

April 5, 2023
Regular City Council Meeting

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Councilmember Bradberry
SUBJECT: Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) Committee Report

SEAPA Quarterly Meeting March 8-10

Our meeting was held in Wrangell last month. We were there for three days. The first day we spent going over operations, staff reports on the facilities and project, reports from the Acting CEO, and the financial statements. Some highlights to note are: SEAPA staff will be moving into the new building down by the airport here in the next couple months; we acquired an underwater rover to inspect transmission lines and potential breaks, this could be utilized by KPU if we ever have that need; we have completed some major projects at both Swan and Tyee Lakes, and other projects are moving forward successfully.

SEAPA is looking for some grants to cover some costly but beneficial projects. I have attached the list below. We are hopeful to receive some grant funds to help with these projects.

1. Southeast Alaska Energy Resiliency Project (SEAER) \$19,051,110
2. Tyee Station Service Switchgear \$2,330,400
3. Tyee 15kV Switchgear \$1,211,000
4. Helipads \$1,480,553
5. Fiber-Optic Broadband SkyWrap Project \$11,152,830

The second day we took a tour of Tyee Lake. I have attached a few pictures of the facility. It is quite an impressive facility. We did get to watch a video of how Tyee Lake was built back in the day. I recommend anyone who has some time to watch that video.







On the third day, we spent most of the time in executive sessions discussing SEAPA's Strategic Resiliency Plan and the CEO position. At the end of the executive session, it was passed that the Board of Directors wanted to enter into negotiations with Robert Seidman for the new CEO position. The rest of the meeting was to fix clerical corrections in the SEAPA policy handbook.

SEAPA Special Meeting on March 21st

This meeting was called to discuss the negotiation process for the new CEO position. The board entered into Executive Session to discuss this. After the executive session, the chair appointed the attorney and two board members to enter into negotiations. Those negotiations are still ongoing at this time. I did want to attach this article that was written about the last two meetings as well.

<https://www.krbd.org/2023/03/30/seapa-gets-pushback-for-hiring-process-of-new-ceo/>