



**SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE  
BOARD MEETING**

September 19, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.  
Call-in information: 888.550.5602  
Passcode: 2722 0305

**AGENDA**

**I. Call to Order**----- **Stutes**  
Meeting called to order at 9:32am.

**II. Roll Call** ----- **Varner**  
Board: Alice Ruby, Michelle Ravenmoon, Paul Gronholdt, Trevor Brown, Glen Gardner Jr., Dan O’Hara and Louise Stutes; Quorum established. Layton Lockett arrived late. Staff: Andy Varner, Erik Obrien, Mickey Morelli.

**III. Approval of Agenda** ----- **Stutes**  
Board President Stutes called for a motion for Approval of Agenda. Motion called by O’Hara, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown; with no objections agenda approved.

**IV. Consent Agenda** ----- **Stutes**  
A. Draft Board minutes for August 21, 2013  
President Stutes called for a motion to approve Consent Agenda. Motion to approve Consent Agenda called by Ravenmoon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gardner; with no objections agenda approved.

**V. Policy and Program Issues** ----- **Varner**  
A. Resolution 14-01: Capitalizing Tustumena Replacement in FY15 Capital Budget  
Varner provided background on M/V Tustumena replacement process, and shared draft SWAMC Board resolution requesting the Governor to appropriate \$100 million in his FY15 Capital Budgets, and fully funding the project in his FY16 Capital Budget. Upon successful approval of the resolution, staff would share the resolution with other SW communities, in hopes of spurring similar action from those communities. President Stutes called for a motion to approve SWAMC Board Resolution 2014-01. Motion called by O’Hara, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown; with no objections Resolution Passed.

Gronholdt requested information on the schedule of the M/V Tustumena to be back in service. Obrien mentioned that he had talked to the DoT AMHS Scheduler, who mentioned the vessel is running one or two weeks behind schedule, but barring any further delays, should be operational by late October. Obrien will follow up to see that this schedule is still current.

**VI. Governance Issues -----Varner**

**A. October 24-25 Board Retreat Items**

Varner outlined the schedule and location for the Retreat. Varner explained how MTAB would likely be holding a meeting on about the same time, maybe Friday the 25<sup>th</sup>, which SWAMC Board members may wish to participate in. Ruby suggested that staff develop a “one pager” of mission and objectives based on the SWAMC Work Plan, which will be discussed by Board and set course for SWAMC Organization. The “one pager” should be a snapshot of planned activities and projects. Varner agreed this would facilitate setting course for the organization. Ruby also suggested inviting Legislators. Varner confirmed that he would send invitations, and in absence of in-person attendance, they might be able to call in to a teleconference. Varner asked the Board if they would like to suggest any field trips to accompany the Retreat. Staff had suggested the Anchorage Landfill or the recently unveiled CITC FabLab. Stutes agreed that the Landfill tour might be useful to Kodiak. Stutes also commented that Board participation in the MTAB would be of more use to more members. Varner agreed and mentioned part of the reason for the MTAB meeting at that time would be to hear from SWAMC representation that would be in town at that time. Stutes suggested that the MTAB meeting should be a priority. O’Hara mentioned that he would not be available to attend Board Retreat as his daughter is being honored and he will be attending her ceremony.

**VII. Financial Report -----Varner**

**A. August 2013 Financial Statements**

Varner discussed the August 2013 Financials, and confirmed that our EDA Grant was approved, and is currently pending distribution. President Stutes called for a motion to approve Financial Report. Motion to approve Financials called by Lockett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown; with no objections Financials approved.

**VIII. Staff Report -----Staff**

Obrien shared an update of MSA Reauthorization. Morelli outlined her planned activities as STEM Coordinator.

**IX. Board Comments / Other Business**

O’Hara: John Fulton has taken over as the new Bristol Bay Borough Manager, and John Walsh continues to be a strong advocate for BBB as Lobbyist. These three will be traveling to DC to meet Congressional Delegation to share local stories with National decision makers and will be glad to share/pass on SWAMC region concerns and requests. Stutes thanked the staff for their efforts and good work.

**X. Adjourn -----Stutes**

Board meeting Adjourned at 10:15am.

**Next Meeting**

Fall Retreat

October 24, 2013 @ BBNC Office in Anchorage