

**SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA UTILITY ASSOCIATION**

**MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

The regular meeting of the South Central Alaska Area Utility Association was called to order at 9:40 A.M. in the TelAlaska conference Room by President Renk. Attendees:

**Present:**

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**MINUTES:** The minutes for the October 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** There was no report given but will discuss the profit/loss of the Joint States Utility Conference at the December meeting. We are not sure if we suffered a loss hosting this conference.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**Advertising:** Discussed the SCAUA website and how it needs to be updated and maintained if we are to continue to use it as an informational site. Jim Topolski was going to discuss this with Louise Frost when she returns.

**Legislative:** DOT permit regulations are still pending. Ken will keep us posted on the development. He did say that the regulations have to go to the Attorney General's office for review.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nominations for SCAUA Officers was opened for floor nominations. None presented.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Election of Officers: Nominees are as follows:

President – Travis Renk  
Vice Pres – Bruce Rein

Treasurer - Louise Frost  
Secretary – Bonnie Bailey

Slate of nominees elected by unanimous ballot for the 2009 calendar year.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ken Morton announced that Mike Stewart is retiring after 30 years with DOT at the end of December 2008. There will be a retirement luncheon for him on December 19, 11:30 a.m. at Quido's Restaurant. RSVP to Ken if you will be attending. Mike will then be working in the valley as a consultant.

Ken also distributed a copy of the Draft Utility Permit Special Conditions and asked that any comments be sent to him by November 28, 2008. These special conditions related to erosion and sediment control activities for work authorized in Department rights-of-way under utility permits. Essentially this will require an Alaska Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead with authority to direct the work to be on site during all construction activities authorized by the DOT permit.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9AM at the Millenium on Lake Hood (Spenard Road) for breakfast.

Respectfully,

Bonnie Bailey  
Secretary