



SWAMC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2020

- I. **Call to Order** ----- **9:02 am President Swain**
- A. **Roll Call** ----- **Marquardt**
 ___yes___ Mary Swain, ___yes___ Paul Gronholdt, ___ ___ Rebecca Skinner, ___ ___ Myra Olsen, ___yes___ Alice Ruby,
 ___yes___ Glen Gardner, ___yes___ Terry Haines, ___yes___ Laura Delgado, ___yes___ Dennis Robinson,
 ___yes___ Joe Sullivan, ___ ___ Darren Muller
- II. **Approval of Agenda** ----- **Swain**
 Gardner moves to approve, Sullivan seconds, no objections, agenda approved.
- III. **Consent Agenda** ----- **Swain**
- A. BOD Meeting Minutes, April 2020
 Sullivan moves to approve, Gardner seconds, no objections, minutes approved.
- IV. **Governance & Policy** ----- **Swain**
- A. March 2020 Financial Statement – Marquardt noted that SWAMC’s spending is on track with expenses at around 75% of budget so far three-quarters of the way through the fiscal year. Gardner moves to approve, Sullivan seconds, no objections, FS approved.
- B. Draft SWAMC FY21 Budget – Marquardt went through the draft budget in detail. Budget made based on known revenue rather than expected revenue. Assumptions had to be made on SWAMC-generated revenue from Membership and the Conference, not knowing whether COVID-19 will have an impact during FY21, so revenue numbers were left at their historic levels. Ruby asked about how the AK Can Do program would impact the FY21 budget; that program only runs through May/June 2020, so does not impact FY21. Staff and Board discussed looking at other hotel’s rates to see if money could be saved on the annual Conference. Delgado asked whether SWAMC would have to do another audit; no – SWAMC would not meet the Federal funding threshold. Sullivan moves to approve, Ruby seconds, no objections, FY21 Budget approved.
- C. Board Resolution 20-03 – Ratification for Schwab Investment name change – Swain asks why Resolution dated May 4; Marquardt confirms that was the date of discussion. Date does not need to be changed to today because just ratifying it today. Gronholdt moves to approve, Gardner seconds, no objections, Board Resolution FY20-03 approved.
- V. **Management & Program Issues** ----- **Marquardt**
- A. Draft Annual CEDS Update per EDA requirement – Marquardt explained the changes made to SWAMC’s Goals, Objectives, and Strategies and Action Plan sections, the only sections that were updated in the FY21 CEDS update. No major changes were made other than updating to reflect a shift in focus due to COVID-19, and to incorporate SWAMC’s increased focus on mariculture. Sullivan makes motion to approve changes made to CEDS and authorize staff to release for public comment, Ruby seconds, no objections. Ruby notes that there is not much focus on air transportation in southwest; major change not necessary but does want to ensure that priority is incorporated. SWAMC could strongly encourage, promote, and engage in discussions regarding reliable air transportation in the region. Board members discussed that the Ravn Air Group bankruptcy could go several potential directions, and these would have different implications for the SWAMC region.
- B. EDA Invitation for CARES Act Supplemental Award – SWAMC was invited by the EDA to apply for a non-competitive 2-year grant with a pre-approved scope of work related to helping the region recover from COVID-19 impacts and engage in resiliency planning. SWAMC staff would like Board approval to apply; the turnaround time is quick. Staff plans to keep the narrative broad on this first pass, focusing on developing a resiliency plan to address lessons learned during the pandemic response, developing broadband infrastructure in the region since the lack of good internet hampers telemedicine, remote work, and remote education, and development of mariculture opportunities to increase local jobs and economic diversification. Robinson makes motion to approve SWAMC applying, Sullivan seconds, no objections.
- C. ARDOR funding for Small Business Relief technical assistance – Marquardt gave Board an overview of what ARDORs know so far about the state-funded AK CARES Small Business Relief program. SWAMC will use the funding to help small businesses in the region navigate the AK CARES application process. Application has not



yet been shared with ARDORs to review to be prepared to offer guidance. Ruby makes motion to approve SWAMC accepting funds from DCCED, Sullivan seconds, no objections.

VI. Staff Report----- Marquardt

Marquardt provided overview on SWAMC staff's tasks beyond items already discussed. The AK Can Do program has been successful but SWAMC has not received any applications other than from residents in Sand Point. Staff is following the Ravn Air Group bankruptcy hearings and hope to recover the value of Ravn's Platinum sponsorship of SWAMC's 2020 Conference, nearly \$6,000 of travel credit that is now unusable.

VII. Board Comments / Other Business

VIII. Adjourn Time: Gardner moves to adjourn meeting, Gronholdt seconds, meeting adjourned at 10:43 am by **President Swain**



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