

**HAINES BOROUGH  
ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**DECEMBER 2, 2008**

This meeting is a continuation of the November 25, 2008 meeting and follows the agenda for the November 25 meeting.

1. Roll Call - 6:00pm

a. Members Present: Melissa **ARONSON**, Leonard **DUBBER**,  
Danny **GONCE**, Frank **HOLMES**, Gary **LIDHOLM**, Dan  
**WACKERMAN**, Tom **MOODY**

b. Members Absent: Andy **HEDDEN**, Scott **HANSEN** (both  
excused)

c. Coordinator: Stephanie **SCOTT**, present

d. Visitors: Matt Hawthorne (CVN), John Boswell (KHNS),  
Roger Maynard, Don Turner III

2. Approval of Agenda

**ARONSON** requested that the agenda be modified as  
follows:

Table New Business C, E, H until the next meeting;

Table Old Business 7F until the January meeting;

Add the expenditure request from Coordinator.

**M/S GONCE/MOODY** to accept the Agenda as modified. The  
motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

**M/S WACKER/LIDHOLM** to accept the minutes of the  
November 25 meeting as submitted. The motion carried  
unanimously.

Unanimous

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4. Public Comment. There was no public comment.

5. Commissioner's Report

**GONCE** reported that AP&T has shutdown Kasidaya because  
flow is diminished by freeze-up.

6. Coordinator's Report.

**SCOTT** submitted a written report.

Old Business

7. (a) Connelly Lake

Commissioners discussed ARONSON's 8-point draft response regarding a Commission statement about the Connelly Lake hydro project (attached).

**M/S HOLMES/WACKERMAN** to table the response. The motion carried, four in favor (Aronson, Dubber, Lidholm, Wackerman, Holmes), one opposed (Gonce).

7. (b) Wood Energy Workshop, Sitka.

This presentation took place 11/25/08 and is addressed in the minutes for that section of the meeting.

7. (c) Municipal Conservation Plan

**M/S GONCE/HOLMES** provided that a definitive list of conservation activities be included. Motion passed unanimously.

7. (d) Energy Talk Topics

**M/S MOODY/GONCE** approve Energy Talk topics as submitted by Coordinator. Motion passed unanimously.

7. (e) Energy Fair

**M/S DUBBER/LIDHOLM** to hold the Energy Fair at the school during the last half of February.

Discussion: The target date is February 28, Saturday, but it has yet to be confirmed by Teri Podsiki. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

8. (a) Commendation

**M/S WACKERMAN/DUBBER** to commend Haines Borough Facilities Technician Ed Bryant for his initiative in changing T12s to more efficient T8s with solid-state electronic ballasts. The motion carried unanimously.

8. (b) JEDC

**M/S MOODY/HOLMES** to give the Coordinator the task of arranging JEDC workshop and to fund the JEDC representative, Margaret O'Neal's, round trip flight Juneau-Haines. The motion carried unanimously.

8. (d) Sales Tax Exemption

**M/S DUBBER/WACKERMAN** to recommend that the Borough Assembly provide a sales tax holiday for renewable energy and energy conservation and efficiency products sold at the Energy Fair. The motion carried unanimously.

8. (f) Commission liaison for Haines Borough transportation planning.

**M/S WACKERMAN/MOODY** to appoint Andy Hedden as liaison for Haines Borough Transportation pending Hedden's acceptance of the appointment. The motion carried unanimously.

8. (g) Alaska Transit Fund and integration of pupil and public transportation.

**M/S WACKERMAN/DUBBER** to Encourage the Borough Assembly to adopt the resolution pertaining to the proposed Alaska Transit Fund and to integrate pupil and public transportation systems in rural Alaska. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Public Comment

Donny **TURNER II** criticized the Commission and asked what substantial gains have been achieved.

Roger **MAYNARD** opposed missing pupil and public transportation based on his experience as a retired state trooper. Mr. Maynard recommended investigating smaller, energy efficient school buses.

Matt **HAWTHORNE** requested the Commission to continue to investigate wind power to supplement hydro.

10. Commissioner's Comments

**GONCE** stated that Walker Lake is a potential 860 KW project.

11. Time, Date, Place of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be December 23, 6 PM-8 PM, Assembly Chambers.

12. Adjournment

**M/S HOLMES/WACKERMAN** to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Submitted by Stephanie Scott  
December 22, 2008

Approved with corrections December 23, 2008: addition of Frank HOLMES to members present; correction of spelling of "Podsiki."