

## From the CEO...

## Quarterly Newsletter ■ Spring 2019

Another annual meeting is upon us and we are looking forward to seeing you there, in Nondalton on May 25<sup>th</sup>, or at the Anchorage shareholder information meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites. A formal notification regarding the Anchorage shareholder information meeting will be mailed in the next 2 weeks. As many of you are aware, the report from management delivered at the annual meeting will also be presented at the shareholder information meeting so the Anchorage based shareholders will have the benefit of the same information. Due to scheduling conflicts, it was necessary to delay our annual meeting by 3 weeks and I sincerely hope this did not cause too much inconvenience. We recognize that May 25<sup>th</sup> is part of the Memorial Day weekend, however, we felt any further delay into June would start to conflict with summer activities.

The MD&A section of the annual report provides a comprehensive overview of the business activities of the corporation over the past year. The report covers Kijik Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries as well as our jointly owned companies such as Chuchuna Minerals Company (CMC) and RISE Communications. Several shareholders have asked about the status of CMC and whether or not there will be jobs available, in Nondalton, during the 2019 exploration season. Unfortunately and as of this writing, the administrative appeal of the CMC's exploration permit remains unresolved and we are still unable to predict when exploration operations will resume. Kijik and our partners at Alaska Earth Sciences, Inc. continue to remain hopeful that these appeals can be resolved within the near term and drilling operations can be restored.

On a more optimistic note, RISE Communications, LLC is posturing to capture its first work opportunity beginning May 2019. The work opportunity is a small subcontract with a much larger communications company that has a federal contract. As you may recall from the last issue of the Homelander, RISE Communications is a

joint venture company owned by International Date Systems, LLC, a wholly-owned Kijik subsidiary, and Northwest Strategies, Incorporated. The Kijik board authorized the formation of the joint venture last December 2018. The subcontract opportunity in question represents a modest beginning for RISE but we are nonetheless grateful and believe that capturing work so soon after formation is an impressive accomplishment.

We also encourage you to read closely the chairperson's letter included in the annual report. Chairperson Chilcott has outlined the non-business activities of the corporation over the past year and particularly noteworthy is the availability of scholarship funding. Through the Chuchuna Scholarship Fund, shareholders and shareholder descendants are eligible for scholarship funding to attend college or seek vocational training. If you are considering continued education at an accredited college or vocational training facility, we encourage you to apply and take advantage of this opportunity.

Thanks, Ventura Samaniego, President & CEO

### KIJIK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## From the Chair...

Dear Shareholders,

I hope this letter finds you well and you've been enjoying this glorious season of spring and looking forward to the summer activities coming up very soon. Time is so evasive and does not wait for us. Even so, our future is foremost on our minds though we are advised to live in the moment—life is short—as we well know.

I am pleased to report that operations at our corporation and its subsidiaries are moving forward albeit slowly at times. That's okay at least we are going forward.

Today I want to talk about the Pebble prospect. Because of our diverse views we have stayed away from discussion concerning this topic. However, this project is clearly moving forward and avoiding the discussion because we are uncomfortable with the controversy may no longer be in our best interest. We have all heard so much on Pebble for so many years it is a relief to see some winding down of the of the rhetoric as the public comment period comes to a close. While I fully expect to see more opinion pieces in the media, the opportunity for making impassioned speeches for or against the project will be limited as the project enters permit review.

The public comment period for the draft EIS will end on June 29<sup>th</sup>. We certainly know that everyone has had a chance to research, learn, and inquire if they wanted to be a part of the process in this all too important matter that we call Pebble. People in the region have waited nearly 20 years for this day to come. It is a project that has divided people of the region and even families as each of us know.

Governors, senators, congressmen, EPA administrators and legislative committees have visited the region for the first time and will the region still be as important when the public visibility ends? Will the people still be as important? Perhaps not but our responsibility is to ourselves. Only we can prepare ourselves for our future. We all have to ponder this question: Is the region ready if the project is permitted. Sure there may be litigation following a permit approval but that will not go on forever.

Despite the controversy, the project has brought jobs to the region. We have all heard about these much needed jobs over the years. What do we still have to do in order to be ready for the jobs, infrastructure and all of the many preparations for such a project? We can be ready and as you know some of the other village corporations are or have postured themselves to be "first at the table." Kijik Corporation needs to be properly positioned and be there when the opportunities present themselves.

The Kijik Corporation board of directors have talked, analyzed, pondered and agonized over its decisions to go forth with its various business endeavors to be there and hopefully ready for what's to come. We have to be. We cannot keep ourselves obscure and be left behind while others capture "all the seats at the table" whilst we sit back and wish we were there—we cannot allow that.

I am or we are at a crossroads and we know the direction we need to be headed. Forward. It's just what's going to happen. Nothing ever stays the same. We have to prepare for change or we'll be left behind. Preparing for change does not mean that we will not protect that which has been ours for thousands of years. It means we are working to put ourselves in a position where we can meaningfully influence new developments so our traditional way of life is not harmed.

Thank you for your continued care and support. I thank the board of directors for their tenacity and gumption. We shall continue to work as a unit.

Again, much Thanks.

Betty Chilcott,  
Chairperson

### **QHI & Chuchuna Scholarships Due**

May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – Before 5:00pm

Drop off or Mail to the Kijik Office.

If you still need an application, you can print one off the Kijik website or pick one up from the office.



