



**STAFF REPORT
APRIL 10, 2015**

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE:

Current assets are a little over one million dollars, earning a very small return on investment. Certificates of Deposit (CD) in EverBank, Alaska USA, and State Farm Bank have all matured and been transferred to short-term (30 day) CDs at Wells Fargo. The savings are all very liquid and ready for the Board to decide how it wishes to proceed in terms of investments that might garner a higher return with the accompanying assumption of risk.

Key Bank (SSL -- AMLIP funds that are very liquid):	\$ 196,120.89
Key Bank Savings	\$ 260,531.24
Wells Fargo Checking	\$ 80,186.16
Wells Fargo Savings	\$ 205,636.96
Wells Fargo -- 30 day CDs	\$ 300,002.30
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Total	\$1,042,477.50

PROJECTS/OLD BUSINESS:

Regional Energy Planning

- **Aleutian/Pribilofs:** Following our Aleutian Energy Summit on March 3, we have been working on compiling the community energy priorities we gathered and keeping in contact with our Aleutian stakeholders to help us update local information on the Community and Energy profiles.
- **Bristol Bay:** Doug Griffin and Energy Intern Laura Vaught traveled as part of a five-person team to sub-regional meetings held in four communities in the Bristol Bay Region to conduct outreach and gather information regarding community and regional energy plans. Lawrence Sorensen from the Bristol Bay Native Association, Jamie Hansen of Information Insights, and Chris Gobah with the Alaska Energy Authority were the other members of the group. Meetings were held as follows: Iliamna -- March 23, Chignik Lagoon -- March 24, King Salmon -- March 25, and Dillingham -- March 26. The weather cooperated and the meetings were well attended and well received. This effort continues to be closely coordinated with the Bristol Bay Native Association. In Dillingham, Griffin attended a U.S. Department of Energy Workshop and the Dillingham meeting was held as part of that workshop.
- **Kodiak:** Erik Obrien has been working hard to get the framework developed to help the newly formed Energy Committee tackle energy projects in the Kodiak region. We are working to prepare for a Committee meeting in Kodiak on April 28.

Business Retention & Expansion

SWAMC staff finalized a draft survey for businesses as part of the BRE program. On April 8, we began our outreach effort to potential partners and sent out the draft survey for review and comment. Erik O'Brien attended a BRE training session for potential partners in Kodiak. Brianna Dym completed work on an online database of business contacts, which included tagging each business within a specific industry. This database will provide a starting point for BRE survey distribution.

Membership & Network

Workforce Development

Part of the Conference was devoted to Workforce Development with some excellent presentations of new ways to get noticed by potential employers, occupational certifications and endorsements, development of soft skills. On April 6, Hope Broecker attended a Science Fair Night in Naknek and hosted a booth for SWAMC, focusing on STEM education. On April 14, Broecker begins work on Junior Achievement classes, a financial literacy program for elementary school students. Broecker will begin working on other Workforce Development activities. We will report on those efforts in the future.

Quality of Life and Substance Abuse

Griffin attended an all day Substance Abuse Summit Follow-up session hosted by the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association on April 3. There were presentations regarding substance abuse treatment programs in the Fairbanks/Tanana Chiefs Conference area, on-going development of the Oxford House model of providing a sober environment for post-treatment

housing.

NETWORKING/MEETINGS:

- March 23 -- Griffin and Laura Vaught Co-hosted Sub-regional Energy Planning meeting in Iliamna. Lake and Pen Borough (LPB) Manager Nathan Hill was in attendance.
- March 24 -- Griffin and Laura Vaught Co-hosted Sub-regional Energy Planning meeting in Chignik Lagoon
- March 25 -- Griffin and Laura Vaught Co-hosted Sub-regional Energy Planning meeting in King Salmon. -- Griffin participates in Business Retention and Expansion training session.
- March 25 -- Griffin meets with LPB Manager Nathan Hill at his office in King Salmon.
- March 26 -- Griffin Co-hosts Sub-regional Energy Planning meeting in Dillingham as part of the Department of Energy Workshop
- March 27 -- Griffin meets with DCCED, Division of Community and Regional Affairs Local Government Specialists Carol Luckhurst and Melody Nibeck-Edgmon regarding energy planning and other issues in the region.
- March 27 -- Griffin met with Representative Edgmon at the DCRA office and subsequently attended the Representative's briefing on the Legislative Session with Mayor Ruby at the Dillingham Legislative Information Office.
- March 27 -- Griffin attended the last portion of the DOE Workshop in Dillingham
- April 6 -- Broecker attended the Bristol Bay High School Science Night as a representative of SWAMC.
- April 10 -- Griffin attended annual meeting of the Prince William Sound Economic Development District, the ARDOR for Cordova, Valdez, Tatitlek, New Chenega and Whittier