

Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 27, 2022
Anchorage, Alaska

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pruhs called the meeting of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to order on January 27, 2022, at 12:30 pm. A quorum was established.

2. ROLL CALL: BOARD MEMBERS

Members present: Chair Dana Pruhs (Public Member); Vice-Chair Julie Sande (Commissioner, DCCED); Albert Fogle (Public Member); Bill Kendig (Public Member); Anna MacKinnon (Special Assistant to the Commissioner-DOR); and Bill Vivlamore (Public Member).

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Kendig to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Mr. Fogle.

The motion to approve the agenda passed without objection.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (*2 minutes per person, for one hour*)

Chair Pruhs continued the meeting at Item 5. Public Comments. He reminded the public that comments are limited to two minutes per person. He requested that each person state their name and their affiliation, if any. He noted that this is a comment period. He requested the public to please provide an email address if they have questions so that staff could answer.

Paul Fuhs noted that he was previously Chairman of the Board when he was Commissioner of Commerce for Governor Wally Hickel. He congratulated Chair Pruhs and noted that he will visit at some point. Mr. Fuhs stated that he is representing himself today and is speaking in favor of the resolution on the issue of bank discrimination against oil and gas development in the Arctic. He discussed that this is happening all over the Arctic and does not only affect AIDEA. It has been a subject of the Arctic Economic Council. He serves on working groups of the Arctic Economic Council. Mr. Fuhs noted that he has sent materials to the Board, including a comprehensive evaluation of the specific forms of discrimination that the banks are practicing across the Arctic. He noted more and more banks are signing on to what is referred to as “woke advertising.” He does not believe that this means that one less drop of oil will be burned, but that it means the oil will be produced elsewhere. Mr. Fuhs believes this is completely ineffective and it is just a marketing ploy for rank discrimination.

Mr. Fuhs stated that the Arctic Economic Council is making points that AIDEA might consider. The first point is that this is window-dressing and not one less drop of oil will be burned. Another point is the impact on consumers. Europe has seen a 1,000% increase in the price of fuel. Restrictions on oil and gas development in the United States are driving inflation. The

United States is currently importing 840,000 barrels of oil per day from Russia. This is almost twice of the oil pipeline. Mr. Fuhs made the comparison that we are supposed to be saving the world from climate change and Alaska is about 30% renewable energy through the investments of Alaska Energy Authority (AEA). He said that Iceland is 100% and Norway is 98%. The U.S. is 9% and the European Union is 13%. Mr. Fuhs noted that those figures are included in an additional statement that he made in terms of sustainable development for the Arctic that views the whole picture. He noted that Alaska is not the problem. Alaska is the solution to the problem. He stated that Alaska is also providing minerals for electric cars and is producing alternative energy, including the production of hydrogen in the Aleutian Islands.

Mr. Fuhs commented that in addition to it just being wrong to discriminate, he stated that it is also probably illegal. He noted that one of the best legal minds in the state is working for AIDEA, Mark Davis. Mr. Fuhs suggested that the Board request Mr. Davis to review the conditions of geographic discrimination. He stated that given the preponderance of Alaska's Native populations on the North Slope, it may be considered racial profiling and racial redlining. Mr. Fuhs noted that Commissioner Sande has the Banking and Securities Commission under her purview and charter the banks. He asked if Alaska requires the banks that have charters in Alaska to not discriminate. Mr. Fuhs believes that additional review needs to occur. He will continue to communicate with the Board regarding the efforts of the Arctic Economic Council so that work can proceed with allies.

Chair Pruhs encouraged Alan Weitzner, Executive Director, and Morgan Neff, Chief Investment Officer, to stay in touch with Mr. Fuhs regarding this valuable information.

Lois Epstein, President of LNE Engineering and Policy, noted that she has brief comments on five AIDEA issues. The first issue is that the Board memo regarding the Ambler Access Project Resolution G22-03 states that the \$15.4 million will be matched by another \$15.4 million from Ambler Metals. Ms. Epstein informed that this is not entirely correct, since Resolution G21-03 states clearly that matching money will be credited back in future project user fees. She believes this distinction should be made clear in the memo and in the public discussion of matched funds.

Ms. Epstein noted her second issue regards Exhibit A of the Investment Policy Update, Resolution No. G22-05, which consists of numerous organizations, of which only a very small number of these entities issue securities. The Investment Policy provision that mentions Exhibit A prohibits AIDEA from buying securities from restricted companies. Exhibit A should include only those companies that issue securities. Otherwise, AIDEA looks like it is creating a list of companies and nonprofits it dislikes for no good reason and this is very unprofessional.

Ms. Epstein discussed her third issue regards the discussion during AIDEA's December Board meeting on why AIDEA would not provide a full 50% dividend to the State's General Fund in 2021. Page six of the Board meeting minutes appears to have missed two mentions of the words "upwards of" by Mr. Weitzner. Ms. Epstein noted that Mr. Weitzner stated that upwards of \$150 million will need to be contributed to the Ambler Project, not "approximately" \$150 million, as is stated in the minutes. She noted that Mr. Weitzner stated that there will be upwards of \$25 million to \$50 million in new projects each year. Ms. Epstein requested that the minutes are corrected.

Ms. Epstein discussed her fourth issue and requested that specific details be provided about which Ambler Access and Mustang topics will be covered in today's executive session and why confidentiality about those topics is necessary. She expressed concern that the State's Open Meetings Act, Section 44.62.310 (b), otherwise may be violated. This provision states that "the motion to convene in executive session must clearly and with specificity describe the subject of the proposed executive session without defeating the purpose of addressing the subject in private. Subjects may not be considered at the executive session except those mentioned in the motion calling for the executive session unless auxiliary to the main question."

Ms. Epstein discussed her fifth issue that it is disrespectful of the public's time to continually change meeting start times. She requested to please set a meeting start time and stick with it. Ms. Epstein noted that today's start time was changed from 11:00 to 11:30 to 12:00 to 12:30, and Mr. Pruhs announced at the end of the AEA meeting that the AIDEA meeting would start at 12:15, which did not happen. Ms. Epstein stated that she and her clients would greatly appreciate AIDEA addressing these five topics. She thanked the Board.

Rick Whitbeck, Alaska State Director Power the Future, stated that Power the Future is known as the small, but powerful nonprofit advocating for continued jobs and generationally changing responsible development of Alaska's God-given abundance. He expressed appreciation to AIDEA for the work on their mission and their efforts. He discussed that his friends from the eco-left are gnashing their teeth decrying AIDEA's action to grow Alaska's economy while being fully incongruent with their hopelessly misguided attempts to lock up Alaska and turn it into 400-plus million acres of National Parks Land. He believes that they do not like development; they do not like AIDEA Board; they do not like jobs; they like their PFD, but do not appreciate where it comes from. He believes that they have also perpetuated the complete and utter lie that the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) Coastal Plains should not be developed. Mr. Whitbeck encouraged AIDEA to keep up with their lawsuit against President Biden and its leadership team.

