

**Northern Maine Development Commission  
Annual Meeting of the Members Meeting Minutes of  
June 23, 2016**

**PLACE:** Caribou Inn and Convention Center  
**DATE:** June 23, 2016 5:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Chair Christy Sirois, Don Adams, Gary Aiken, Austin Bleess, Rose Bragdon, Keith Brown, Mary Anne Buck, Dave Cyr, Melissa Devoe, David Dionne, Paul Dudley, Ralph Dwyer, Jon Frederick, Don Guimond, Gary Picard, Martin Puckett, Butch Asselin, Max Lynds, Jim Risner, Jacob Robichaud, Wendell Spooner, Patricia Sutherland, Jim Tweedie, Fred Ventresco, Clinton Watson and Holly Wood.

**Others Present:** Barbara Hayslett-Senator King's Office, Wilkes Harper, Jennifer Peters, Paul Bouchard, Dottie Dudley, Louise Cyr, Robert Clark, Judy Dinsmore, Alain Ouellette, Jon Gulliver, Julie Corey, Dana Delano, Jay Kamm, Trisha Gotreau, Kenny LeTourneau, Josh Nadeau, David Spooner, Matt Tompkins, Mary Dahlgren and Julie Dahlgren.

1. Call to Order and Introductions:

Chair Sirois brought the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. She welcomed everyone and asked those who wished to receive travel reimbursement to pass their vouchers in to Ms. Dinsmore. She asked those who completed a Proxy Statement to pass it in to Ms. Dinsmore if they will be voting in the absence of the Member Representative for their Community/County.

Chair Sirois recognized Barbara Hayslett of Senator King's office.

2. Certification of Quorum:

The quorum requirement for the transaction of business at a meeting of the Members is 25% of the Representatives entitled to vote.

There are 81 Member Representatives of which 21 would constitute a quorum. There are 26 Member Representatives present at the meeting today, therefore a quorum is present that meets the requirements of the By-laws.

3. Annual Report Presentation:

Mr. Clark reviewed the Annual Report with the Members. A copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Clark thanked NMDC staff, Board and Committee members for their time and hard work over the past year.

4. Nominating Committee Report:

a. Election of Executive Board of Directors

Mr. Dionne presented the report to the Membership announcing the Nominating Committee's slate of Directors for a two-year term:

Butch Asselin – Houlton  
 Austin Bleess – Caribou  
 Keith Brown – Washburn  
 Mary Anne Buck – Mapleton  
 Sandra Fournier – Eagle Lake  
 Jim Gagnon – Wallagrass  
 Jim Gardner – Easton  
 Don Guimond – Fort Kent  
 Wendell Spooner – New Sweden  
 Patricia Sutherland – Chapman  
 Jim Tweedie – Blaine  
 Fred Ventresco – Limestone  
 Terry Wade – Monticello

The following were nominees from the floor:

Jim Risner – Fort Fairfield  
 Ryan D. Pelletier – Madawaska

At this time the Executive Board voted to conduct elections by paper ballot.

The results were:

Butch Asselin – 27 votes  
 Austin Bleess – 27  
 Keith Brown – 27  
 Mary Anne Buck – 26  
 Sandra Fournier – 10  
 Jim Gagnon – 25  
 Jim Gardner – 14  
 Don Guimond – 26  
 Wendell Spooner – 25  
 Patricia Sutherland – 26  
 Jim Tweedie – 26  
 Fred Ventresco – 25  
 Terry Wade – 16

Jim Risner – 22  
 Ryan D. Pelletier – 22

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Frederick, seconded by Mr. Dionne to elect the slate of nominees for Executive Board of Directors for a two-year term as a result of the paper ballot elections.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

b. Election of Officers

Mr. Dionne presented the report to the Membership announcing the Nominating Committee's slate of Officers for a one year term:

Chair: Austin Bleess – Caribou  
 Vice-Chair: Jon Frederick – Castle Hill  
 Treasurer: Ralph Dwyer – Ashland  
 Secretary: Keith Brown – Washburn

There were no nominations from the floor for the offices of Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer or Secretary.

MOTION:

Motion made by Ms. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Guimond to elect the slate of nominees for the Officers positions as presented.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

5. Other Business:

a. Aroostook County Tourism Impact Estimates for 2015

Mr. Ouellette announced that an estimated 1.25 million visitors came to Aroostook County in 2015, a 6.9% decrease from 2014 estimates. In 2015 Aroostook County visitors spent \$139 million, down 4% from 2014. The \$139 million spent by visitors in Aroostook County supported 2,469 jobs, \$45,965,607 in total earnings and \$12,767,650 in total taxes.

6. Officer and Board Director Recognition:

At this time Mr. Bleess presented plaques to the outgoing Directors.

Paul Underwood – County of Aroostook (absent)  
 Christy Sirois – St. Agatha

Mr. Bless presented outgoing Chair Christy Sirois with a token of appreciation from the Membership and NMDC staff.

7. Employee Recognition:

The following staff members were recognized for 10 and 25 years of service to NMDC:

Bob Clark – 25 years

Mary Dahlgren – 10 years

8. Adjournment:

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was declared adjourned at 5:30 p.m. Dinner was served following adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Brown  
Secretary

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