

SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA UTILITY ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2008

The regular meeting of the South Central Alaska Area Utility Association was called to order at 9:30 AM at TelAlaska's conference room by President Travis Renk. Attendees:

Present:

Bonnie Bailey	MTA	761-2510	bbailey@MTA-Telco.com
Paul Hatcher	AWWU	564-2721	paul.hatcher@awwu.biz
Jack Frost	MOA	343-8033	frostjl@muni.org
Travis Renk	Enstar	334-7751	travis.renk@enstarnaturalgas.com
Jim Susky	ML&P	263-5242	suskyjw@muni.org
Ken Morton	DOTPF	269-686	ken_morton@dot.state.ak.us
Mark Groeschel	TelAlaska	550-1678	m_groeschel@telalaska.com

MINUTES:

The minutes for the December 2007, meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in the checking account is \$4,919.63.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Advertising Committee: 2008 calendar cards should be delivered shortly. There's a problem in that there is no calendar on it.

Legislative Committee: DOT issued its Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations 17 AAC 10 and 15. Comments on the changes are due no later than February 15, 2008. Anchorage public hearing will be January 23 at the Hampton Inn, 5:30 PM.

2008 Joint States Utility Coordination Council's Conference: September 17-19, 2008 is the dates of the conference at the Sheraton Hotel. There are presently two speakers lined up for the conference – topics GIS and 811. The Mayor of Anchorage will also speak to the group at the luncheon on the first day.

OLD BUSINESS:

ARRC Permitting: The Real Estate Director for the Railroad was invited to attend our January meeting, however declined at this time. We can extend the offer for whenever they would like to meet with us.

NEW BUSINESS:

2008 Projects: Enstar shared information regarding their upcoming projects; ML&P shared about undergrounding project downtown; TelAlaska, business as usual nothing out of the ordinary except the acquisition by American Broadband after FCC approval – don't foresee any significant changes in the Alaska office; AWWU will email list of projects to everyone; DOT – Trunk Road (Valley) will go waiting for \$\$ to be approved; MTA- business as usual. Some discussion regarding the slow down in development in the Valley and that effect on MEA, MTA, GCI.

SCAUA Website: The website is up and looking very good – need MEA's logo for the first page. Information on the conference will be on there as well as the ability to register for the Joint States Conference on line. Website is: www.scaua.org.

Association Tax Status: Secretary received some forms from IRS regarding the Association's non-profit status that need to be filed. President Renk will handle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Don Keefer, formerly of AWWU and now with MOA Public Works, will be joining us from now on.

Next Meeting: Please bring the 2007 third party damage statistics for the February meeting.

NEXT MEETING will be at TelAlaska Conference Room at 9:30 am. PAUL HATCHER, AWWU, IS SIGNED UP FOR DONUTS.

Respectfully,

Bonnie Bailey
Secretary