



# SWAMC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2021

- I. **Call to Order** ----- 9:05 a.m. by President Gronholdt
  - A. **Roll Call** ----- Marquardt
    - yes Mary Swain, yes Paul Gronholdt, \_\_\_\_\_ Julie Kavanaugh, \_\_\_\_\_ Myra Olsen,
    - yes Alice Ruby, yes Layton Lockett, yes Joe Sullivan, yes Terry Haines,
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Glen Gardner, Jr., yes Dennis Robinson, \_\_\_\_\_ Darren Muller
- II. **Approval of Agenda** ----- Gronholdt
  - Robinson moves to approve agenda, Sullivan seconds, no objections.
- III. **Consent Agenda** ----- Gronholdt
  - A. *BOD Meeting Minutes, May 20, 2021* – Sullivan moves to adopt consent agenda, Robinson seconds.
- IV. **Governance & Policy** ----- Gronholdt
  - A. *April 2021 Financial Statement* – Robinson moves to approve FS, Sullivan seconds. Marquardt provided a brief overview of the FS. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, FS approved.
- V. **Management & Program Issues** ----- Marquardt
  - A. *American Rescue Plan Act* – Board members discussed the latest status of ARPA funds awarded to the state of Alaska and the schedule for Legislative action expected in August. How to document lost revenue due to Covid, and due to delays getting funds out the door. Board members also discussed impacts of the Legislature’s failure to renew the PCE program on rural utilities. Lockett requested staff contact the Alaska Energy Authority to ask how they are managing this and whether they have additional PCE funds on hand to extend payments beyond the first day of the new fiscal year.
  - B. *Funders Roundtable via Zoom* – Marquardt confirmed that she reached out to Erik Obrien at Denali Commission for contacts in federal granting agencies since they have hosted funders forums in the past. SWAMC will look into hosting these quarterly, or monthly if there is interest.
- VI. **Staff Report**----- Marquardt
  - A. *Staff Report* – Marquardt provided a brief overview of staff’s work over the last month. Staff focused heavily on the application for a new 3-year EDA Planning grant in June.
- VII. **Board Comments / Other Business**
  - Board members provided various updates from their regions. Members discussed latest movement on broadband developments, including SWAMC’s work with Alaska Tribal Broadband and the State of Alaska’s work developing an Alaska Tribal Network. Once ATB is finished with their broadband plan for SWAMC tribes, assist tribes with applying for NTIA funding to implement plan. Broadband opportunity likely to allow for voice calls over network, which will have huge impact in regions with poor phone connectivity.
- VIII. **Adjourn:** Swain moves to adjourn, Lockett seconds, meeting adjourned at 9:59 am by **President Gronholdt**