Gronholdt noted that there was no reason for this Board not to pass the letter. Motion to approve letter called by Alice Ruby, 2nd by Joe Sullivan, with no objections agenda approved.

 - B. Regional Energy Planning Update
Varner provided an update of SWAMC's regional planning efforts. Gardner expressed his region's interest in seeing the results. The Board had no additional questions.

- C. EDA Grant Opportunity
Obrien provided an overview of staff's efforts to acquire EDA grants. The Board had no additional questions.

VI. Governance Issues

- A. ARDOR Program Termination: Fiscal Implications
Varner provided background on the ARDOR program. Ruby asked how SWAMC will budget the ARDOR funds, that are currently being considered for inclusion in the Governor's FY14 budget. Varner explained that he will not plan for that money in the budget, which will mean dipping into reserves, and if the funding is allocated, the reserves will not be needed. Stutes and Lockett agreed with this strategy.

VII. Financial Report -----Varner

- A. April 2013 Financial Statements
Varner provided a financial overview. Motion to approve Financials called by Layton Lockett, 2nd by Trevor Brown, with no objections Financials approved.

VIII. Staff Report -----Staff

Dean discussed the grant staff submitted to Alaska Workforce Investment Board – Career and Technical Education. Varner provided an update on the Southwest Alaska Economic Geography study, and that the project was probably on hold until the funding picture stabilized. Obrien outlined staff's efforts to interview for the new VISTA, STEM Coordinator.

IX. Board Comments / Other Business

Stutes commended staff on their good efforts.

X. Adjourn ----- Stutes

Board meeting Adjourned at 10:29am.

Next Meeting
9:30am, June 20, 2013