Alaska Energy Authority
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2011
Anchorage and Juneau, Alaska, Arizona and Texas

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting of the Alaska Energy Authority to order on February 14, 2011 at 3:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: BOARD MEMBERS

A quorum was established.

Members present: Bryan Butcher (Commissioner, Department of Revenue).

Participating via teleconference: Gary Wilken; Susan Bell (Commissioner, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development); and Mike Felix (Public Member);

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. ROLL CALL: STAFF, PUBLIC

Staff present in Anchorage: Sara Fisher-Goad (AEA Executive Director); Mike Harper (AEA Deputy Director- Rural Energy Group); Ted Leonard (AIDEA Executive Director); Valorie Walker (AEA Deputy Director-Finance); Mark Davis (AIDEA Economic Development Officer); Karsten Rodvik (Project Manager, External Affairs); Shauna Howell (AEA Executive Assistant); Sherrie Siverson (AIDEA Executive Assistant); Judy Bradshaw (Administrative Assistant); Teri Webster (Administrative Assistant); Sandra Burrows (Administrative Assistant); and May Clark (Administrative Assistant).

Others present in Anchorage: Brian Bjorkquist (Department of Law); Mark Gardner (Western Financial Group); and Dennis Fennerty (Groh Eggers).

Public: Jim Watts (Buccaneer Alaska) and Tim Bradner (Alaska Journal of Commerce);
Participating via teleconference: Mark Landt (Buccaneer Alaska); Eric Lidji (Petroleum News); and Duff Mitchell (ACE Coalition, Juneau, Alaska).

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Duff Mitchell congratulated newly-appointed Executive Director Sara Fisher-Goad and requested AEA consider a financial contribution to the ACE Coalition Conference in Juneau on February 17. ACE Coalition promotes affordable hydropower industry in Southeast Alaska.
6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. AEA Resolution 2011-01 Appointment of AEA Executive Director

MOTION: Commissioner Bell moved to adopt AEA Resolution No. 2011-01. Seconded by Mr. Wilken. There being no discussion, the question was called. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

7A. Legislative Update

Ms. Fisher-Goad stated AEA will be participating in hearings in the House Finance Subcommittee meeting and on Tuesday will present before the APA Legislative Conference. HB 103, a bill that restores AEA’s power to own and operate new projects will be discussed Tuesday and Thursday in the House Energy Committee and will go before the Senate Resources Committee on Wednesday (SB 42). The hearings have gone quite well and there will be an AEA overview before the House Community and Regional Affairs. Additional AEA staff testifying on behalf of the Authority are Mr. Rutz (procurement questions) and Mr. Carey (Large Hydro project manager). Mr. Bjorkquist has been available to answer questions pertaining to the RCA oversight on building new projects, such as Watana. The referenced bills are being sponsored by the Governor, and Senator McGuire’s SB 25 remains active.

8. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

The next Board meeting will be February 24, 2011 at the Hotel Captain Cook Quadrant Room.

9. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Felix congratulated Ms. Fisher-Goad and acknowledged Interim Executive Director, Mr. Harper’s work. Commissioner Butcher and Mr. Wilken concurred.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

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Sara Fisher-Goad, Executive Director/Secretary
Alaska Energy Authority