

SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA UTILITY ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 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
Jim Topolski	CEA	762-4780	jim.topolski@chugachelectric.com
Gary Haynes	GCI	868-8555	ghaynes@gci.com
Bruce Rein	GCI	868-5633	brein@gci.com

MINUTES:

The minutes for the January 2008 meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in the checking account is \$2541.00. Paid \$1000 deposit for the Sheraton for the September Joint States Conference, \$1200 to ITS Alaska for the website development, \$25 to the State of Alaska to renew our Association license.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Advertising Committee: 2008 calendar cards do not have calendars on the back but rather safety information. Discussion as to whether these would be acceptable or should we reorder with the calendar cards on the back. Will take electronic vote since not all members were present.

Legislative Committee: No report..

2008 Joint States Utility Coordination Council's Conference: September 17-19, 2008 at the Sheraton Hotel. Louise has done an excellent job in pulling this together and getting the information on the website. She has schedule of activities, sponsorship information. Louise & Bonnie met with Alaska Destinations Travel to obtain information on before/after tours available for the group as well as possible airfare discounts. Would like to do the dinner cruise of Prince William Sound out of Whittier

and get a few sponsors for this trip to hold down the costs. We do need a couple additional speakers. Gary Haynes & Bruce Rein suggested Dan Beardsley, who could talk about the pipeline and right of way acquisition for it, Gary also suggested not to split up the speakers as it is disheartening to make a presentation to 2 or 3 people.

OLD BUSINESS:

2008 Projects: General discussion of upcoming projects for everyone. DOTPF distributed their anticipated 2008 projects.

NEW BUSINESS:

Governor's Safety Committee Conference March 20 & 21: "Back to Basics Safety for Alaskans" is the theme of this year's safety conference at the Sheraton. Cost is \$250 for the two days. Tradeshow Booth Registration is \$500.00. You can register online at www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?eventid=173080. The agenda is also online.

Third Party Damage Statistics Summary for 2007: Discussed statistics of third party damages. Enstar shared their chart of damages from 1995-2007, MTA shared theirs. General discussion on how we as an association can impress contractors and the general public to get locates before they dig. We will continue to place articles in our various newsletters to our members and notify the contractors about the new 811 number. Discussed newspaper articles and their usefulness, realizing that unless there is severe damage or injuries, this just isn't news they want to print.

SWPPP: The Municipality of Anchorage sent a letter to all utilities regarding their Stormwater Treatment Plan Review Guidance Manual letting utilities know it is now posted on http://wms.geonorth.com/permit_guidance/PermitGuidance.aspx for a 30-day public review period. These proposed requirements will become effective February 15, 2008.

IRS: Louise filed papers with the State of Alaska for the name change. Travis wrote to IRS notifying them of our name change, our amendment of the Articles of Association, and the requirement to file a 990 or 990EZ form for tax purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

**NEXT MEETING will be March 11 at TelAlaska Conference Room at 9:30 am.
TRAVIS RENK, ENSTAR, IS SIGNED UP FOR DONUTS.**

Respectfully,

Bonnie Bailey
Secretary