

Southeast Alaska Power Agency Special Meeting Minutes

Location: Held Electronically¹
 Date: February 26, 2026
 Time: 2:00 p.m. AKST

Agenda Items

1) Call to Order

A. Roll Call.

Chairperson Lynn called the special meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. AKST on February 26, 2026. The following directors and alternates were present, thus establishing a quorum of the board:

Directors	Present Electronically (E) In Person (IP)	Alternates	Present Electronically (E) In Person (IP)	Representing	Community
Bob Sivertsen	IP	Robert Briggs	IP	Swan Lake	Ketchikan
Dick Coose	E	Shawn Hart	IP	Swan Lake	Ketchikan
Mason Villarma	E	David Powell		Tyee Lake	Wrangell
Patricia Gilbert	E	David McHolland	E	Tyee Lake	Wrangell
Bob Lynn	E	Karl Hagerman	E	Tyee Lake	Petersburg

Stephan Harbour, who will serve as an alternate board member in place of Karl Hagerman, effective as of 07/01/2026, joined the meeting electronically.

The following SEAPA staff and counsel were present for all or part of the meeting:

Staff	Present Electronically (E) In Person (IP)	Staff/Counsel	Present Electronically (E) In Person (IP)
Robert Siedman, P.E., CEO	E	Clay Hammer, Operations Mgr.	IP
Mark Hilson, P.E., Proj. Mgr.	E	Kris Womack, Elec Contr Eng	
Tim Ross, Engineering Intern	E	Kay Key, Controller	IP
Sharon Thompson, EA/CA	IP	Marcy Graves, Office Mgr.	IP
Tim Ross	E	Joel Paisner, SEAPA Counsel	E

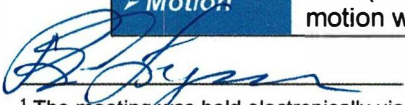
B. Communications/Lay on the Table Items: None

C. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest: None

2) Approval of the Agenda

Chairperson Lynn requested a motion to approve the Agenda.

➤ Motion	M/S (Sivertsen/Gilbert) to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was approved unanimously by polled vote.	✓ Action 26-1225
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¹ The meeting was held electronically via Zoom.



3) **Persons to be Heard:** None

4) **New Business**

A. *Executive Session: Discussions Re Agency's CEO and Strategic Initiatives*

➤ <i>Motion</i>	M/S (Sivertsen/Coose) to recess into Executive Session to be conducted pursuant to SEAPA's Bylaws and Alaska Statute 44.62.310 for discussions related to a subject that could prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided that the persons may request a public discussion, and also for discussions which are matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Agency, the Projects, or any of the Member Utilities represented on the board. The motion was approved unanimously by polled vote.	✓ Action 26-1226
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The meeting recessed for executive session at 2:07 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session at 4:07 p.m. The Chair announced that no action was taken during the executive session.

B. *Reserved for Potential Action Following Executive Session*

The Chair announced that two items from discussion during the executive session required formal action:

➤ <i>Motion</i>	M/S (Sivertsen/Coose) to reclassify the Wrangell Solar Feasibility Project to a capital project with a FY2026 budget of One Million Four Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$1,410,000) and an estimated total project cost of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000); authorize staff to apply for federal investment tax credits (ITCs) to cover up to 50% of eligible costs; and authorize the CEO to (1) apply for and negotiate a land lease with the City and Borough of Wrangell for the solar facility site; and (2) apply for and pursue an easement necessary to access and use the leased property, with final terms of the lease and easement subject to Board review and approval. The motion was approved unanimously by polled vote.	✓ Action 26-1227
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➤ <i>Motion</i>	M/S (Sivertsen/Gilbert) to approve Resolution No. 2026-107 authorizing staff to submit an appropriations request to Senator Lisa Murkowski's office for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) for SEAPA's Wrangell Grid Reliability and Stability Project, and authorize Robert Siedman, CEO, to sign the stated appropriations request application, commit to the obligations under the request, include the \$3.6 million cash match, and to act as an established point of contact, take all other necessary steps to complete the grant process, and represent the Southeast Alaska Power Agency for purposes of the stated appropriations funding request. The motion was approved unanimously by polled vote.	✓ Action 26-1228
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The Board directed staff to post the signed Resolution on SEAPA's website for public review. A copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes.