Mr. Whitbeck discussed roads and financial institutions. He gave kudos to AIDEA for the continued efforts with the Ambler Road Project and noted that the minority voices should not dissuade AIDEA from being in the right. He said that rational Alaska supports AIDEA. He believes that the proposed West Susitna Access Road is going to be a valuable tool for Alaska's job creation. He believes the projects such as Whistler, Island Mountain, and Canyon Creek will all be accessible from the proposed access. He encouraged AIDEA to do what they do best; make decisions to grow Alaska.

Mr. Whitbeck commented that divesting from the financial institutions who relate to environmental extremism cannot happen soon enough. He does not believe that enrichment should be given to banks who have no heartburn investing in communist China, but will not support projects in Alaska with the highest levels of environmental stewardship. He thanked AIDEA for their support for Alaska and Alaskan jobs. Mr. Whitbeck commented that for his friends on the line who are protesting AIDEA's action while using phones, computer, heat sources and clothing made from petroleum and mine products, he believes that the men and women who helped create the products would point out the hypocrisy toward the fight against their chosen careers. He thanked the Board for their efforts and believes everyone is internally saying, "Rick, you're fracking welcome."

Jay Hermanson, General Manager Kuna Engineering, noted that they are a certified minority business enterprise. He stated that Kuna would like to thank the AIDEA Board and staff for the use of small businesses and minority owned businesses like Kuna Engineering in procurement plans. Kuna believes this is good policy and promotes economic development in Alaska through a multiplying basis by using Alaska-owned businesses to perform the various work. Kuna commends AIDEA for these actions and looks forward to working with AIDEA in the future.

John Gaedeke, Fairbanks, noted that he is representing himself and the family business, Iniakuk Lodge in the Brooks Range about 50 miles west of Bettles. He stated that he has been reading that a Subsistence Advisory Committee has been established for the Ambler Road. He noted that his comments regard Resolution No. G22-03, the work upcoming this summer. Mr. Gaedeke stated that there have been disturbing reports that there was refusal to include federally recognized Tribes in some of the recent meetings. He stated that he does not know all of the facts because it is difficult to get information from AIDEA on the process. He discussed that the last and only time AIDEA organized an all-corridor and all-Tribes meeting in Fairbanks, the headline in the "Newsminer" the next day was "Ambler Road Crashes at Hearing." Mr. Gaedeke encouraged more outreach with especially all-corridor and all Tribes.

Mr. Gaedeke discussed that it has been nine years since the original proposal, and the meetings appear to be less inclusive and increasingly hidden behind executive privilege. He noted that he is a stakeholder in the area and is approximately five to 10 miles away from the road proposal. Mr. Gaedeke pointed out that optics of this projects are not good and those with businesses in the areas are developers and have a stake in Alaska, as well as those who live in the nearby villages. He discussed that there are current lawsuits against the rushed permitting process. Mr. Gaedeke noted that he found out that there is a lease proposal in Bettles with DOT for a man-camp of an undetermined size. He believes the proposals that are coming out are very vague. He does not know if any of the original Board members remain from the early days in Bettles from 2013, but the outreach in Bettles and Evansville ended in disaster. The original right-of-way proposal would have cut Bettles and Evansville off from their own flow pond. He believes the Villages worked hard to communicate that they wanted no part of the road and eventually, the proposed route had been moved 10 miles north of Koyukuk and now, one of the subcontractors wants to put a man-camp in the middle of town.

Mr. Gaedeke commented that it appears that without any kind of oversight on spending and proposing and overrunning and silencing, this is causing more issues and confusion for people in the area that AIDEA seems to know nothing about. Mr. Gaedeke stated that as a developer in the area, he supports development, but he does not support bad development and misappropriation of funds. He strongly urged AIDEA to include a larger degree of oversight, accountability and fiscal responsibility. Mr. Gaedeke stated that it looked like the agenda contains \$660,000 for stakeholder outreach this summer and he does not see with AIDEA's past record how that amount is going to be actively used in the area to promote true outreach. He discussed that the last all-corridor meeting was in the 2013. Mr. Gaedeke noted that the budget looks like AIDEA is proposing to spend another \$7 million before April. He expressed that it is hard to understand how the numbers are happening so quickly with so little oversight. Mr. Gaedeke said he would appreciate more communication and more outreach. He thanked the Board.

Ms. MacKinnon asked if AIDEA's Executive Director could talk about stakeholder engagement and the meeting that was referred to in the previous testimony. There was no objection. Mr. Weitzner highlighted that he believes that there is a press release that will be issued today that provides clarity on the Subsistence Advisory Committee that was established by Native elders who are representatives of the Villages impacted along the Amber Access route. A working group was established, and Governor Dunleavy appointed two Co-Chairs, Larry Westlake and Fred Bifelt, who are representatives from NANA Regional Villages and Doyon Regional Villages. The working group had their first meeting on January 11, 2022, and established the Subsistence Advisory Committee with representation defined by the Native communities and Villages impacted along the route. All members within the Subsistence Advisory Committee are elders living in the communities that are impacted and will provide input on design issues and critical elements needed to understand the impact on subsistence to those communities.

Mr. Weitzner explained that AIDEA is a sponsor for the establishment of the Subsistence Advisory Committee in full compliance with the Record of Decision that was achieved with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the National Park Service. It is a committee that is run by those elders, and it is an element that AIDEA is an invited party to participate in order for AIDEA to receive the needed feedback from the committee. Mr. Weitzner asked that the process is respected from the position that the committee is run by elders in the communities. The information that is sought is critical and important.

Chair Pruhs reminded the public to please limit their comments to two minutes.

Kari Moore, Project Manager for the Resource Development Council for Alaska (RDC), discussed that one of RDC's priorities is to encourage responsible development of Alaska's natural resources and to encourage new exploration and projects. RDC strongly believes resource development projects in Alaska can be accomplished responsibly, with a key focus on protecting the environment, including cultural activities and wildlife, while providing well-paying jobs, many of which require training and offer a lifetime of opportunity and improving the long-term economic future for Alaska.

