

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 6:09 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

1. Individuals attending the meeting included Directors Riel Anderson, Michael Swain Jr., Nicholas Holmes, Matthew Niedermeyer, and Courtney Hoiby. General Manager Earl Hubb, Administration Assistant Victoria Morrison, CFO Chuck Bruckman, and guest David Williams III were also present. David "Buck" Williams was absent.

C. PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 10 July 2023 – Riel moved to approve the regular and special board meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Nick. **Motion passed unanimously.**

D. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Trouble Tickets were reviewed.
2. High Speed Internet Grant AK Broadband Office – No action taken.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Manager's Report – submitted.

F. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. None.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

1. None.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. BBC – Lease was reviewed by Andy and Earl was given the ok to sign. The lease was executed on 1 July 2023 for a 2-year contract.
2. Cell Phone Plans & Pricing – Earl will get together with Advisors to see what plans we can offer once all sites have been upgraded. Riel mentioned that a map should be provided of the roaming/coverage.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Nushagak Board of Director – David "Buck" Williams letter of resignation. Riel moved to accept David "Buck" Williams letter of resignation. Motion was seconded by Matt. **Motion approved unanimously.**
2. Letter of Interest for Board of Directors seat in the Nushagak River District – David Williams III. **POSTPONED** Until next board meeting. Courtney suggested that David submit his name for 2024 Annual Meeting ballot.
3. BCI Name change to WebNet – Mike moved to accept the name change from Bay Cablevision to Alaska WebNet. Motion was seconded by Nick. **Motion passed unanimously.**
4. Dump Truck Lease – Earl stated he acquired a dump truck from a relative and wanted to bring it up here and lease it to the phone company. Didn't finish the lease agreement as

wanted to have a workshop with board first. Truck is now sitting at Leader Creek. The proposal for the dump truck would be for BBTC to have a reliable truck whenever they need it for hauling equipment. It would be available to the phone company Monday – Friday. What Earl asked for is that BBTC would pay for shipping to get it here, insurance, driver, and fuel when leasing. Earl wants the company to have a safe truck to work with and have it when he needs it. Talked to Andy about the lease and was told that if the company gets a good deal, then no one can say were doing anything unethical or wrong.

- i. Courtney asked if the board was clear that this is being brought before the board, not only because of the phone company is being asked to flip the bill, but because Earl wants to clear himself of any potential conflicts of interests by signing the phone company up as a customer of his business.
- ii. Earl just wanted the boards input before he wrote up an agreement. The objective is not to make money off the phone company, it's that we need to have a truck available when we need it and at a cost that is low to help with the budget.
- iii. Matt would like quotes from ODW, LMI, and any other trucking companies in area. Earl is going to appoint Michael Tillett to get quotes.
- iv. Riel stated he is still in favor of looking for something full time, I like owing. We need to look at the sustainability of owing. In the meantime, is in favor of leasing until we find one. Earl responded that he would see if his relative would be interested in selling it to the phone company.

J. CHECK REGISTERS

1. Riel motioned to approve Check Registers 1, 2, 3, Bank of America, and electronic payments. Motion was seconded by Mike. **Motions passed unanimously.**
2. Matt asked if this is going to be the last month that BBTC is to pay the burden rate of labor for LMI? Earl responded yes.

K. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Nick motioned to approve Check Registers 1, 2, 3, Bank of America, and electronic payments. Motion was seconded by Mike. **Motions passed unanimously.**

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Matt moved to enter Executive Session to discuss legal matters the immediate knowledge of which would have an adverse financial implication for the Cooperative. Motion was seconded by Nick. **Motion passes unanimously.** Entered Executive Session at 18:58 P.M. and returned to the regular meeting at 19:12 P.M. with no action taken.

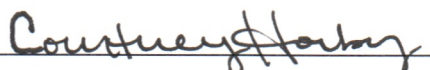
M. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

1. None.

N. ADJOURNMENT

1. Matt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 19:13 PM and was seconded by Mike. **Motion passes unanimously.**

APPROVED BY



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Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative Board of Directors Officers
President Courtney Hoiby
Vice President Riel Anderson
Secretary/Treasurer Michael Swain Jr.