



SWAMC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2020

- I. Call to Order ----- 2:02 p.m. by President Swain
A. Roll Call ----- Griffin
 yes Mary Swain, yes Paul Gronholdt, yes Rebecca Skinner, yes Myra Olsen, yes Alice Ruby,
 yes Glen Gardner, yes (from 2:30 on) Terry Haines, yes Laura Delgado, yes Dennis Robinson,
 yes Darren Muller
- II. Approval of Agenda ----- Swain
Ruby moves to approve, Gardner seconds, no objections, agenda approved.
- III. Consent Agenda ----- Swain
A. BOD Meeting Minutes, December 2019
Ruby moves to approve, Gardner seconds, no objections, minutes approved.
- IV. Governance & Policy ----- Swain
A. November 2019 Financial Statement – Board requested that staff address any unusual numbers present in Financial Statement in the staff report.
Ruby moves to approve, Gardner seconds, no objections, FS approved
- B. Resolution 20-1: Humpback Whale Critical Habitat – Olsen requested that SWAMC staff send the resolution to Boroughs, cities, and ADF&G local advisory committees so they can use it as source material to send in a resolution of their own. SWAMC's resolution is in line with the State's perspective (Commissioner Vincent-Lang). Board members requested that SWAMC send a copy of our passed resolution to all mayors and others in the region and request that they share their own passed resolutions with us so that region stands strong on this issue. Olsen moves to adopt, Muller seconds, Resolution 20-1 passes unanimously.
- V. Management & Program Issues ----- Griffin
- VI. Staff Report ----- Griffin
A. Staff Report – Staff is closing out the ESA Aleutian Broadband grant. Waiting on the final report from Magellan Advisors. GCI and Quintillion are both planning to apply for the USDA ReConnect grant and SWAMC will be helping both with outreach. Staff has been working on housekeeping as Marquardt gets her bearings as new Director. Altman Rogers will be beginning SWAMC FY19 audit shortly. Staff requests Board input on Conference planning committee. Marquardt provided updates on recent staff activity: Marquardt attended recent MTAB meeting; SWAMC was awarded \$75,000 from the Denali Commission to support its economic development work. BOD and staff discussed SWAMC pursuing the establishment of a Federally approved indirect rate. SWAMC will follow up on this after the Conference and reach out to other ARDORs for advice. Denali Commission and DCCED are applying for an EDA grant in late January to do seafloor mapping in the Aleutian chain to be used by Broadband developer, SWAMC will help with outreach as needed. SWAMC staff to travel to Juneau in early February to attend Southeast Conference Summit and ARDN meeting.
- VII. Board Comments / Other Business
Robinson recently attended a conference in Washington DC on tribal broadband and learned about how tribal 5G spectrum can help the SWAMC region. Eligibility is limited to Federally recognized tribes; ANCSA village corps are not eligible. Harold Johnston with Alaska Tribal Broadband LLC is making a pitch to the Denali Commission for funding to help tribes apply to receive 5G spectrum.
Ruby said the Governor is looking at a statewide sales tax. Requests SWAMC staff to find out if this is true. Has AML looked at whether there is municipal support for statewide sales tax now?
- VIII. Adjourn Time: Gardner moves to adjourn meeting, Olsen seconds, 3:14 p.m. adjourned by President Swain