Ms. Moore commented on AIDEA's consideration of the budget authorization to enable the 2022-2023 Ambler Access Project field season. This effort builds on the initial preliminary project engineering scope by providing additional field data on cultural activities, fish passages, hydrology, geotechnical and engineering work. It also enhances stakeholder outreach, workforce development throughout the villages along the corridor, and communication. She acknowledged that there are special interests that oppose further development of mining materials in Alaska and elsewhere. However, mineral development in Alaska could ultimately prove indispensable as forecasts continue to indicate our nation's mineral demands will increase. The demands will continue to be satisfied, often through the use of imported minerals, when instead, the resources should be developed and produced here in Alaska where operators are strictly regulated, and best management activities are employed to avoid and minimize impacts. She thanked AIDEA for the opportunity to support access to the Ambler Mining District.

Josh Unidentified, Fairbanks, stated that he is representing himself. He commented on the Ambler Subsistence Advisory Committee and the apparent lack of Tribal representation. He noted that one of the Committee members just mentioned that this is something that is set up

with the Tribes and they are the ones running it. Josh Unidentified stated that he will believe that when he hears it from the Tribes. He noted that he has heard from the Tribes that AIDEA has set up a committee where they put a bunch of yes-men on the committee that do not represent Tribal governments.

Josh Unidentified gave his second comment about the Investment Policy, and noted that looking at page 12, it seems like the idea is blatantly deciding that oil and gas is the only way to develop industry in Alaska, which is not true. He believes that there are so many other ways to develop industry. He implored AIDEA to get rid of the policy and stop excluding people that do not want to develop oil and gas, especially since many of those groups that are being excluded are based in Alaska, and that is a purposeful exclusion of Alaskan voices. He thanked the Board.

Tammy Wilson, Assembly member of Fairbanks North Star Borough, stated that she is talking as an Assembly member, but not talking for the Assembly. She thanked AIDEA for Resolution No. G22-02 for reviewing ways to help military housing and the militarized zone that is the same as the City of North Pole. Ms. Wilson looks forward to following along to see how to develop better partnerships with the military and with AIDEA. She thanked the Board.

Ken Castner, Homer, spoke to Resolution G22-05 and the issues that concern him. He believes that AIDEA will start establishing screens for investment funds that would be used and could be varied that would affect Alaska more than just economic sanctions levied against those that do not agree with the screen. Mr. Castner believes the element of economic sanctions is distasteful and is not common in State government. In this case, he believes the list that was comprised is almost an enemies list. There are very few people on that list that actually offer the services that AIDEA is going to “deny” them from participating in. He believes the list is that “we don’t like these people,” and Mr. Castner finds that untoward. He noted that he does not know if this is being driven by an overarching State policy that the Governor has asked AIDEA to take on. Mr. Castner believes that this will attract a lot of attention, especially given the wide variety of domestic corporations that AIDEA is attacking. He hopes that AIDEA debates the resolution in public. He thanked the Board.

Nauri (sp) Toler (sp) noted that she is representing herself and calling from Eagle River. She echoed the previous comment regarding the Subsistence Advisory Committee not being appointed by the communities themselves, but rather being picked from an outside entity. Ms. Toler asked about the executive session and expressed appreciation for the efforts with the notification feature for the public once AIDEA returns from the executive session. She asked if the executive session is recorded in any way or if there is any way to check to make sure that what is being discussed in executive session is, in fact, potentially harmful for the public to hear or if there are any checks and balances or any way to ease the public’s mindset that the public is getting all the information that is necessary and suited for public disclosure.

Ms. Toler commented that someone said earlier that there will not be a reduction in the need for fossil fuels and she believes that is misleading, considering that there are plenty of projects with renewable energy that are decreasing the need and will decrease the need for fossil fuels. She believes that AIDEA has opportunity and availability to invest in those kinds of projects. Ms. Toler commented on the Investment Policy and echoed a previous comment that it seems exclusionary to Alaskans and is prejudiced when viewed from a more local community-led

perspective. She believes that the people who are being affected by the Ambler Project by oil and gas are the communities that are most vulnerable and need to have more of a voice, need to be heard more, and need more outreach. She thanked the Board.

Chair Pruhs thanked Ms. Toler for her comments and stated that if she could send her name and contact information to the website that some of her questions could be answered.

Sean Busby of Wiseman stated that AIDEA is a public company and accountable to Alaskans. He expressed concern for the recent gaslighting of TCC, other Tribes and communities, as well as the many subsistence users to the region. The Subsistence Advisory Council seems deeply flawed and loaded with bias toward developing the road, despite listening to the vast majority of residents and Tribes that will be impacted. In addition to the enormous cost, there has been a burden for the local residents, as well as all Alaskans, with the potential for toxic spills or releases into the delicate ecosystems and changing the migration patterns of the food source that he and others depend on.

Mr. Busby believes that AIDEA should be accountable to providing a non-biased committee that reflects all in the region of impact. He believes that if AIDEA wanted to show good faith to the citizens of Alaska and to the local residents that depend on subsistence, then there should be no gaslighting and more seats should be added to the Subsistence Advisory Committee that reflects all of those who will be impacted. He thanked the Board.

Eva Burk, of Nenana and Manley Hot Springs, noted that her family originated from the Kobuk Valley. She stated that she works closely with the Hunting, Fishing, and Gathering Taskforce at Tanana Chiefs Conference. Ms. Burk stated that her comments today are specific to the Subsistence Advisory Committee Working Group, and she feels it was formed in a hasty effort to obtain the Federal Wetlands Permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. Ms. Burk believes that holding scoping meetings for Tribes in an urban area during the hunting season is not appropriate Tribal consultation and is not considered a real subsistence evaluation.

Ms. Burk feels that some of the members of that Working Group may lack the knowledge and experience to provide a sufficient subsistence evaluation, as mandated by Title 8 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). She stated that only two of the members currently serve on the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Advisory Committee for their local AC. She believes a third member may still be serving on their local AC, but that is not reflected on the State's website. Ms. Burk stated that a seven-member committee puts the voices of true subsistence advocates in the minority. She believes that having representatives from Alaska Native Corporations serve on the committee is a potential conflict of interest, as there may be future financial gains for these corporations that are not publicly disclosed at this time. Ms. Burk stated that Alaska Native Corporations are not Tribes, and they are not sovereign nations. She noted that often times, the Native Corporations are in disagreement with the Tribes in their respective regions about the potential resource development projects, especially extreme extraction projects in pristine and sensitive ecosystems that are already under immense pressure from climate change, existing land management planning processes, and Fish and Wildlife regulatory structures.

