



**SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE
BOARD MEETING**

March 4, 2014 at 4:00 pm
Library (NW Elevator, Top Floor by Quarter Deck)
Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage

AGENDA

I. Call to Order ----- Stutes

II. Roll Call ----- Obrien

Board: Layton Lockett, Michelle Ravenmoon, Shirley Marquardt, Trevor Brown, Alice Ruby, & Louise Stutes- Quorum Established. Staff: Erik O’Brien. Member: Carol Austerman. Late: Paul Gronholdt, & Glenn Gardner.

III. Approval of Agenda ----- Stutes

President Stutes asked for motion to approve agenda. Motion called by Brown; 2nd by Ruby; with no objections agenda was approved.

IV. Consent Agenda ----- Stutes

- A. Board Minutes for January 16, 2014
 - B. Board Minutes for February 20, 2014
- Motion called by Ruby to approve both sets of Board Minutes. With no objections, minutes were approved.

V. Governance Issues ----- OBrien

- A. 2014 Conference
 - a. Conference Agenda
- Obrien provides background on conference agenda and noted the process of the energy workshop. Ruby asked for clarification on breakout sessions. Obrien notes that a group had expressed the need to have the Aleutians breakout session in a separate room. Obrien asked that the board be engaged in getting information from people and identifying local energy champions—which is a primary objective of the energy plans. Ruby asked if the AEA wants to see movement forward on energy issues or do they want to see real bricks and mortar energy projects. Obrien noted that the AEA is looking for an identified one or two projects in a region so SWAMC is trying to identify a large region wide energy project. Obrien noted the facilitators for each of the sessions: Andy Baker, Peter Crimp, and Jana Pierce. Obrien provided summary for the CEDS workshop. Obrien noted the discussion of drugs but had not identified them in the Strategic Document. Ruby and Marquardt asked what the CEDS document will be used for, suggested its use for legislators to breach communication issues. Obrien noted that the CEDS would

incorporate input from the business community. Obrien provided background on policy breakouts by caucus

b. Speaker Introductions

Obrien noted the board members who would be doing introductions and asked that they review their introductions. Obrien noted that Dan Sullivan had asked to speak so he had been added to speak at the banquet for fifteen minutes. Stutes noted that all the candidates should be offered to all the candidates. Obrien provided a background for the Governor's Forum and the logistics for the introductions. Obrien noted that audience members would be given the chance to ask questions. Ruby noted that there should probably be a break between Dan Sullivan and the Governor's Forum. Stutes suggested having different board members introduce them.

c. Annual Meeting

Obrien provided background on the schedule for the business meeting; board elections and voting for resolutions. Obrien noted the need for a new president with the exit of President Stutes. Stutes noted that Ruby would be willing to step into the President's seat. Ruby noted some complications with the cycle of communities with her becoming president. Obrien notes that officer elections will be discussed in the post-conference agenda. Obrien noted that he and Varner had discussed adding more associates. Stutes and Ruby noted it would be a complicated change that would not occur immediately.

B. SWAMC Executive Director Search

Ruby provided background on the candidate screening process thus far. Ruby noted they had narrowed it down to eight candidates and noted that if they continue to rely on board members volunteering the board will not get the search done; she explained that the cost of using Pierson to complete background checks, screen candidates, completing the process is cheap, so she suggested that the board proceeds with using Pierson. Movement to use Pierson to finish the Executive Director recruitment by Ruby; 2nd by Lockett. Discussion: Marquardt asked how strongly the board felt about going back and re-reviewing all 44 candidates. Lockett notes that the board should keep to the already established list. Gronholdt asked for the timeframe if the motion is passed. Stutes noted that the timeframe is as soon as possible. Movement to amend the motion to 12 candidates by Ruby; 2nd by Lockett; with no objection, motion passed.

VI. Policy and Program Issues ----- OBrien

A. Resolution Discussion

- Obrien provided background on policy and program issues; noting he had asked Joe Sullivan about the procedure around resolutions that could be touchy. Sullivan had noted to Obrien that there had never been a pre-screening of resolutions by the board. Obrien noted that history had shown that with divisive resolutions the Board had led a membership discussion on throwing out resolutions. Stutes noted that she liked the idea of including the membership. Gronholdt asked if this discussion was about all the resolutions. Stutes noted that they were but also more specifically the CFA resolution. Obrien noted that in the case of resolutions 2014- 07a and 2014-07b, in 07a some of the

language had been altered by staff which could have essentially changed the resolution. Gronholdt noted that he prefers to stick with the resolutions as the members submitted them, and allow the members to vote it down. Lockett agreed that the resolution should be put in front of the membership to allow them to discuss it. Gronholdt provided background on the resolution provided by GOAC3. Gronholdt noted that the resolution is very basic. Gronholdt noted that by having the resolution, the process of establishing CFAs would potentially move faster, he emphasizes that this is a very preliminary step. Ruby noted that she agreed that the maker of the resolution should provide background on the resolution, and that the issue is a little premature. Brown noted that he agreed with Alice; however by not putting the resolution forward SWAMC is not taking a position on CFAs, by putting the resolution forward SWAMC is taking a position that SWAMC wants to look at CFAs. Obrien noted that the language that he had removed from the resolution said "supporting allocation to community fishing associations." Brown noted that his main concern is that if the board puts the resolution through the membership going to assume that the Board had already vetted the issue and will not fully analyze the issue. Ravenmoon noted that she would urge the board to put the original resolution in for the membership, but has questions on whether or not the board wants to bring something to the floor that may be confusing or contentious. Ruby noted that with the lack of committees she thought the resolutions should go to the membership. Marquardt notes that she does not want SWAMC to be used as an avenue for other groups and if the board puts the resolution forward they are showing support on the issue. Obrien noted that in the SWAMC bylaws it states that the board establishes the process for putting resolutions forward. Ruby noted that the resolution was submitted specifically for the membership meeting and was in favor allowing the membership to decide. Stutes proposed a vote of the board on putting the resolution 2014-07a or 2014-07b forward and then a vote on which version should go forward. On the issue of putting either of the resolutions forward to the membership the will of the board was to take neither of the resolutions to the membership. Motion to pull resolutions 2014- 07a and 2014-07b from the business meeting by Marquardt; 2nd by Lockett; Roll call vote: In Favor- Layton Lockett, Glenn Gardner, Michelle Ravenmoon, Shirley Marquardt, Trevor Brown, & Louis Stutes; Opposed- Paul Gronholdt & Alice Ruby. With a vote of 2-6 the motion passes and the resolutions were removed.

- Ruby noted the language in Resolution 2014-09 and suggested a change in the language to include the entire SWAMC region where it was specifically for the City of Unalaska and City of Kodiak.

VII. Financial Report ----- OBrien

- A. January 2014 Financial Statements
Discussion moved to March 8, 2014.

VIII. Staff Report ----- Staff

Obrien provided brief comments on conference and energy planning.

IX. Board Comments / Other Business

Good job on the conference.

X. Adjourn ----- Stutes

Meeting adjourned on March 4th, 2014 at 5:53 pm

Next Board Meeting

March 8, 2014 @ 9:00am

Clubroom I (NW Top Floor by Quarter Deck – Past Library)

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