



**SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE
BOARD MEETING**

March 7, 2015 at 9:00 am

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order.....Ruby**
- Ruby calls meeting to order at 9:11 am.
- II. Roll Call.....Griffin**
- Paul Gronholdt, Shirley Marquardt, Cynthia Berns, Glen Gardner, Alice Ruby, Layton Lockett. Quorum established.
 - Newly elected: Carvel Zimin, Rebecca Skinner
- III. Approval of Agenda.....Ruby**
- Gronholdt asks to add line item H concerning legislative members. Ruby asks for motion to approve agenda as amended. Lockett motions 1st, Marquardt 2nd. No discussion. No objection. Amended agenda approved.
- IV. Governance Issues**
- A. Ratification of Board Elections----- Ruby**
- Gardner motions 1st to bring Ratification to floor. Marquardt 2nd.
 - Discussion concerning newly-elected Bristol Bay Municipal Board Member, Christina Salmon. Ruby has never met, but Lockett has. Holds position with Lake and Pen Borough. Recommended by Michelle Ravenmoon. Ruby calls for those who approve newly elected to say "aye". Those opposed, "nay". No objections. Ratification approved.
- B. Election of Officers----- Ruby**
- Ruby recommends Board elect Lockett as President. Since Kodiak members are new or resigning, Aleutian position makes more stable choice. Ruby recommends Zimin as Vice President, seeing as Zimin served on Board for several years prior. Skinner recommended for Treasurer. Gardner motions 1st for election of officers. Marquardt 2nd.
 - Gronholdt states for the record to show that Presidency rotation should return to normal cycle as soon as possible. Gardner 1st. Marquardt 2nd. No further discussion. No objections. Election approved.
 - Lockett calls for officers on the Executive Committee. Board officers Lockett, Zimin, & Skinner nominated along with Ruby & Sullivan. No objections.

C. Action on Resolutions ----- Lockett

- Board discusses failure of FY15-04 Resolution. Lockett motions to ratify the resolutions. Ruby 2nd. Staff is directed to send approved resolutions to members & board. No further discussion. No objections. Resolutions ratified.

E. Annual Meeting Debrief ----- Lockett

- Griffin summarizes perspective on conference success. States program went well. Gardner states Conference & Auction went well, requests to know amount of funds gained from Auction. Skinner asks if staff could provide perspective on what might go better. Obrien responds that conference has improved from audience feedback in 2014; however, states that workshops need improvement due to loss of momentum, & nametags should be done more simply. Berns requests Staff share presentations with communities. Obrien states SWAMC should improve media outreach. Skinner requests more time to talk with other members. Clicker votes were a plus, continue using them. Ruby asks for a lowered cost to attending conference. Obrien suggests student scholarship to bring more students to the conference. Silent auction funds could go toward student scholarship. Ruby asks for discount airline fares. Request for clarification on which members may vote on what (Municipal/Associate/Non-Profit).

F. Dates for 2016 Annual Meeting----- Griffin

- Board discusses moving the conference to a February meeting time in order to not conflict with other meetings and the legislative session.

G. Calendaring/Board Meetings ----- Lockett

- Berns asks for regulated dates for board meetings throughout the year. Board & staff discuss regularly holding meetings on 3rd Thursday of every month. Obrien states Clarion suggested a 9 am start time for board meetings. Staff is directed to confer with Clarion on start times. Board discusses debating contentious resolutions at next meeting, encouraged to make policy decision.

H. Legislative Members ----- Lockett

- Ruby discusses benefits to having legislators as ex-officio members. Skinner states that legislative members of the region are covered under the by-laws as ex-officio members, but the by-laws do not define what that means.

V. Management and Policy

A. Contribution to Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan

- Gronholdt motions to contribute \$1500 to Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan 1st. Marquardt 2nd. Board discusses specifics of plan. No further discussion. Motion passes.

VI. Adjourn -----Lockett @ 10:56 am