Ms. Burk commented that these lands are public, and the public is supposed to have a chance to support or propose projects. She believes that \$15 million can go a long way in determining the feasibility of Alaska entering into more sustainable development projects. Alaskans should be able to protect their most sensitive areas from unnecessary development. Ms. Burk believes there are other options and opportunities. She noted that she is an engineer and used to work in permitting and business development. Ms. Burk believes that we need to be investing in Alaskans and often times, opening up big resource developments give short-term jobs to people that are not Alaskans.

Ms. Burk stated that she knows there is no real way for her comment to affect decision-making. She is glad to have the opportunity to speak today and share her concerns. She believes that thought needs to be given to how the comments from the public are being scored in the scoping process. Ms. Burk thanked the Board.

There being no further public comments, Chair Pruhs closed public comments.

4. PRIOR MINUTES - December 1, 2021

Chair Pruhs continued back to Item 4. Prior Minutes.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Fogle to approve the Minutes of December 1, 2021, as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. MacKinnon.

Ms. MacKinnon objected and requested Alan Weitzner, Executive Director, provide comment on the public testimony given today by Ms. Epstein regarding the need to update and correct the minutes to reflect Mr. Weitzner's use of the words "upwards of". Mr. Weitzner stated that he does not recall specifically whether he used the words "on average". He thinks that the minutes say "up to" \$150 million. He believes that in this case, probably both are applicable. Mr. Weitzner noted that there is not a definitive number. He stated that there is a budget in anticipation of the level of capital that is necessary to support a private funding capital raise for the Ambler Access Project, which was the specific reference discussed. Ms. MacKinnon expressed appreciation for the response.

Chair Pruhs commented that it is a challenge under current economic conditions with inflation and supply chain issues to know what that number ultimately will be.

Mr. Weitzner agreed with Chair Pruhs and noted that the numbers in the initial budgeting were based upon 2020 dollars, and in some cases, as early as 2018 dollars. There have since been inflationary pressures on the full cost.

There were no further clarifications or questions, and no further objections.

The motion to approve the Minutes of December 1, 2021, as presented, passed without objection.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. Resolution No. G22-01 AIDEA FY23 Operating Budget Submission Ratification

Chair Pruhs continued to Item 6A. and requested that Mr. Weitzner comment. Mr. Weitzner explained that AIDEA's Resolution G22-01 ratifies the Governor's submission of the FY23 Operating Budget. The Budget is attached to the agenda. Staff is recommending that the Board fully approve the Budget.

Chair Pruhs asked Mr. Fogle if he had any comments. Mr. Fogle informed that the Budget was reviewed and found to be satisfactory for operations and holding the line on expenses. Chair Pruhs reminded, for the record, that AIDEA's budget is self-sustaining and there are no general fund (GF) dollars in AIDEA's budget. AIDEA uses its internal funding and does not ask the State for any money. Chair Pruhs asked Mr. Weitzner if his assessment was correct. Mr. Weitzner agreed and explained that AIDEA's funding is managed by AIDEA directly from the returns received from projects and investments. He informed that since the initiation of the Dividend Statute in 1995, AIDEA has reported positive net income and has been able to sustain the operations of the organization.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Kendig to approve Resolution No. G22-01 AIDEA FY23 Operating Budget submission ratification. Motion seconded by Mr. Vivlamore.

There was no discussion.

A roll call was taken, and the motion to approve Resolution No. G22-01 passed unanimously.

6B. Presentation: Interior Gas Utility

Chair Pruhs commented that he has been waiting for this presentation. He welcomed Dan Britton, Interior Gas Utility (IGU) General Manager, who graciously traveled from Fairbanks to give the annual report presentation. Mr. Britton thanked the Board for the opportunity to give an update on IGU. The presentation included a look-back of 2021, the focus for 2022, and will answer Board questions.

Mr. Britton stated that IGU feels like 2021 was a successful year. The year began with a natural gas contract to Hilcorp to supply the liquefaction facility located in Point MacKenzie. This resulted in a slight price reduction from the previous contract. The five-year base contract includes two three-year one-way options at IGU's sole discretion. The contract provides price security and gas availability through the entire 11-year timeframe. There is an option that allows for expansion of the daily volume take of 5 million cubic feet, up to an additional 10 million cubic feet, which would potentially provide for an expansion of the liquefaction facility and allow for the production of another 100,000 gallons per day. Mr. Britton explained the price is stable over the timeframe, with a small 1% escalator index. IGU is pleased with contract and the flexibility and security that it supplies.

Mr. Britton stated that in February, for the first time in history, IGU introduced natural gas to the distribution system in North Pole. IGU had constructed a storage facility in North Pole that was placed online in February. IGU gasified about 70 miles of distribution system that had been previously installed in 2015. There are now customers burning gas in North Pole. Mr. Britton announced that IGU received two national awards. One award was for safety from the American

Public Gas Association and the second award was for a marketing video related to the ribbon-cutting of the North Pole facility.

Mr. Britton discussed the construction season in 2021 was between June and September, during which 311 new services were installed and approximately six miles of additional main lines were installed. Chair Pruhs asked what percentage increase over the existing lines does the 311 represent. Mr. Britton stated there were about 1,600 customers prior to the start of the year, which he said makes about a 15% addition. Mr. Britton noted that the 20-year / 30-year financial pro forma capital plan lists 347 for 2021, and 600 in 2022. He discussed that every application that was received was successfully installed during the short construction season. The additional six miles of main line is based on interest received from customers on areas that did not have a gas main. Incremental gas main installation, along with new services will continue.

Mr. Britton stated that natural gas is relatively new to a broader spectrum in Fairbanks, and customers have provided feedback asking for the availability of contractors to install their boilers or to convert their appliances. IGU has developed a preferred contractor program and has reached out to the mechanical contractors in Fairbanks. This has been well-received by customers.

Mr. Britton informed that IGU moved to a new building location in August. The move was challenging, having been in the previous location for 20 years, and taking place during a heavy construction season. The move was successful, and the administration and operation staff are now in the same facility. The building is on the corner of Phillips Field Road and Peger Road. Mr. Britton invited members to visit when they are in Fairbanks. Chair Pruhs asked what business was in the location previously. Mr. Britton noted that the building originally housed A&W Wholesale and then a food service supply company. The building is about 20,000 square feet and allows for the anticipated growth. He noted that the cost of the building ownership is essentially equal to the previous lease costs.

Mr. Britton discussed the business projections for 2022. IGU partnered with the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB), Mat-Su Borough, and Alaska Railroad on proposing a project under the Build Back Better grant. This was a two-phase grant application and unfortunately, the project was not selected. The effort was worthwhile and continued to bring awareness of the importance of this project and the potential for economic development in Fairbanks and throughout the state. He noted the potential for the additional customer in the future for the Railroad. The liquefaction facility is in Point MacKenzie and Wasilla. IGU's growth results in increased gas development in Cook Inlet. IGU will continue to look for other grant opportunities.

