



SWAMC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2019

- I. Call to Order -----1:04 p.m. by President Swain**
- A. Roll Call ----- Griffin**
__yes__ Mary Swain, __yes__ Paul Gronholdt, __yes__ Rebecca Skinner [arrived to meeting at 1:20 pm],
__no__ Myra Olsen, __yes__ Alice Ruby, __yes__ Glen Gardner, __yes__ Frank Kelty, __no__ Terry Haines,
__no__ Laura Delgado, __yes__ Dennis Robinson, __no__ Darren Muller
- II. Approval of Agenda ----- Swain**
Gardner moves to approve, Kelty seconds, no objections, agenda approved.
- III. Consent Agenda ----- Swain**
- A. BOD Meeting Minutes, March 2019**
Ruby moves to approve, Kelty seconds, no objections, minutes approved.
- IV. Governance & Policy ----- Swain**
- A. February 2019 Financial Statement**
Gardner moves to approve, Kelty seconds, no objections, FS approved
- B. CEDS Update – Griffin updates Board about CEDS progress. SWAMC hired company, LiveData, to assist CEDS process. Griffin traveled to Dillingham, met with United Tribes of Bristol Bay. CEDS update is a 3-pronged approach: refreshing data, outreach to SWAMC region with the S.W.O.T. questionnaire and the CEDS re-write being done by Obrien. Griffin discussed that the CEDS is different from SWAMC’s Strategic Plan, but the two documents should not contradict each other.**
- V. Management & Program Issues ----- Griffin**
- A. Executive Director Search Proposals**
- a) Pearson Consulting
b) Foraker Group
- Skinner moves to accept the proposal from Pearson Consulting, Ruby seconds. Board accepts Pearson Consulting proposal in a 7-0 vote.
- B. Aleutian Broadband Update - Griffin discussed grant. GCI is going forward with applying for a grant under the USDA, deadline is May 29th. Letters of support for GCI applying are needed. Board asks for clarity of GCI plans, what will pricing be for data. Board President stated that she is not comfortable with writing letters of support either from her community or SWAMC without seeing GCI’s full plan. A Board member has 3 different routes proposals, another Board Member has spoken with a GCI principal and GCI is not looking into starting project till 2021. Concerns that if SWAMC doesn’t show support that would that could have a negative impact on project. Griffin to draft letter of support for Board review.**
- C. Contractor to USDA-RBEG (Mariculture) – Gronholdt abstains from is discussion due to conflict of interest. SWAMC did outreach to find an applicant for grant which lead to Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation applying. If AFDF receives grant Obrien could work as a contractor through SWAMC to assist in grant management. Board asks for clarification of gains for SWAMC region. Griffin responds that SWAMC is to assist with technical assistance in the development of Mariculture to region which will bring economic development. SWAMC staff member would become contractor of grant recipient. Board asks are there multiple grants? Griffin, yes. Did SWAMC do outreach for letters of support? Griffin, yes. Board wants to make sure that SWAMC is not completing with regional entities & SWAMC members for the same grants. Board mentions that the DOE has separate grants for tribal entities and SWAMC could assist with these grants.**
- D. DOE-AMO Steering Committee – Mariculture related grant opportunity from DOE, advanced manufacturing office. Pacific Northwest Labs (PNL) located in eastern Washington about work in development of marine plants into fuel. SWAMC would be part of a steering committee in going forward with project. Aleutians East Borough would be a major member of the steering committee. Board member asks is SWAMC putting together a proposal for a grant or partnership. The proposal would be for match to the grant. Cost to SWAMC is 40 hours of staff time per year. Commitment is one year. PNL looking for match for grant.**



Ruby moves to approve entering in agreement with DOE/AMO, Skinner seconds. Board accepts 6 yes votes, one abstention.

VI. Staff Report----- **Griffin**

A. Staff Report – Griffin met with United Tribes of Bristol Bay while in Dillingham.

VII. Adjourn Time Skinner moved to adjourn meeting, Gardner seconds, adjourned at 2:45 pm ----- **Swain**