C. *Consideration of Sole Source Contract Re Swan Lake Unit #1*

<i>- Motion</i>	M/S (Sivertsen/Coose) to authorize staff to enter into a sole source contract with McMillen, Inc. for a Swan Lake Unit #1 condition assessment and uprate study (Feasibility Project #1830-016) for \$350,000 plus a 10% contingency of \$35,000 for a total not-to-exceed value of \$385,000. The motion was approved unanimously by polled vote.	✓ Action 26-1229
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5) **Next Meeting Dates**

There were no objections to SEAPA's next regular board meeting date of March 26, 2026 in Ketchikan.

6) **Director Comments**

Directors exchanged various comments.

7) **Adjourn**

<i>- Motion</i>	M/S (Sivertsen/Coose) to adjourn the meeting. Following the Chair's request for a voice vote, the motion to adjourn was carried by voice vote with the 'ayes' prevailing.	✓ Action 26-1230
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The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Attachment:
Resolution 2026-107





SOUTHEAST ALASKA POWER AGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-107**

Resolution Approving FY27 Appropriations Request for Congressionally Directed Spending for SEAPA's Wrangell Grid Reliability & Stability Project

WHEREAS, the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) is a Joint Action Agency organized pursuant to State Statute; and,

WHEREAS, SEAPA owns the Tye Lake Hydroelectric Facility and Swan Lake Hydroelectric Projects in Southeast Alaska, which provide renewable hydroelectric power to Ketchikan, Wrangell, and Petersburg; and,

WHEREAS, SEAPA recognizes that additional renewable resources will be needed in the future to meet loads in Petersburg, Wrangell, and Ketchikan; and,

WHEREAS, Wrangell does not have its own hydro supply and relies on hydroelectric power delivered through SEAPA's transmission system, with diesel generators serving as the community's only local, dispatchable generation. As a result, any planned or unplanned SEAPA hydro or transmission outage has an immediate and unavoidable impact on Wrangell: the community must shift to diesel generation to maintain electric service. With diesel as Wrangell's only local generation avenue, improving local firm capacity and resiliency is essential to keep the lights on during outages and strengthening long-term reliability for the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Wrangell Grid Reliability and Stability Project will add a 5 MW battery energy storage system (BESS) with controls and interconnection upgrades, paired with expandable local generation (1.5 MW initial; expandable to 5 MW) to provide system stability, spinning reserve replacement, and outage support. The project will reduce reliance on barged diesel generation in Southeast Alaska - particularly during the annual multi-day hydro outage - and improve reliability for homes, businesses, and critical community services while lowering delivered-fuel exposure and operating cost volatility; and,

WHEREAS, an investment in the Wrangell Grid Reliability and Stability Project will offset diesel run-time during outage periods and improve outage operations, lower fuel costs, decrease exposure to barged-fuel volatility, improve reliability and local energy resilience, reduce emissions and noise when diesel use would otherwise surge, provide long-term energy value, strengthen regional system flexibility, afford an expandable platform for future resilience upgrades, and provide local economic benefits; and,

WHEREAS, SEAPA recognizes the benefit of constructing the Wrangell Grid Reliability and Stability Project for the estimated cost of \$6,041,213, and seeks to apply for an appropriation of 40% or \$2,416,485 (or the maximum allowable) from the programmatic funding and Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) in Fiscal Year 2027, which leaves a required cash match of 60% or \$3,624,728 for SEAPA to provide.



SOUTHEAST ALASKA POWER AGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-107**

WHEREAS, the Southeast Alaska Power Agency is in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws including existing credit and federal tax obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Southeast Alaska Power Agency Board of Directors approves the application for an appropriation of \$2,416,485 (or the maximum allowable) from the FY2027 Congressionally Directed Spending funds for SEAPA's Wrangell Grid Reliability and Stability Project; and,

RESOLVED, that the Southeast Alaska Power Agency Board of Directors authorizes Robert Siedman, its Chief Executive Officer, to sign the stated appropriations funding application, commit to the obligations thereunder, including the \$3,624,728 cash match, and to take all other necessary steps to seek additional state or federal funding, and to act as an established point of contact to represent the Southeast Alaska Power Agency for purposes of the stated appropriations funding request.

This Resolution No. 2026-107 was duly **PASSED** and **ADOPTED** by SEAPA's Board of Directors during its Special Board Meeting held on the 26th day of February 2026.

SOUTHEAST ALASKA POWER AGENCY

By



Robert Lynn, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Secretary/Treasurer