Mr. Britton noted that FNSB established an oil to gas conversion program in 2019, which provides funding to customers to assist with the conversion cost. This is an important piece of IGU's effort, as it is a challenge to meet the goals of the project without new customers. The program was initially funded with \$1 million, which was successfully expended in the first year. The FNSB then applied an additional \$1 million from their ARPA funds. There is also a current application out for an additional \$3.2 million under the Clear Air Act, Targeted Airshed Grants. If received, this would allow for a substantial benefit to customers, who can receive up to \$7,500 towards their oil to gas conversion.

Mr. Britton continued the presentation indicating that IGU plans to double the amount of service lines installed in 2021 to approximately 600. As of this date, there are 50 lines that have completed the IGU process and have been approved for construction. There are about 100 additional lines that are in the review process. IGU is hopeful that the targets will be met. Mr. Britton reviewed the detailed slide showing the pending gas service requests report. There were 654 gas service requests, of which 311 were installed in 2021, and 41 are approved for 2022 construction. There were 70 requests that were cancelled, usually by the customer who either changed their mind or were not ready. There were 145 requests that were not feasible because there is not main line available. That list will be kept in the records and used to find the highest concentration of interest for the next section to add gas piping. Mr. Britton detailed the remaining 87 requests.

Mr. Britton reviewed details of the applicant profile. He noted that 40% of applications received do not have a gas main line immediately available, which speaks to the need to continue the expansion efforts. He noted 80% of applications are residential and 20% are commercial. He stated that 40% of the applications are in North Pole and 60% are in Fairbanks. Ultimately, 60% of the applications are approved for construction and installed.

Mr. Britton discussed the slide showing the comparison of the FY 2022 projected financials to the pro forma and indicated that FY22 is slightly behind the pro forma as it relates to sales and revenues. One of the things noticed is the lag in conversions that was not reflected in the financial models. When a customer is added, they do not turn on the gas the same day. There is approximately a six-month delay between the gas service installation and the customer burning gas, which was not reflected in the pro forma model. Mr. Britton noted that one of the ways this is managed is by having a slightly higher rate in the budget versus the pro forma. This maintains the earnings that are necessary to support the debt coverage. New customers are required to sign a six-month conversion agreement and if they do not convert within six months, they are responsible for the full cost of the installation.

Mr. Britton noted that the operating margins are slightly above the pro forma, even with reduced sales. The financial metrics in the bond market are slightly better than the pro forma. Mr. Britton discussed the current bonding status. IGU raised about \$10 million project funds in 2019. The expenditure to-date is about \$3 million, of which about \$1.2 million was for service line installations, just under \$1 million on the main line installations, and about \$770,000 for pipes, meters, and parts ordered for installations. He noted there is about \$7 million of funds remaining that will be utilized in 2022 and 2023 construction efforts. Mr. Britton communicated the reminder for everyone to call for a natural gas locate before they dig. This protects the system. He provided IGU's contact information and noted he is available to answer any questions.

Chair Pruhs expressed appreciation to Mr. Britton for the presentation. He congratulated IGU on the pro forma. Chair Pruhs asked for the delta between oil and natural gas. Mr. Britton stated that oil is about 31% higher than natural gas today. At the last survey, oil prices were about \$3.67 per gallon on average through the distributors in Fairbanks. IGU's equivalent price is \$2.80 per gallon for the same energy content. The natural gas price to residential customers is approximately \$20 per thousand cubic feet. In addition to the substantial savings, many people are converting to a higher efficiency appliance, with a 95% efficient condensing natural gas

boiler. This adds a 10% savings just on the efficiency change, plus the reduction in the cost of fuel.

Chair Pruhs asked if IGU is seeing conversions to gas of furnaces, stoves, and hot water heaters, and other appliances. Mr. Britton agreed and stated that there are a many drivers to convert to gas, other than just the price, including convenience, availability of appliances, and natural gas fired back-up generators. Mr. Britton discussed that supply logistics and constraints is a huge challenge that is addressed daily. Some critical components for 2023 are recommended to be ordered now. He gave the example that a meter supply lead time is 8 months to 12 months. IGU is working hard to ensure they have the inventory to begin the construction season in June.

Chair Pruhs noted that he had an experience with a facility and gas pressure and requested additional information. Mr. Britton explained that there was an interruption out of the new storage facility for the first time in November 2021. There was a failure of a shutoff component that resulted in cold gas going into the distribution pipe, which created a fracture that took time to isolate and eliminate the leak point. That resulted in the need to utilize the back-up storage facility and resulted in a loss of pressure, which affected some of the customers. Mr. Britton noted that Chair Pruhs' facility is on the outskirts of one of the piping networks, which resulted in lower pressure during that time of the 16-hour impact. Mr. Britton indicated that the failure analysis has been completed and procedural changes are being implemented, including additional fail safes on the controls and the components to prevent future interruptions.

Chair Pruhs asked for the volume of the tank and the projection for next winter. Mr. Britton noted the volume is about two million gallons now. The start of the winter had about three million gallons. The inventory will be rebuilt in the summer and will need to reach about four million gallons before next winter. Chair Pruhs asked how many trucks are running a day and if any are tanker-pups. Mr. Britton noted there are about four to six trucks per day running round trips and there are no tanker-pups yet. He said there have been a few trucks with B-train style trailers running from Canada, but they have to be split once they cross the border because they do not meet Alaska bridge laws.

Chair Pruhs asked for additional information. Mr. Britton explained that IGU has an as-needed contract with the Canadian company Cryopeak that lays the framework for the per-order price and quantity to be reached. He noted a single contract with another Canadian entity. Chair Pruhs asked if DOT has been contacted regarding the bridge laws. Mr. Britton noted that the previous instance was not an emergency, and he believes it is a good suggestion for IGU to have a conversation with DOT in advance of the next possible occurrence.

Chair Pruhs requested an update on the plan for the Titan manufacturing facility at Point MacKenzie. Mr. Britton explained that just before the pandemic, a final investment decision was to be brought before the IGU Board. He requested to pause the decision due to the reduction in oil prices at that time and the unknowns related to the impacts of the pandemic. Mr. Britton stated that the point has come to bring the issue back to the Board for a final investment decision to begin construction probably within the next year or two. As new customer targets are being met, the need for additional liquefaction is forthcoming. The large storage project built in 2019 provides a buffer.

