

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2020

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. The Regular Meeting of Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Board of Directors was called to order by Board President Courtney Hoiby at 10:03 am.

B. ROLL CALL

1. Individuals attending the meeting at the King Salmon office included Directors Wilton “Ray” Cottle, Matthew Niedermeyer, Don Strand, Sharon Wilson, Sandra “Sandy” Alvarez, and Courtney Hoiby. Director Robert “Bobby” Larson attended via telephone conference. General Manager/CEO Jeff Fulton and Administration Assistant Victoria Morrison were also present. Victoria left the meeting at the conclusion of Executive Session.

C. PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 4 February 2020. Sandy moved to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Sharon. **Motion passed Unanimously.**

D. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Trouble Tickets – February tickets were reviewed.

E. MANAGER’S REPORT

1. Submitted with short discussion. During the course of discussion, the directors requested information on the following: revision of Internet rates for organizations that are reselling service, cash flow for cable operations without labor charges, revision of cable rates and a projection of remaining LTE deployment costs.

F. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. New Business Item 2: NETC DIA Internet Contract – Don motioned to add New Business Item 2 to the agenda. Motion was seconded by Ray. **Motion passed unanimously.**
2. Executive Session for Personnel - Ray moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Sharon. **Motion passed unanimously.**

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

1. None

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Board Policy #5: Board Training, Travel, and Compensation - Don motioned to approve Board Policy #5 as revised. Motion was seconded by Matt. – Discussion and no action was taken.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of 2020 Budget – Ray motioned to approve budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Matt. **Motioned passed unanimously.**
2. DIA Internet Contract – Sharon motioned that the CEO execute the DIA Internet Contract as proposed by Nushagak Electric Telephone Cooperative. As part of the motion Sharon stipulated that Jeff was granted the leeway to continue the negotiations to gain the most favorable deal possible for BBTC. Motion was seconded by Sandy. **Motioned passed unanimously.**

J. CHECK REGISTERS

1. Don moved to approve Check Register 1, 2, 3, Bank of America, and Electronic Statement. Matt seconds the motion. **Motion passed Unanimously.**

K. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Ray moved to approve February Financial Statements and Cash Flow. Sharon seconded the motion. **Motioned passed unanimously.**

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Ray moved to go into Executive Session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of a person. The Board requested that the CEO participate in Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Bobby and **passed unanimously.** The Board entered Executive Session at 10:44 am. and returned to the regular meeting at 11:32am with no action taken.

M. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

1. Don – None
2. Sharon – Thanked Jeff for reminding the Board of their obligations and thanked employees for their hard work.
3. Matt – Same as Sharon. Would like status of long-term lease with the State of Alaska and to educate members on the cable situation.
4. Ray – Said it was a good meeting and did OK today.
5. Sandy – NTCA Conference was enlightening and gave a brief description of the highlights. Likes the direction the Cooperative is going and talked about the importance of the internet in her community.
6. Bobby – Enjoyed the meeting, glad we are going forward and moving forward on internet. Wants comparison on internet costs and requirements between Anchorage and villages.
7. Courtney – Discussed NTCA Conference and the benefit of discussing and networking with directors from other cooperatives. Other cooperatives in the Country are being swallowed up by large companies. The goal of the President is the make sure we understand what the Board's role is compared to the CEO.

N. ADJOURNMENT

1. Don motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 am and was seconded by Matt. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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