

YAKUTAT REGIONAL AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION

Saturday March 7, 2015

YRAA Board Members Present: Nate Endicott, Nick Holcomb, Harold Robbins, Larry Bemis, Wayne Ivers, Casey Mapes, Sheri Nelson, (Attendance was never listed in notes for minutes)

YRAA Board Members Absent:

Public: Kathy Hansen by teleconference,

Larry Bemis, President called the meeting to order at approximately 11:5m with a quorum of members present.

AGENDA:

A motion was made to accept the agenda. Motion Passed.

MINUTES:

Minutes approval was tabled until the next meeting as the office was closed.

FINANCIAL:

Kathy presented an incomplete 2014 financial statement (there were some unknown transactions still to account for) and a draft 2015 budget in comparison with 2013 and 2014. The finance sub-committee of Nate, Jonathan, Wayne and Kathy formed at the 12/10/14 meeting looked at the financial information provided them. They recommended that Sheri's hours be reduced in order to try and stay within the amount of money collected from the SET tax otherwise the budget is very similar to previous years. Kathy also presented a reimbursement #12 for \$1,912.50.

Nate/Nick made a motion to approve the budget. Motion passed.

Nate/Harold made a motion to approve reimbursement #12 to Kathy Hansen for \$1,912.50. Motion Passed.

Nate/Nick made a motion to authorize Kathy to arrange for YRAA tax return to be prepared. Motion passed.

PROJECT UPDATE / PLANNING:

Nate updated the board. He handed out Ed Neal's Preliminary Hydrologic Assessment of Puget Cove Ponds Near Yakutat Alaska. He met with the City several times but need more analysis before determining what we need to lease. Puget Cove has 70 feet of head water from pond to ocean. Looking at a minimum 200 gallons (gpm) per minute for 10 million eggs. For a 40 million egg release would need 800 gpm. Need to measure amount of water and available for

use. In general appears enough for 200 gpm but not 800gpm. The Pond could be used as a storage tank. At this point we can't rush the process. We need to find a source of water that will work for us. The City is willing to work with us. For the state paperwork you need the work done by a hydrologist and full analysis. Larry asked a question and Nate answered look at the front page of the report, don't know the elevation but look at the contour lines on the Kwaan land. Use the city land as a back-up plan. Nate went on to say he has also been working with the Sawmill Cove but the Kwaan is reluctant to lease the land because of the fear of the property being taxed by the City. The City said that they would work with us. The Kwaan is considering to extract gravel at Sawmill Cove. We might have to look at Redfield. Puget Cove is listed in the Anadromous Waters Catalog (AWC) but doesn't shut down the project necessarily, it is looked on by a case by case basis and won't say anything until permit is turned in. Could possibly pipe in water over to Sawmill Cove from the smaller ponds. Wayne asked what do we need to get an answer, where is the best chance and what would the cost be to make a determination. Nate said it might be possible to get a quote. **The Board made a motion which passed to approve Nate hiring Ed Neal for additional water studies at Puget Cove (Wayne/Nick).** Sheri mentioned meeting with the Kwaan and explained what is going on.

The Board discussion moved to looking at the whole area and then find the spot that works and then worry about the land and a lease. Both sites are close to the same. Good high quality water is necessary, not at the point where we have to give up. We have areas where there is enough water for a 10 million egg release. We still have data from the Sawmill Cove site if things change.

Chum sampling was discussed and still don't have final data from the labs as they are working only when they have time because there is no dedicated funding for the project. But preliminary information is that the following numbers of samples were collected. Akwe 43; Itelio 0; East Alsek 95; Alsek 2; and Situk 13 (1 at weir and 12 from commercial fishery).

Nate mentioned that he had looked at AK SSSF for a few million dollars for different projects, more on the habitat and restoration end of issues. Casey said that he had also looked at the funding through ATA. It was mentioned that this wasn't the best news but keep in mind where we are at now and that this is a long term project.

ELECTIONS:

The Office did not receive any nominations for the two advertised non-commercial seats. The two seats up for elections was (1) public at large and (1) regional/village/tribe shareholder. **Nick/Nate made a motion to elect Beverly Bremner to the regional/village/tribe shareholder seat which passed. Nate/Nick made a motion to appoint Lowell Petersen to the public at-large seat which passed. Casey made a motion that was seconded and passed to retain all three officers for the next year (Larry Bemis, President; Nate Endicott, Vice President and Jonathan Pavlik Sec/Treasurer).**

The newspaper was invited but it was suggested that we should try and get little updates in the newspaper. Some are negative towards this project and part of it is that we are not getting out information about what we are doing. Casey mentioned that we need better education about the difference between hatcheries and fish farms.

Motion was made and passed to adjourn at 12:50 pm.

Meeting minutes were approved on 4/3/17

Yakutat Regional Aquaculture Association Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday March 7, 2015

High School Auditorium

11:30 am to 5:30 pm

DRAFT AGENDA

Call the Meeting to Order

Determine Quorum

Approve Agenda (as guideline for meeting)

OLD BUSINESS:

Approve Minutes from 12/10/14

NEW BUSINESS:

Financial:

Update/Current Balance – Sheri

Budget – Kathy

Motion to approve budget

Reimbursement Request – Kathy

Motion to approve reimbursement request

Motion to approve preparation and reimbursement for 2014 Corp and IRS return to Kathy Hansen and Hesson & Deakins (tax accountant)

Project Update/Planning – Nate

Elections

Pubic Seats – Motion to elect for two seats (Shareholder/Tribe & Public at Large)

Elect Officers

Next Meeting Date

YRAA Draft Budget 2015

	CATEGORY	2013	2014	2015 BUDGET
<u>INCOME</u>				
	City of Yakutat	\$200,000.	0.00	0.00
	Legis Grant	\$ 56,124.	\$100,000	0.00
	SET Tax		\$ 81,611	?\$73,082?
TOTALS		\$256,124.	\$181,611	\$73,082
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
	Comp Plan	\$ 50,000.	\$100,000	0.00
	Consulting Fees	\$ 2,229.	\$ 6,455	\$ 12,500
	Contract Labor	\$ 10,000.	\$ 10,000	0.00
	Elections – BOD	\$ 6,042.	\$ 3,101	\$ 6,000
	Insurance	0.00	\$ 1,283	\$ 1,300
	Legal & Prof	0.00	\$ 325	\$ 400
	Meeting Exp	\$ 540	\$ 1,685	\$ 1,000
	Office Expenses	\$ 3,169	\$ 3,225	\$ 1,000
OFFICE	Base Rent	0.00	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,000
OFFICE	Heating Fuel	\$ 221	\$ 732	\$ 750
OFFICE	Water, Sewer, Elect	0.00	\$ 1,869	\$ 2,000
	Internet	\$ 289	\$ 1,011	\$ 1,000
	Phone	0.00	\$ 790	\$ 1,000
	Salaries	0.00	\$ 34,074	\$ 35,000
	Payroll Taxes	0.00	\$ 3,620	\$ 4,000
Water Testing, Planning, Permitting		\$ 19,173	\$ 29,652	\$ 30,000
	Uncategorized		\$ 3,205	
TOTALS		\$ 91,663	\$204,277	\$ 98,950
PROFIT/LOSS		\$164,461	\$ 22,666	\$ 25,868