

Chugach members elect three directors

Janet Reiser, Jim Henderson and Harry Crawford were elected to the Chugach board of directors. Election results were announced at the cooperative's annual meeting Thursday evening, May 22. Jeff Landfield was also a candidate in the election.

In 2013 Chugach members approved a bylaw changing director terms from 3 years to 4 years, and providing a transition to those new terms. As the two candidates receiving the most votes in the 2014 election, Reiser and Henderson were elected to 4-year terms, while Crawford was elected to a 3-year term.

Reiser is the Director of Business and Resource Development for the Aleut Corporation. Henderson is a principal with new American Financial Group in the financial services industry. Crawford is a former Alaska State Legislator, retired iron worker and a small-real-estate developer. All three were incumbents.

In all, 12.5 percent of the 68,583 Chugach members of record voted, with 37.5 percent of the votes cast electronically via the Internet or phone. A total of 180 Chugach members registered at the annual meeting, with about 300 people at the

event.

In other voting, Chugach members approved two proposed bylaw changes. One provides more time for candidates to submit information for the election packet and the other will give members notice when director compensation changes.

Board elects officers

Immediately following the annual meeting, the board met to elect officers to serve for the next year. The officers are:

Janet Reiser, Chair
Susan Reeves, Vice Chair
Jim Henderson, Secretary
Sisi Cooper, Treasurer



Harry Crawford



Jim Henderson



Janet Reiser

Hope line improvements

Chugach recently completed another project to improve service to the community of Hope. In May, a Chugach contractor finished relocating about a mile of distribution line – moving it nearer the road in the vicinity of Mile 5 of the Hope Highway. The project was partially funded by a \$310,000 State grant.

Over the past decade, Chugach has steadily worked to improve the 17.7-miles of radial distribution line that runs between the Hope Substation on the Sterling Highway and the community on the shore of Turnagain Arm. Much of the focus has been on moving difficult-to-access sections of the line nearer the high-

way where problems can be more easily found and fixed. {1164794}

Chugach has been successful in finding both State and federal funds to augment Chugach capital spending. The projects improve reliability to Hope-area customers while lowering the maintenance expenses paid by all Chugach members.



Crews set a new pole as a part of the relocation of a mile of the Hope line.

Election summary

Members of record for the 2014 election	68,583
Returned mail ballot envelopes	5,454
Validated returned mail ballot envelopes	5,259
Electronic ballots cast	3,205
Members that registered at the annual meeting	180
In-person ballots issued at the annual meeting	77
In-person ballots cast at the annual meeting	73
Total ballots cast in the 2014 election	8,726
Total valid ballots cast in the 2014 election	8,537
Percentage of members of record with a valid vote	12.5

Director's election

(Seats on the board to be filled by the three candidates receiving the most votes)

Janet Reiser	6,740
Jim Henderson	5,470
Harry Crawford	5,148
Jeff Landfield	4,104

Bylaw amendments

Extending deadlines to prepare election pamphlet	Yes/No	5,353/2,971
Notifying members of changes to board compensation		7,786/608

Chugach to send home energy reports via monthly emails

Starting this month, nearly 13,000 Chugach residential members will receive monthly emails containing personalized home energy reports to help them save on monthly electricity bills. The MyPower email reports are a new, energy-efficiency tool that provides members with essential information designed to help them take action to improve energy efficiency in their homes. Members that will receive the reports were randomly selected for the pilot from a group of those that had provided emails to Chugach in the past.

The reports contain insightful information on household energy by showing residents how their home's electric use com-

pares to an anonymous group of about 100 similarly sized homes in their area. Research has shown that this kind of comparative information is interesting and meaningful to people and, when coupled with energy-saving tips that are specific to each household, is an effective way to help members realize energy savings and reduce their bill.

MyPower is a pilot program Chugach originally began offering with grant funding from the Alaska Energy Authority and elected to fund for an additional year. About 5 percent of Chugach residential members are using the program.

Residential members have ac-

cess to the MyPower program through the Chugach website and can track their energy use and compare it to that of their neighbors.

At the MyPower online portal, members can learn more about their usage and browse a comprehensive library of energy saving recommendations.

Only those members that have already been randomly selected will receive the MyPower

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If you'd like to share your story, please contact Smart_Power@chugachelectric.com.

reports. The home energy report program, run by cloud software provider Opower, has delivered between 1.5 and 3.5 percent in average energy savings for consumers for other utilities.

Pulling poles at the end of a job



A Chugach contractor finished removing poles along Tudor Road in May at the end of an overhead-to-underground conversion project. In all, about 1.5 miles of overhead distribution line between Elmore Road and Patterson Street was replaced by buried cable. The work was in compliance with a Municipal ordinance, and funded by the 2 percent undergrounding charge assessed each month to customers within the Municipality of Anchorage.

Capital budget signed

Gov. Parnell signed the State's 2015 capital budget into law on May 28. The budget contains a Renewable Energy Fund grant of \$3,453,900 for Chugach's Stetson Creek Diversion Project. It also provides \$20 million for the Alaska Energy Authority to use to continue working toward a license for the Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project.

Annual report available



In 2013, 87 percent of Chugach's kilowatt-hours came from natural gas fired plants, 11 percent from hydro projects and 2 percent from wind generation. This

information and more can be found in the 2013 annual report. The report is available online at <http://www.chugachelectric.com/media-room/annual-reports> or in printed form by calling 762-4177.

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Monthly residential service costs (based on 650 kwh)

Customer charge/month	\$ 8.00
Energy charge \$0.09432 x kwh =	\$61.31
Fuel \$0.04564 x kwh =	\$29.67
Purchased power \$0.00537 x kwh =	\$3.49
FIW renewable energy adj. \$0.00146 x kwh =	<u>\$0.95</u>
<small>(Fuel, Purchased power and FIW renewable energy adjustment factors effective Apr. 1, 2014.)</small>	
Subtotal	103.42
2% MOA Undergrounding Charge =	\$ 2.07
Regulatory Cost Charge \$0.000578 x kwh =	<u>\$ 0.38</u>
Total bill	\$105.87

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