

Board of Directors Meeting
Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association
December 14, 2017
6:05 – 6:30 p.m.

Location: BP Energy Building

Present: Mark Wolbers (President)
Debbie Hinchey (Vice President)
Gary Masog (Treasurer)
Susan Miller (Secretary)
Karen Leis (Director)
Val Glooschenko (Director)
Diana Evans (Director)

Discussion:

1. \$100,000 Certificate of Deposit.

Background:

This one-year CD (earning .75% interest) expired a few weeks ago, and the money was transferred to a savings account earning .1 % interest. At its November 30 meeting, a subcommittee (Gary and Susan) was appointed to research available interest rates. Issues for the board to decide:

1. Limit investment to an Alaska bank or also consider outside and online banks
2. Limit term to one year or consider up to two-year CDs

On December 7, Susan sent board members a chart of current CD rates at Alaska and online financial institutions.

Decisions at 12/14/17 meeting:

- a. The board voted 5 to 1 to limit the choice to Alaska institutions (motion by Gary, second by Debbie).
- b. The board unanimously selected **Northern Skies Federal Credit Union** because its rates for businesses and associations at amounts over \$100,000 are the best among Alaska institutions.
- c. **Motion:** Debbie proposed that the CD should have an 18-month or 2-year term in order to get a higher interest rate and so the CD will not expire just when a new board is taking office (second by Susan). In the discussion that followed, it was noted that expected 2018 increases in the federal funds rate by the Federal Reserve will probably mean CD rates will increase, and the .2% (.002) difference between the one-year rate and the 18-month rate at Northern Skies would yield only \$200. Debbie agreed to amend her motion to propose a one-year term (second by Gary). The board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

- d. So, Debbie (previous Treasurer, current Vice-President) will transfer \$100,001 of APFGA assets to Northern Skies Federal Credit Union to purchase a one-year CD with a 1.35 % interest rate (annual percentage yield).

In response to a question, it was explained that the board should not increase the amount of this CD with other cash on hand because the source of the \$100,000 is a bequest by Lawrence Clark and we should keep it separate from other assets.

- e. Names on the Account. The names with signature authority on the CD account will be Mark Wolbers (President), Debbie Hinchey (Vice President), Gary Masog (Treasurer),

- 2. Registered Agent. Mark reported that, as agreed at our November 30 meeting, he has filed with the Department of Corporations a change of officers form. He has not yet filed the change in registered agent form.
- 3. Next Board Meeting: **December 21** at Summit Spice and Tea at 10:00 a.m.

One of the topics will be Gary's recommendation that some of the APFGA accounts be consolidated.

December 20, 2017
Susan Miller
Secretary