



Board of Director Regular Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2014 Recorder: Donna Halvorsen

1. **Call Meeting To Order:** Harvey Mc Donald called meeting to order at 10:00am.

2. **Roll Call:**

Chair	Thorne Bay	Harvey McDonald	present
Vice Chair	Klawock	Jeff Nickerson	present via teleconference
Sec/Tres	Craig	Otis Gibbons	present via teleconference
Director	Wrangell	Bernie Massin	absent excused
Director	Coffman Cove	Misty Fitzpatrick	present via teleconference
Director	Hydaburg	Jolene Edenshaw	absent excused
Director	At Large	Dee Dee Jeffreys	present via teleconference

Staff Present: Dennis Watson, Gail Slentz, Chrissy Torsey-Lucero and Donna Halvorsen

Staff present via teleconference: None

Public Present: None

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3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion: Approve February 11, 2014 Regular, February 11, 2014 Emergency and February 25, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes; moved by Jeff Nickerson seconded by Otis Gibbons. Motion approved unanimously.

4. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion: Approve agenda as presented including removing New Business item 9b, approve Dennis Watson MOA; moved by Harvey Mc Donald and seconded by Misty Fitzpatrick. Motion approved unanimously.

5. **Public Comment:** N/A

6. **Correspondence:** N/A

7. **Manager's Report:**

- Dennis Watson states that the IFA received two separate appropriations for \$500k each and wants to convey a special thanks to Senator Stedman and Governor Parnell. Stedman added the single \$500k FY 2014 Supplemental appropriation and Parnell put us in the budget for the 5 year appropriation. He continues that Stedman's appropriation was backed by Karen Rehfeld Office of Management and Budget, Governor Parnell, and Senator Kevin Meyer Co-Chair of Senate Finance; we owe a lot of thanks to these people. Meilani Schijven's report, IFA By The Numbers, contributed a lot towards getting this funding approved too. Gail Slentz's work in getting the IFA's finances organized and simplified did

a great deal in obtaining this funding as well. All these factors and the IFA's openness and transparency have contributed to getting this funding appropriated. We are all very grateful. Dee Dee Jeffreys would like a list of who we need to thank for funding; Gail Slentz will send the list out to everyone. Misty Fitzpatrick states that she will send out thank yous and that Gail and Dennis did a great job in getting 1 million in funding; she reiterates that it is amazing.

- Dennis Watson states that the main engines on the Stikine are overhauled now and all Sea Trials complete. The Stikine will come back in service May 1, 2014.
- Dennis explains that Metlakatla has requested that we provide year around service to Metlakatla on Tuesday and Wednesday when the Lituya doesn't sail to MTM. Gail Slentz ran the numbers and they are not positive at all; in fact we would go in the hole running into Chester Bay. Dennis continues that the numbers change if we go into Annette Bay (the new dock.) Annette Bay should be available to us next year; the retrofit work is supposed to be done by next year but we'll see. Dennis will provide the Metlakatla mayor the results of our discussions. Dee Dee Jeffreys asks if we would do it in the future? Dennis replies that maybe next year we will look at doing it because it may be feasible going in and out of Annette Bay. Jeff Nickerson wondered how short we were for the Metlakatla run? Dennis didn't have an exact amount but said it was substantial. Jeff cautioned that we don't want to get reckless and that he wants to be able to explain to anyone asking where the money is being spent. Dennis states that the budget will be finalized soon and that it will be available to the public as well. Misty Fitzpatrick asks if it would be profitable to take the whole AMHS MTM run over with our other boat? Dennis comments that we are paid for the MTM run with what we make off the fare box; we charge AMHS rates and the revenue is never significant when we cover their run during their lay by time. Dennis continues that it is highly unlikely that we take over the run completely because of union agreements in place. But it is something we can look into further if circumstances change.
- Dennis states that it is well and good that we have these \$500k appropriations but that he would like BOD approval to check with the City of Craig to ask for a bridge loan in case we need it until the appropriations actually come in. Dennis will determine if we need this loan and for how much, then he'll put this item on the agenda for the special meeting in June 2014 if necessary.
- Misty Fitzpatrick inquires about charging people for parking at the HYL Terminal but Dennis states that since its public/state property so he's not sure if that is possible; he will look into the issue.

8. **Old Business:** Motion: Approve Resolution No. 2014-10 amending the IFA Employee Handbook Sections 5.4 Holidays, 5.5.5 Transfers of Sick Leave and 7.1 PERS Retirement Program; moved by Harvey McDonald and seconded by Dee Dee Jeffreys. Gail will provide a form to the 4 crew members affected by the amendment to section 5.4; they will date and sign stating they agree to the changes and then add it to their employee file. A roll call vote was taken and motion approved unanimously.

Chair	Thorne Bay	Harvey McDonald	yes
Vice Chair	Klawock	Jeff Nickerson	yes
Sec/Tres	Craig	Otis Gibbons	yes
Director	Coffman Cove	Misty Fitzpatrick	yes
Director	At Large	Dee Dee Jeffreys	yes

9. **New Business:**

- a) First Reading Resolution No. 2014-09 establishing the FY2015 Budget as presented and changing the *Introduction and First Reading* date from April 24, 2014 to April 29, 2014. Motion: Approve Resolution No. 2014-09 as amended; moved by Harvey McDonald and seconded by Dee Dee Jeffreys. Motion approved unanimously.

- b) item removed.
- c) Motion: Authorize Dennis Watson to apply for TIGER and FEMA Port Security Grants and/or any other Federal Grants available to the IFA; moved by Harvey McDonald and seconded by Dee Dee Jeffreys. Motion approved unanimously.
- d) Discussion of director terms expiring on June 30, 2014. The Director terms expiring June 30, 2014 are Coffman Cove, Thorne Bay and Hydaburg. Vice Mayor Bryce Brucker of Coffman Cove has notified the IFA that Brian Wilson was nominated to replace the much appreciated Misty Fitzpatrick. Harvey McDonald has informed the Thorne Bay city clerk to add nominating a Director to their next city meeting's agenda. Gail Slentz will notify Jolene Edenshaw that her Hydaburg seat is expiring. Gail Slentz states that we've never had an official new member Board packet and that there are new members so infrequently that she never put one together. With two new seats possibly coming up, she started a list for what could be in the packet; suggestions or changes to the list are requested. Harvey McDonald asks if the BODs need an ID card and if so, wants it added to the list. Dennis Watson states that it's a good idea to have current ID cards so Donna will get updated ID cards to all BODs. Gail Slentz is turning her BOD duties over to Donna Halvorsen so in the future go to her for what you need. Harvey thanks Gail for all her efforts, hard work and time.
- e) Resolution No. 2014-11 HRA and Cafeteria Plans. Gail Slentz explained that no changes were made to the plan and that this is just part of the renewal process. Motion: Approve Resolution No. 2014-11 approving the Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan administered by Flexplan, Inc. and part of the Cafeteria Health Plan benefits offered to employees of the IFA; moved by Harvey McDonald and seconded by Dee Dee Jeffreys. Motion approved unanimously.

10. **Board Comments:** Harvey McDonald thanks Gail Slentz for so many of her good deeds she's done for the IFA; over the years he has seen a remarkable change in the way the IFA conducts business and that's all due to the good employees the IFA has had and that Gail is definitely one of them, thank you. DeeDee Jeffreys agrees wholeheartedly with Harvey.

11. **Schedule Next Meeting:** TBA

12. **Adjournment:** Motion: Adjourn meeting at 11:00am; moved by Jeff Nickerson and seconded by Misty Fitzpatrick. Motion approved unanimously.