

ARSSTC BOARD MEETING

Teleconference

May 7th, 2020

Board Present:

- Jeff Rogers, City and Borough of Juneau
- Troy Tankersley, City of Wasilla
- Scott Bloom, City of Kenai
- Brandi Harbaugh, Kenai Peninsula Borough
- Cynna Gubatayao, Ketchikan Gateway Borough
- Stephanie Queen, City of Soldotna
- Mike Tvenge, City of Kodiak

Commission Members Present (with apologies for technical difficulties):

- Bryant Hammond, City of Nome
- Jon Bolling, City of Craig
- Gina Davis, City of Palmer
- Jody Tow, Petersburg Borough
- Ken Fay, City of Cordova
- Layton Lockett, City of Adak
- Phoebe Vanselow, City of Gustavus
- Tom Williams, City of Gustavus
- Julie Liew, City of Kodiak
- Jon Erickson, City and Borough of Yakutat
- Phillip Zapadil, City of Saint Paul

Others in attendance:

- Kara Johnson, Sales Tax Administrator
- Dawn Wesley, Program Manager
- Nils Andreassen, Executive Director

President Rogers called the May 7th, 2020, Alaska Remote Sales Tax Committee Board meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve made by Troy, seconded by Stephanie. Passed with no objection.

III. Approval of February 21st, 2020 Minutes

Motion to approve made by Cynna, seconded by Troy. Passed with no objection.

IV. Executive Directors Report

- a. 20 jurisdictions and 234 sellers
- b. 29,000 collected in March
- c. AMSTP working to add sellers and Jurisdictions

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V. Consideration of Actions

a. Separating revenue streams

Landye Bennett memo was presented and discussion about MUNIREvs proposal identified some follow up work to be completed.

b. Refunds

The issues of item exemptions and resale certificates were discussed, with a policy committee to further evaluate. Resale certificates should occur at the local jurisdictions, and if refunds are necessary the Commission should develop a process to support members.

c. Early Filer Discount – asking for the approval for additional funding

To accommodate members with multiple jurisdictions and discounts spread out over quarter, software updates need to occur. Concern about setting precedent and whether individual jurisdictions should pay or Commission. For now, Commission authorizes AML to implement necessary changes (Cynna, Stephanie; limited to preexisting conditions; passes). Further guidance needs to be developed for excess software expenditures.

d. Informational - Model Code- Nils explained the purpose

e. Informational - Alcohol and tobacco remote sales tax collection – would be a separate return for jurisdictions

VI. Annual Filing Option (Code revision) – to be discussed in the future by policy committee

VII. Informational – Supplemental fee of members requested in response to COVID-19 interruption of operations for sellers and jurisdictions, resulting in loss to Commission

VIII. Interpretations – for reference

a. Jeff asked for a policy committee to work through these questions that come to the Commission

Brandi asked for the FY21 Budget for a June meeting

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Wesley, Sales Tax Program Manager

Approved



06/18/2020

Cynna Gubatayao