



BRISTOL BAY

Regional Seafood Development Association

BBRSDA Board Meeting Minutes FINAL

June 7, 2022 - 3:00pm AKT

In person & Teleconference

Dillingham Middle School Gym

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum

President Jackson called the meeting to order at 2:21pm AKT. Present in-person were board members Johnson, Morgan, Schonberg, and Sabo; and staff members Bursch, Dunn, Machain, and Wink; Present via teleconference as board member Niver; and members Art Peterson, Janis Harsila, Larry Christensen, and Luke Peterson. **A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.**

2. Approval of Agenda

Johnson moved and Morgan seconded to approve the agenda. Johnson moved to remove item #7a Discussion of Circle Seafoods Proposal as the proposal has been rescinded. Sabo moved to amend the agenda to include discussion and action, if the board so chooses, on the Pedro Bay Conservation Easement as agenda item #6.d.iv under Sustainability. Motion makers accept the revisions. **MOTIONS CARRY WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

a. April 25, 2022 Meeting

Schonberg moved and Morgan seconded to approve the meeting minutes from April 25, 2022. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

4. Member Comments

Jackson opened the floor for member comments.

Larry Christensen called in via teleconference and also sent an email comment for the board to read prior to the meeting. He voiced his opposition to the Circle Seafoods Barge project on the many grounds. Jackson updated Christensen that Circle Seafoods has rescinded their proposal so it is no longer on the agenda. Christensen appreciated the attempt to look at proposals to maximize the fishery value and was relieved

to hear that the board is not considering the Circle Seafoods proposal at this time.

5. Executive Director Report

Johnson moved and Morgan seconded to approve the Executive Director report as presented. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.** Jackson thanked Wink and staff for all of the work that is detailed in the report.

6. Program Updates & Committee Business

a. Finance

i. Q1-2022 Financial Statements

Johnson moved and Schonberg seconded to approve the Q1 2022 Financials as recommended by the Finance Committee. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

b. Marketing

Dunn updated the board about a PR agency called Action Mary that presented to the Marketing Committee. Their agency would work alongside staff and RTC to amplify what we already have and do. Dunn will be putting out an RFP for bids and let the committee take it from there. Johnson and Jackson were impressed by the presentation by Action Mary. Schonberg felt that their price was reasonable for what they bring to the table.

We contracted with Alaskan Leader for retail promotion expenses and it hasn't been dipped into yet, but progress is underway with HEB and a potential commercial in the works.

c. Quality

Bursch gave a brief overview of current Quality projects. For the RSW Apprentice program, the committee approved 4 funding requests but one of those never found an apprentice.

Bursch asked the board for direction on whether or not we should include crew for the 50% discount on the crew training program. The board was in favor, with the contingency of the captain of the boat signing off on the request and limiting to only one reimbursement per permit. Bursch will move forward with this direction.

Johnson thanked Bursch for her extensive work on the Outreach and Quality projects and programs.

d. Sustainability

i. Graduate Student Research Proposal

Staff has reworked this proposal, originally submitted by Nick Dowie, to better fit with our committee-board process.

Sabo moved and Johnson seconded to approve the revised graduate student proposal as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yea: Morgan, Sabo, Niver, Schonberg, Johnson

Nay: none

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Wink will reach out to Nick Dowie.

ii. EPA 404(c) Proposed Determination Public Comment

Johnson moved and Sabo seconded to direct the Executive Director to work with legal counsel to submit a public comment about the EPA's 404c proposed determination on the organization's behalf. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

iii. Proposed Nuyakuk Hydroelectric Facility Public Comment

Sabo moved and Johnson seconded to direct the Executive Director to work with the Bristol Bay Science and Research Institute staff and affiliates, as well as legal counsel to submit a public comment on the organization's behalf about the proposed Nuyakuk hydroelectric project. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

iv. Pedro Bay Conservation Easement Funding Proposal

BBHLT is seeking funding towards a conservation easement for Pedro Bay that would forbid mining companies from putting transportation corridors on those lands. The full amount needed is \$20M and they're looking for at least \$1.5M to come

from the fishery (including fishermen, processors and other stakeholders).

Sabo moved to approve funding up to \$1M towards the Pedro Bay Conservation Easement, to be funded from operating funds with no matching contingencies. Seconded by Morgan.

Roll call vote:

Yea: Morgan, Sabo, Niver, Schonberg, Johnson

Nay: none

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

e. Outreach

i. Feeding Change in Alaska Proposal

Linda Behnken, Director of Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association, joined via teleconference. Denali Hodgkin was at the meeting in-person. They are requesting up to \$50K in funding to help provide fish to Alaskan natives who are facing food insecurity issues. Behnken added that they would like to pilot this project this summer by accepting as much donated fish as they have capacity and funding to process and transfer, after that they can identify the logistics needed to build it out for future seasons.

Johnson moved to contribute \$10K towards this project with a note that we will be providing, where possible, any supportive outreach including encouraging our fleet to donate fish, assuming logistics are set up. Seconded by Morgan. **MOTION CARRIES WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

The board felt this best aligned with our Outreach program for funding.

ii. Ukraine Initiative Proposal

Brian Gannon joined the call-in line to discuss the Ukraine Initiative Proposal. They are requesting \$10K in funding to support humanitarian efforts focused on women and children displaced out of Ukraine.

The board was sympathetic to the request but did not feel that it was in line with the mission of the BBRSDA. **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

7. Miscellaneous Business

a. Circle Seafoods Proposal

This proposal was rescinded and removed from the meeting agenda.

8. Executive Session

Morgan moved and Johnson seconded to move into Executive Session at 4:34pm AKT to discuss legal matters.

Johnson moved and Sabo seconded to exit Executive Session at 4:42pm AKT.

9. Future Meeting Dates & Agenda

Staff will communicate and organize the next board meeting, tentatively for a morning in the week of August 22-26th.

The board unanimously agreed to send a gift not to exceed \$200 for board member Wilson's family member.

10. Adjourn

Schonberg moved and Morgan seconded to adjourn at 4:45pm AKT.

MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Total meeting time: 2 hours, 24 minutes

Board members in attendance: Jackson, Johnson, Morgan, Niver, Sabo, Schonberg