Mr. Britton discussed that one of the components of the Interior Energy Plan in the funding from the State originally was the bonding authorization. The sunset date was initially in 2018, which was increased and now the sunset is on June 30, 2023. Possible legislation will occur this year to increase that sunset date by another five years since there is still need for availability to that bonding. AIDEA's support of that legislation will be needed. Mr. Weitzner reminded that the facilities that were authorized by the Legislature for IGU under Senate Bill 23 were upwards of \$275 million. AIDEA has advanced \$139 million at this point under the SETS Fund and has authorized up towards \$78 million in bond authorization, which IGU took directly and obtained an investment grade rating of sales. The identified \$78 million was for the continued expansion of the Titan LNG facility. Mr. Britton informed that it was reduced to \$10 million because of the pause on the Titan liquefaction facility expansion. IGU will come back for renewed authorization of bonding as the expansion is contemplated and additional funding is needed for the continued new services.

Mr. Weitzner identified for members and for the public that the IEP Quarterly Report to the Legislature is attached to the agenda.

Chair Pruhs congratulated Mr. Britton again and hopes the materials are available and the proposed installations go well. Mr. Britton noted that IGU has the materials and feels like they are ahead of the issues at this point. Chair Pruhs inquired as to IGU's marketing technique and suggested telling the public in Fairbanks that natural gas is cheaper than oil now. Mr. Britton discussed that IGU brought on a new marketing manager last year, who has been doing a great job, including the previously mentioned award. IGU's Facebook activity is increasing and discusses the primary benefits to natural gas and reasons to convert.

Chair Pruhs expressed his best to IGU Board members. Mr. Britton informed that IGU has a strong Board, including two new Board members that started in November: Jack Wilbur and Bob Shefchik. He provided background information on both new members. There were no additional questions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Kendig to enter into Executive Session to discuss confidential and deliberative matters related to personnel matters, policy matters, Eielson AFB Military Zone Housing Land Development, Ambler Access Project, and Mustang Holdings, LLC. Motion seconded by Mr. Fogle.

The motion was approved without objection.

**6C. Executive Session: 1:43 pm
Confidential and deliberative matters related to personnel matters, policy matters, Eielson AFB Military Facility Zone Land Development, Ambler Access Project, and Mustang Holdings, LLC**

The Board reconvened its regular meeting at 3:22 pm. Chair Pruhs stated that no decisions were made in executive session on the matters discussed.

6D. Resolution No. G22-02 Eielson AFB Military Facility Zone Land Development

Mr. Weitzner explained that Resolution No. G22-02 authorizes development activities related to the Eielson AFB Military Facility Zone Land Development. A Board memorandum is attached to the agenda and summarizes a proposal for AIDEA to undertake activities for land development that would occur within the Military Facility Zone. AIDEA's statutes allow for the development of "infrastructure for an area that is designated as a Military Facility Zone under Alaska Statute 26.30." Mr. Weitzner discussed that the determination of a Military Facility Zone is made by the Alaska Military and Veterans Affairs Department, as requested by a municipality. In this case, the City of North Pole has requested that allocation and through a city ordinance, designated the City of North Pole as a Military Facility Zone.

Mr. Weitzner summarized the proposal of a structure to be acquired and provided to AIDEA for development, including master planning for the housing developments, subdivisions, utilities, water connections, electrical connections, gas, and all other requirements. These efforts are particularly directed to eliminate certain barriers of entry, to lower the cost of entry for housing contractors within the Fairbanks North Star Borough area to develop housing that would support off-base housing for Eielson AFB personnel.

Mr. Weitzner explained that the background information that the Fairbanks North Star Borough community has been working on regarding the designations of additional personnel to Eielson AFB is also provided in the memorandum. He explained that if the personnel are able to find housing off-base, this will provide immediate economic development benefits to the community.

Chair Pruhs discussed that included in AIDEA's mission is to provide long-term jobs for Alaskans. He noted that there is a current housing need in this area to provide for AFB personnel and their families. Chair Pruhs believes that when families move with AFB personnel, that many times, the non-AFB personnel spouse will move to Alaska and find a job. Chair Pruhs' personal view is that this proposal provides a two-for-one value, in that the military is bringing a job to Alaska and AIDEA is providing an opportunity for the spouse to come to the Fairbanks community and possibly hold a full-time job. Mr. Weitzner agreed to that characterization and reiterated the additional economic development drivers.

Mr. Fogle commented that having been in the military in Fairbanks, he believes this would greatly help the soldiers and their families to be together. He expressed support and kudos for creating this solution. There were no other questions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Fogle to approve Resolution No. G22-02, Eielson AFB Military Facility Zone Land Development. Motion seconded by Mr. Vivlamore.

A roll call was taken, and the motion to approve Resolution G22-02, Eielson AFB Military Facility Zone Land Development passed, with Mr. Kendig absent and Commissioner Sande absent.

6E. Resolution No. G22-03 Ambler Access Project 2022 Field Season Plan and Budget

Mr. Weitzner advised that Resolution No. G22-03 relates to the development of the Ambler Access Project to conduct certain final feasibility and permitting activities with respect to the 2022 field season plan and budget. He noted that there is a Board memorandum and a

presentation attached to the resolution. Mr. Weitzner invited Dave Heimke, Chief Operating Officer, to join him at the table to review the presentation. There was no objection.

Mr. Weitzner summarized the elements of the Board memorandum and highlighted the follow-up to actions taken by the Board with the 2021 field season related to defining AIDEA's procurement procedures for the professional services. In April 2021, the Board approved and adopted professional services procurement procedures. The underlying principle was to ensure the broadest engagement with Alaska businesses and contractors for the opportunities for contractual work on the Ambler Access Road for the feasibility and final activities. Through that process, AIDEA has engaged with a total of 42 Alaska prime and subservice providers under its contracting for the Ambler Access Project in the identified tasks for procurement last year. There are 34 distinct companies at this stage through 2024. In some cases, work is engaged with subcontractors that are also acting as a prime contractor. The end of these permitting activities is identified through 2024, at which point a final investment decision will be presented before the Board.

Mr. Weitzner discussed that within the procurement procedures, ways of engaging and enhancing minority business enterprise opportunities were identified. Information and follow-up are provided. With the contracting for Ambler Access, staff wanted to ensure that there were broader opportunities for what were defined as minority business enterprise, including Native-owned business, other disadvantaged business owners by other federal definitions. The goals and achievements have been identified. In many cases, the goal is being exceeded and Mr. Weitzner believes this provides a very good example of what can be achieved with the contractor firms that are active, engaged, and experienced in the state of Alaska for these types of access projects.

Mr. Weitzner noted that there were a couple of cases that were not at the level of achievement and staff is monitoring this going forward and provides the reasons within the memo. This effort has been a significant achievement in the way the Board has directed the procurement procedures for Ambler to-date.

