

## **Board of Director Regular Meeting Minutes**

June 8, 2023 Recorder: Donna Halvorsen

1. **Call Meeting To Order:** Jeff Nickerson called meeting to order at 10:03am.

## 2. Roll Call:

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

Staff Present: Ron Curtis, Chrissy Torsey-Lucero, and Donna Halvorsen

Staff present via teleconference: None

Public Present: None

Public present via teleconference: Dee Dee Jeffreys

- 3. **Approval of Agenda** Motion: Approve agenda as presented; moved by Harvey McDonald and seconded by Doug Rhodes. Motion approved unanimously.
- 4. **Approval of Minutes** Motion: Approve minutes from March 29, 2023 meeting with Executive Session; moved by Harvey McDonald and seconded by Sam Mooney. Motion approved unanimously.
- 5. Public Comment None
- 6. Correspondence None
- 7. Manager's Report

Funding Status - Nothing to report, we are in good shape.

SE Conference - The summer meeting will be in September in Sitka. There is a transportation sub-committee meeting happening today while we are meeting.

General Update - We continue to have a very good year. Ridership and Vehicle ridership in FY 23 are both still up 12% over FY 22. Revenue continues to outpace FY 22 by 13%.

Operating Status - We are currently running 7 days a week between HYL and KTN.

Metlakatla - We filled in for the Lituya from January 21st to April 1st. This run was highly profitable and that will be calculated into the year-end retention bonuses. I have been made aware that the Lituya will be going

into drydock again sometime in August. I have not received a formal request for service nor have I received confirmation of the duration the ship will be laid up.

M/V Stikine status - The Stikine is in the water undergoing trials and testing. Walt and his team are doing final touches and clean up prior to the boat switch that is scheduled for June 20th. All work scheduled was completed except for the Hallway tile which did not arrive in time.

MV Prince of Wales Status - In Operation.

Staffing - We have 3 new IFA employees; Grace Bolling (HYL Terminal), Tammy Kingsly (HYL Terminal) and Tammy Lewis (Night Watch). We are still looking to hire a Relief Captain/Mate and Relief Deckhand.

Fuel Expense - Fuel expense has stabilized of late. Fuel expense for the month of May was 16.5% of total system cost compared to 24.2% YTD.

KTN Dock project - KTN Dock improvement project is still on track to commence about Oct 1st 2023.

1,000,000 Passenger - Our 1,000,000th passenger was Chance Headley. He was next to the last passenger to board the afternoon of 5-24. I presented him with a certificate for 2 round trip tickets on Alaska Airlines. In recognition of the occasion we made that voyage a Passenger ride free day. Total loss of revenue for the event was \$4,559.06

Retention Plan of 2023 - We have actually seen approval for reimbursement from the State on the retention payments made at the end of last year. We will continue with sign on bonuses and year end retention payment plans.

Fares - The management team will be discussing a fare increase to cover crew and fuel cost increases. We will continue discussing this and hope to have a recommendation to the board by the next board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Ron

- 8. Finance Report See 'FY2024 Budget' and 'FY23 Financial Report for 7/1/22-4/30-23'
- 9. **Old Business** None
- 10. New Business
  - a) Motion: Move to nominate all current officers for the July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 term for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer; moved by Doug Rhodes and seconded by Sam Mooney. Motion approved unanimously.
    - Motion: Move to close nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer; moved by Sam Mooney and seconded by Doug Rhodes. Motion approved unanimously.
    - Motion: Move to appoint Jeff Nickerson for Chair, Harvey McDonald for Vice Chair and Otis Gibbons for Secretary/Treasurer; moved by Doug Rhodes and seconded by Sam Mooney. Motion approved unanimously.
  - b) Motion: Approve to offer Driver Free for January, February and March 2024; moved by Sam Mooney and seconded by Otis Gibbons. Motion approved unanimously.

c) Motion: Approve Resolution No. 2023-04 to accept FY2024 Budget and establish an effective date; 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	Hydaburg	Sam Mooney	yes
Director	At Large	Doug Rhodes	yes

d) Motion: Approve Resolution No. 2023-05 to authorize IFA to receive funding from FTA 5311 and any other government, foundation or private funding; moved by Harvey McDonald and seconded by Otis Gibbons. A roll call vote was taken and motion passes.

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

- 11. Board Comments Doug comments that the 1 millionth passenger event was outstanding.
- 12. **Schedule Next Meeting** TBA but possibly during SE Conference Sept 19-21, 2023; Board to participate in SE Conf as well.
- 13. **Adjournment** Motion: Adjourn meeting at 10:34am; moved by Harvey McDonald and seconded by Otis Gibbons. Motion approved unanimously.