



# Board of Director Regular Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2022 Recorder: Donna Halvorsen

1. **Call Meeting To Order:** Jeff Nickerson called meeting to order at 10:00am.

2. **Roll Call:**

Chair	Klawock	Jeff Nickerson	absent excused
Vice Chair	Thorne Bay	Harvey McDonald	present in Craig
Sec/Tres	Craig	Otis Gibbons	present via teleconference
Director	Coffman Cove	Brian Wilson	present via teleconference
Director	Hydaburg	Sam Mooney	present via teleconference
Director	At Large	Doug Rhodes	present via teleconference

Staff Present in Craig or Hollis: Ron Curtis, Chrissy Torsey-Lucero, and Donna Halvorsen

Staff present via teleconference:

Public Present: None

Public present via teleconference: DeeDee Jeffreys

3. **Approval of Agenda** Motion: Approve agenda as presented; moved by Harvey McDonald and seconded by Brian Wilson. Motion approved unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes** Motion: Approve minutes from March 29, 2022; moved by Harvey McDonald and seconded by Sam Mooney. Motion approved unanimously.

5. **Public Comment** None

6. **Correspondence** None

7. **Manager's Report**

To: Inter-Island Ferry Authority Board of Directors

From: Ron Curtis - General Manager

Subject: Q4 Update

- 1) Funding Status – We have access to the 6M grant of CRRSAA funds. These funds are for operations and Capital projects. After the State took it's cut we have approx. 5.4M.
- 2) SE Conference –SE Conference Annual meeting will be in Ketchikan this year in September.
- 3) Infrastructure Bill – We are continuing to looking into Infrastructure funding that may be available to us. We have tasked one of the employees in the finance office to investigate funding opportunities to pursue.

- 4) Operating Status – We are currently running 7 days a week and doing the Metlakatla run 4 days a week (Thurs. – Sun).
- 5) M/V Prince of Wales status – Moored in Ward Cove.
- 6) MV Stikine Status – In Operation. We just finished up the specification phase of the next Federal project on the boat that will be a refurbishment of the passenger accommodations and the Galley. This should be going out to bid any day now.
- 7) Staffing – ~~We are currently fully staffed.~~ New Hires are Donald Templin, Katie Martin (re-hire) and Doug Browand.
- 8) Metlakatla Run – We began operations this month and will continue through August.
- 9) Ferry Funding – We explored the possibilities of a fully electric ferry. Our findings have been that with the current technology an electric ferry is not feasible. Perhaps in the future. The number of batteries that would be required and their weight would change the class of our vessel. It would lower the capacity of vehicles and passengers as well as require additional crewing. Instead I have turned focus in the interim to looking into grants for Low-Emission Diesel powerplants.
- 10) Fuel Expense – As I am sure you are aware fuel expense is at an all-time high. We continue to monitor our profitability. The 5.4M we received will defray this expense for the time being. We looked at adding a Fuel Surcharge but felt as though this would be un-ethical as long as we have “use or lose” funding available from the Federal Government. Once this grant sunsets, we will look to add a fuel surcharge or increase fares.

Respectfully Submitted, Ron

8. **Old Business** None

9. **New Business**

- a) Motion: Accept Mayor of Coffman Cove’s reappointment of Brian Wilson to BOD seat and accept Mayor of Thorne Bay’s reappointment of Harvey McDonald to BOD seat; moved by Doug Rhodes and seconded by Otis Gibbons. A roll call vote was taken and motion passes.

Vice Chair	Thorne Bay	Harvey McDonald	yes
Sec/Tres	Craig	Otis Gibbons	yes
Director	Coffman Cove	Brian Wilson	yes
Director	Hydaburg	Sam Mooney	yes
Director	At Large	Doug Rhodes	yes

- b) Motion: Approve IFA Management’s recommendation that BODs receive Lifetime Pass travel benefit; moved by Harvey McDonald and seconded by Doug Rhodes. A roll call vote was taken and motion passes.

Sec/Tres	Craig	Otis Gibbons	yes
Director	Coffman Cove	Brian Wilson	yes
Director	Hydaburg	Sam Mooney	yes
Director	At Large	Doug Rhodes	yes
Vice Chair	Thorne Bay	Harvey McDonald	yes

- c) Motion: Approve Driver Free for Jan/Feb/March 2023; moved by Harvey McDonald and seconded by Doug Rhodes. A roll call vote was taken and motion passes.

Director	Coffman Cove	Brian Wilson	yes
Director	Hydaburg	Sam Mooney	yes
Director	At Large	Doug Rhodes	yes
Vice Chair	Thorne Bay	Harvey McDonald	yes
Sec/Tres	Craig	Otis Gibbons	yes

- d) Motion: Approve Resolution No. 2022-03 and accept FY2023 Budget; moved by Harvey McDonald and seconded by Sam Mooney. A roll call vote was taken and motion passes.

Director	Hydaburg	Sam Mooney	yes
Director	At Large	Doug Rhodes	yes
Vice Chair	Thorne Bay	Harvey McDonald	yes
Sec/Tres	Craig	Otis Gibbons	yes
Director	Coffman Cove	Brian Wilson	yes

- e) Motion: Approve Resolution No. 2022-04 authorizing IFA to receive funding from FTA 5311 & any other government, foundation or private funding; moved by Harvey McDonald and seconded by Brian Wilson. A roll call vote was taken and motion passes.

Director	At Large	Doug Rhodes	yes
Vice Chair	Thorne Bay	Harvey McDonald	yes
Sec/Tres	Craig	Otis Gibbons	yes
Director	Coffman Cove	Brian Wilson	yes
Director	Hydaburg	Sam Mooney	yes

10. **Board Comments** Doug Rhodes thanks Chrissy for doing such a great job with the budget and appreciated Donna sharing information about Shianne's success at the marathon with BODs.

11. **Schedule Next Meeting** TBA but try to coordinate an in-person meeting in Ketchikan during same time as SE Conference in September 2022

12. **Adjournment** Motion: Adjourn meeting at 10:38am; moved by Harvey McDonald and seconded by Otis Gibbons. Motion approved unanimously.