Mr. Weitzner identified the stakeholder engagement aspects that have been addressed and discussed during public comment, particularly regarding the Subsistence Advisory Committee. This has been one of the major steps that the Ambler Access Project has undertaken in fulfilling its obligations for its permitting and for the Record of Decision in its engagement with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). This is an important issue within the State, and staff understands the critical nature of subsistence. AIDEA, in its role, sponsored a Subsistence Advisory Working Group, which was engaged in May and June of 2021. Key leaders within the impacted Village communities were identified to Chair the Working Group and began to identify the policies and procedures that would be established for the Working Group. It is through their involvement, as elders within the different Village communities and engaged in subsistence, that they recommended policy and procedures of identifying and having applications available in the Villages and the impacted communities to apply to be appointed to the Subsistence Advisory Committee Working Group to support the Ambler Access Project.

Mr. Weitzner reiterated that AIDEA sponsored the Subsistence Advisory Working Group to ensure that there is access and availability for the Villages and elder representatives to meet and engage. The follow-ups with the Committee Working Group are being determined by the Co-

Chairs and the members of the Committee Working Group. AIDEA staff believes that the Committee Working Group has a significant benefit incorporated this past year in the stakeholder engagement, particularly in subsistence, with very broad input coming from the Village communities. AIDEA staff is respecting the process that the Co-Chairs and the members have determined as to how the Subsistence Advisory Committee can best give input regarding the design and other issues faced during this finalization of feasibility, before a final investment decision is presented to the Board.

Mr. Weitzner highlighted another element that came from the Subsistence Advisory Committee and the Village elders regards the economic impacts and opportunities to their communities. The Committee has followed up through focus on jobs and workforce development. Mr. Weitzner noted that groups have subsequently engaged in Alatna and Allakaket to present the workforce development opportunities that building the road presents and for work and engagement on the potential mining activity once the access road is available.

Mr. Weitzner noted that the memorandum identifies the involvement of the different communities that consist of the Subsistence Advisory Committee. He believes this is a key strength in the formation of the Subsistence Advisory Committee. Mr. Weitzner requested Mr. Heimke to comment. Mr. Heimke reiterated that the Workforce Development Working Group is a spinoff of the Subsistence Advisory Committee Working Group. Job fairs have already begun and over 40 jobs are identified. These jobs include job progression of entry level jobs and intern jobs that cross a wide variety of field work. The idea is that the job would progress as the project continues after the final investment decision. This is a long view of jobs and career development opportunities for the folks along the access road.

Mr. Weitzner emphasized the impacts of communities that are involved in the Subsistence Advisory Committee and noted again that the Co-Chairs are Mr. Bifelt and Mr. Westlake. Elder representatives are from the Native Villages of Allakaket, Huslia, Alatna, Hughes, Kobuk, Shungnak, Noorvik, Kiana, Ambler, and Evansville. This is a broad representation of elders from these Village communities along the route.

Chair Pruhs noted that there are a few lodge businesses that say the program will affect their businesses, but in reality, their businesses are using thousands and thousands of acres of public land for their benefit at no cost. He asked Mr. Weitzner how this is being addressed. Mr. Weitzner explained that when that point has been raised by individual operators and their particular businesses, staff has tried to identify that the depiction of the road and its development and access is not accurate, but that the road is for industrial use and is on a specific route. The road will not be engaged with public access. The route itself does not impact the particular areas that have been identified. Mr. Weitzner noted that parties who have been behind different documentaries about the broader impacts of the road are not factually correct in several circumstances regarding the use of the road and the way it is being developed. He explained that staff is trying to address this by providing information about how the Subsistence Advisory Committee has been engaged and other ways.

Chair Pruhs asked if there is a differential between the benefit of the few versus the benefit of the many of a public asset. Mr. Weitzner indicated that is part of the information that staff has been identifying in each case and the reasons AIDEA is engaging on the Ambler Access Road,

including the objectives and benefits. The same issues that were identified in ANILCA in 1980, which is access to a mining district and its economic development benefits for the state of Alaska and all of its residents. There are mining royalties that come from the development within the district and 25% goes to the Permanent Fund. There are economic development benefits through employment from what has been seen through the development of the Red Dog Mine and how that has impacted and benefitted social services to the Indigenous and rural communities. Those benefits are present once access is available and development of the mining interests are gained within the mining district.

Chair Pruhs commented that there are potential future opportunities that are currently unknown because there is no access. Mr. Weitzner agreed that there is a logistics chain that needs to be identified with the development of the mining district. The road is one aspect of this. There are logistic businesses that will engage that will benefit from this as well.

Ms. MacKinnon noted that AIDEA may need to ask the Department of Law this question directly, as she believes that there is also a provision for all of the mining proceeds to be shared amongst different Tribal organizations. She stated that may not be the case. Mr. Weitzner highlighted that there is a shared amount of payments under ANCSA 7(i) and 7(j), and that Red Dog has contributed to broad benefits within the state of Alaska. He explained this relates to specific areas of lease that does include some elements of the lease within the Ambler Mining District, but it does not cover all of the leasing. There are federal leases that are also included.

Mr. Heimke continued his remarks and reviewed the included presentation. He recapped that the Record of Decision was obtained, followed by the contracting and procurement, which then launched the abbreviated 2021 field season. Mr. Heimke discussed the task orders and the significant amount of work that occurred, including over 4,800 hours of safe field work. This year, AIDEA will have its own safety person in charge of the safety protocols from all of the contractors. Mr. Heimke reviewed that the abbreviated field season resulted in efficient work, including survey activities, hydrology, bridge crossings, and fish habitat studies that will be provided to the Subsistence Advisory Committee.

Mr. Heimke advised that the Annual Fieldwork Report was uploaded on December 23, 2021, and it is in review with the consulting parties. He noted that the field work is highly exhaustive and is of excellent quality completed by the cultural resources' contractors. The Tribal Liaison Program was initiated, and much cultural resource work was conducted in the initial season. Outreach has occurred to all of the Villages recently hoping to engage them in expansion of the Tribal Liaison Program. This will also be part of the job fairs that have already started and that will continue.

Mr. Heimke reviewed the cultural resource survey highlights shown in the presentation. The approach is comprehensive, and 691 acres were surveyed with quite a few test areas and shovel test pits. This is a big part of the 2022 field season. The stakeholder outreach is continuing. The job fairs are an important part of the communication focus, as the impacts of the road on rural communities is understood for economic development. Staff is working on the newsletter and various different types of public engagement, including mail, visits to Villages, and website updates. Mr. Heimke discussed that the stakeholder outreach will continue to improve and be established, which is the reason for the increase in the budget request.

