

**CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Anchorage, Alaska**

**April 10, 2024**  
**Wednesday**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Recording Secretary: Sandra Cacy

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Wiggin called the Operations Committee meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. in the boardroom of Chugach Electric Association, Inc., 5601 Electron Drive, Anchorage, Alaska.

*A. Roll Call*

*Committee Members Present:*

Mark Wiggin, Chair

Jim Nordlund, Vice Chair *(via teleconference)* Arrived at 4:31 p.m.

Bettina Chastain, Director *(via teleconference)*

Sam Cason, Director Arrived at 4:06 p.m.

*Board Members Present:*

Susanne Fleek-Green, Director

Rachel Morse, Director Arrived at 4:13 p.m.

*Guests and Staff Attendance*

*Present:*

Arthur Miller

Andrew Laughlin

Matthew Clarkson

Sherri Highers

Allan Rudeck

Tiffany Wilson

Dean Ratcliff

Mike Brodie

Mark Henspeter

Jim Pickel

Dan Hermann

Eugene Ori

Jean Kornmuller

Randall Chicola

Shaun Wilson

Sean Skaling

Jeff Privett

Bernie Smith, Member

Luke Sliman

Katie Millen

Julie Hasquet

Bart Armfield, Consultant

Grant Johnston, Yuit

Gina Romero, Yuit

Shauna Fraizer, Yuit

Kate Ayers

Dustin Highers

Emily Muller

Sean Skaling

Josh Travis

Todd McCarty

*Via Teleconference:*

Heather Slocum

Amanda Mankel

Delaine Orendorff, NRECA

Mike Sassman, NRECA

Nat Hertz, Member

Debbie Gardino

Mitch Roth, Member

Chennery Fife, Trout

Unlimited

Teresa Kurka

## **II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Director Chastain moved, and Director Cooper seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Director Cooper made a friendly amendment to add Cooper Lake Tree Clearing as item V. F. The motion passed unanimously, as amended.

*Director Nordlund and Director Cason were not present at the time of the vote.*

## **III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Director Cooper moved, and Director Chastain seconded the motion to approve the March 13, 2024, Operations Committee Meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

*Director Nordlund and Director Cason were not present at the time of the vote.*

## **IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

- A. Mitchell Roth, Member, addressed the Committee about his thoughts on a fee for attending the April 15, 2024 Candidate Forum.

*Director Cason joined the meeting at 4:06 p.m.*

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. *Website Redesign Update (Hasquet)*  
Julie Hasquet, Sr. Manager of Corporate Communications, and Gina Romero, Shauna Fraizer, and Grant Johnston, with Yuit, updated the Committee on the Website Redesign and responded to questions from the Committee.
- B. *Cooper Lake Unit 2 Runner Replacement (Ori)*  
Eugene Ori, V.P. of Power Production, informed the Committee on the Cooper Lake Unit 2 Runner Replacement plan and responded to questions from the Committee.

*Director Nordlund joined the meeting at 4:31 p.m.*

Director Cason moved and Director Cooper seconded that the Operations Committee recommend the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to acquire, construct and install the Cooper Lake Power Plant, Unit 2, Major Overhaul for an estimated total installed cost of \$3.2 million. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. *Integrated Resource Plan (Rudeck)*  
Allan Rudeck, Chief Strategic Officer, updated the Committee on what the Integrated Resource Plan was and the goals and plans for it and responded to questions from the Committee.
- D. *Decarbonization Program Projects Report (D. Highers)*  
Dustin Highers, V.P. of Corporate Programs, gave the Committee an update and report on current and upcoming Decarbonization Projects and responded to questions from the Committee.

*E. NREL Study Results (D. Highers)*

Dustin Highers presented and discussed with the Committee the NREL Study Results and responded to questions from the Committee.

*F. Cooper Lake Tree Clearing (Laughlin/Miller)*

Arthur Miller, Chief Executive Officer, and Andrew Laughlin, Chief Operating Officer, presented on the Cooper Lake Tree Clearing project and responded to questions from the Committee.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*A. Eklutna Project (Laughlin/Hasquet)*

*B. Personnel Matters (Orendorff/Wilson/Millen)*

*C. Gas Supply Update (Rudeck)*

At 6:15 p.m., Director Cason moved and Director Cooper seconded that pursuant to Alaska Statute 10.25.175(c)(1), (3) and (4), the Board of Directors go into executive session to: 1) discuss and receive reports regarding matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the cooperative; 2) discuss with its attorneys matters the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect on the legal position of the cooperative; and 3) discuss personnel matters. The motion passed unanimously.

*The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:52 p.m.*

*Director Nordlund left the meeting at 8:52 p.m.*

**VII. NEW BUSINESS** *(None)*

**VIII. DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Comments were made at this time.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:01 p.m., Director Cooper moved, and Director Cason seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

*Director Nordlund was not present at the time of the vote.*