Chair Pruhs requested a brief at-ease. There was no objection.

Mr. Heimke continued the presentation and discussed the planned schedule for 2022. The upcoming activities are a repeat of last year with an amplification of sites due to the extended season. The current priorities and next steps drive the program to the final investment decision in 2024.

Mr. Weitzner noted that the Board has been provided all of the information for review. The request is for an allocation of \$15.4 million in budget for 2022 to match a similar allocation by Ambler Metals for this 2022 field season. There were no additional questions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Vivlamore to approve Resolution G22-03, Ambler Access Project 2022 Field Season Plan and Budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Fogle.

A roll call was taken, and the motion to approve Resolution G22-03, Ambler Access Project 2022 Field Season Plan and Budget passed, with Mr. Kendig absent and Commissioner Sande absent.

6F. Resolution G22-04 Mustang Holding LLC CY2022 Capital Budget

Mr. Weitzner explained that Resolution G22-04 approves the January through June 2022 budget and project plan in support of the Mustang Oil Field Development Project. The supporting information has been provided. The request is for approval of a budget allocating \$1.28 million for specific expenses to manage the ongoing Mustang Oil Project.

There were no questions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Fogle to approve Resolution G22-04, Mustang Holding LLC CY2022 Capital Budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Vivlamore.

A roll call was taken, and the motion to approve Resolution G22-04 passed unanimously, with Mr. Kendig absent and Commissioner Sande absent.

6G. Resolution No. G22-05 Investment Policy Update

Ms. MacKinnon moved to defer Resolution No. G22-05 Investment Policy Update, with the request that the Attorney General's opinion on the resolution is sought. There was no second.

Mr. Weitzner explained that the language presented followed the December 1, 2021 Board meeting discussion on a proposal for consideration on the amended Investment Policy. Staff will follow-up and make a request to the Attorney General to review the matter and provide a full opinion.

There was no objection to postponing action on Resolution No. G22-05 until the Attorney General provides an opinion.

7. DIRECTORS COMMENTS

7A. AIDEA FY2021 Annual Report

Mr. Weitzner informed that the provided report is the most recently completed FY2021 Annual Report. This is in follow-up to compliance with AS 44.88.205, an annual letter to the Legislature defining excess assets, and with AS 44.88.210, providing financial statements. This was provided to the Legislature and to the Board by January 10th. The Annual Report is presented today to the public under this agenda item.

Mr. Weitzner complimented AIDEA's Communications Director Colleen Bryan and her staff for their work in compiling the information and completing the Annual Report. The Annual Report includes the Governor's letters, the full set of statistics for loan initiations, the report on job creation, the identified key performance indicators, and the definition of specific projects undertaken.

7B. Organization Chart

Mr. Weitzner discussed the two fundamental changes to AIDEA's side of the updated Organizational chart as of 1/31/22. The first is that Mark Davis, who previously served in the role of Chief Infrastructure Development Officer, has now moved to the position of Special Counsel. He is focused on AIDEA, as well as federal issues that are impacting the State and economic development. Mr. Weitzner informed that Mr. Heimke, Chief Operating Officer, has undertaken the operations position which has incorporated the Infrastructure Development Group. He is looking to add people to support that function.

Mr. Weitzner identified that previously, the Commercial Finance Director, Tiffany Janssen, and the Loan Participation Program were an independent group. Review of servicing, internal and external management of the loan programs resulted in the concentration of this group under the Chief Investment Officer, Morgan Neff. Mr. Weitzner believes there is consistent reporting and very good work being undertaken within that focus of the organization. Mr. Weitzner informed that Raymie Hamann is now full-time as Executive Assistant and support for the Board.

Chair Pruhs inquired as to the status of filling the vacant positions. Mr. Weitzner stated that quite a few new people have joined AIDEA staff over the last few months. The management focus for the organization is prepared for expansion and growth of the mission within the state of Alaska. There were no additional questions.

7C. Loan Dashboard Report

Mr. Weitzner noted that the Loan Dashboard Report is available for review. He updated that there is an ongoing review with the Budget and Audit Subcommittee on risk management concentration within the loan portfolio. Mr. Weitzner believes the review of that information will result in a presentation to the Board at some point. There were no questions.

7D. Interior Energy Project Quarterly Report to Legislature - Included in packet.

7E. Next regularly scheduled AIDEA Board Meeting, Wed. March 2, 2022

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Fogle thanked Mr. Weitzner for presenting the information at the Budget and Audit Subcommittee meeting on January 18th, including the underwriting process and the approvals. Mr. Fogle informed that all of the questions were satisfactorily answered, and the Subcommittee was able to understand the approval process. The Loan Dashboard Report was reviewed and many of the loan modifications are coming to an end in 2022. Mr. Fogle believes AIDEA has successfully navigated and prevented many businesses from going out of business during the COVID-19 pandemic over the past two years. AIDEA should be proud of those efforts. The Budget and Audit Subcommittee will meet on a monthly basis, now that the emergency assistance has been addressed. Mr. Fogle expressed appreciation to Mr. Weitzner and staff.

Chair Pruhs thanked Mr. Weitzner, Mr. Heimke, Ms. Hamann and the team for their help today. He asked for feedback from members if it would be beneficial to disseminate a white paper or fact sheet to the Legislature highlighting the AIDEA programs that were implemented to benefit Alaska's businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. The information could include the number of businesses assisted and the total dollar amount of assistance. Ms. MacKinnon noted that the timing of providing the information is important because the Legislature is so busy at the end of session. She believes that the Legislature would be grateful for a high-level accounting of the AK CARES Program, including business category specifics on numbers, geography, industry, minority ownership, and especially tourism.

Mr. Fogle agreed that there should be a report that shows AIDEA's efforts in helping Alaska's businesses stay in business these last two years. Ms. MacKinnon suggested reaching out to businesses in different geographical regions to submit a few sentences highlighting the benefits AIDEA provided. She believes the Legislature would be very interested in the synopsis of how AIDEA benefited their constituents. Mr. Weitzner agreed that staff will follow-up and will compile the information. He noted that comments have been generated and staff will share those.

Chair Pruhs suggested that some of those comments can be included in the next annual report. Mr. Weitzner noted that the 2021 Annual Report identifies comments received from the Blood Bank and other specific work.

Chair Pruhs expressed appreciation to staff and members. There were no additional comments.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the Board, the AIDEA meeting adjourned at 4:04 pm.



Alan Weitzner, AIDEA Executive Director
Secretary