## Darlene Nolan

Dear Shareholders,

My name is Darlene Nolan (Trefon). I am the daughter of the late Pete & Mary L. Trefon Sr. I live in Nondalton with my family and grandchildren. It would be an honor to represent Kijik Shareholders. My term is up and I would appreciate your vote and support for another term. Chin'un and have a safe summer

Sincerely,  
Darlene Nolan.



### Shareholder Information Meeting

**Date:** June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Time:** 10:00am

**Location:** Embassy Suites Hotel - Ballroom  
in Anchorage, AK.

There will be door prizes and lunch will be served. We hope to see you there.



## June Tracey

I'm June Tracey a lifelong resident of Nondalton. A wife of 40 years, a mother of 3, a chida of 8 grandchildren, a great chida of 2 and another on its way. I am a proud owner and operator of Chada & Chida's B&B for 20 plus years. In the Big Game Guiding Business for 40 plus years. My husband Bob is now owner of an air taxi certificate. We're staying busy.

I'm in full support of Kijik Corporation which is a for profit corporation in their effort to advance their subsidiaries for the benefit of the shareholders and future shareholders.

Chin'un and see you all at the annual meeting in Nondalton and hopefully in Anchorage for the informational meeting!

- June Tracey.

## Marilyn Balluta

Dear Kijik Corporation Shareholders,

Chin'an (thank you) for letting me serve as a Kijik Board of Director these past three years. It's a privilege and an honor to represent the Kijik Shareholders on the Board.

My term expires this coming election May 2019, I'd like to represent you as a as Board of Director for the next three years. I'm writing this letter to ask for your support and votes for another term.

I have been actively involved on the board of directors and on various committees over the years. I have gained business experience and am more knowledgeable of our corporation. These past few years as a Director, I've been actively involved in various committees on the Board. Attending the Board meetings is very important to me as a Board of Director, to keep up-to-date on the current issues and businesses of Kijik Corporation. I have 100% attendance for the Board meetings plus attendance at the committee meetings.

I would like ask for your votes to be re-elected to another term and continue to represent the Shareholders of Kijik Corporation.

Chin'an for taking the time to read my letter. I look forward to your votes and hopefully see you at the annual meeting either in person or by proxy.

Respectfully,  
*Marilyn B. Balluta*

## **International Data Systems, LLC – Update**

IDS continues to perform normal IT sales and services operations for existing clients in Anchorage and Alaska. IDS created a joint venture called RISE Communications to more effectively market its digital and health communications/training services to federal agencies. RISE has been invited on several teams to bid on Health-related federal contracts in recent months, primarily with the Department of US Health and Human Services and its agencies. We should know the outcome of these bids in Summer, 2019.

IDS continues to market services to Federal agencies, including Health and Human Services (HHS) and related organizations such as National Institute of Health, Center for Disease Control and Food and Drug Administration as well as other federal agencies including Department of Defense and related agencies. RISE expects to receive a subcontract through the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in May 2019 to perform communications work and research for a national RX Awareness media campaign dealing with opioid abuse and misuse. This contract resulted from our continued and consistent marketing of IDS/RISE. The AFN seminar developed with Northwest Strategies in 2018 is an example of the marketing efforts. Through the AFN seminar, Kijik has been contacted by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to assist in coordinating meetings in Alaska in 2019 to better use federal funds for opioid prevention and education in rural communities.

IDS / RISE staff worked with Kijik and QHI to submit several grant applications to the US Department of Justice for domestic and sexual violence training in Alaska and throughout the United States. The outcome of the grant funding should be known in the Fall, 2019.

## **Kijik Aviation Services, LLC – Update**

Kijik Aviation has renewed its contract to perform the Tribal Outreach / Communications contract for the US Health and Human Services Food and Drug Administration. Budget negotiations between US Congress and the White House in 2018 and resultant federal government shutdown delayed work performed under the contract due to uncertainty over funding. The budget bill was passed in February 2019 and KAS met with FDA officials in March to discuss plans for the balance of the year. The FDA sees additional work on the horizon and has chosen to extend the contract through December, 2019 with an optional extension to June 2020.

## **Kijik Technical Services, LLC – Update**

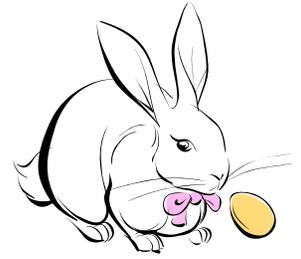
KTS continues to perform a contract to develop a business planning services with Golovin Native Corporation in regard to a resource development project near Golovin. Our 2019 work began in March and will continue through July, with possible work through the end of 2019.

KTS is on a team which intends to submit a proposal for a 10 year contract with the US State Department for work in Mexico and South America. KTS scope of work currently is expected to be related to logistics and GIS/IT work. The IT work would be subcontracted to IDS. The proposal is due in June, 2019. If our team wins, we expect work may be seen towards the end of 2019.



# Kijik Corporation Shareholders Notice of Annual Meeting

DATE: MAY 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
TIME: 10:00 AM (registration from 8:00-10:00 AM)  
LOCATION: Community Building Nondalton, Alaska.



In addition to the election of 3 directors for three-year terms ending in 2022, the annual meeting will include a management report on the operations and activities of the corporation over the past year (2018). The information to be reported will also include a summary review of the financial reports. A question and answer period will follow the management report.

The 3 incumbent directors whose terms will expire at this year's annual meeting are: Darlene Nolan, Marilyn Balluta, and June Tracey. All 3 incumbents have decided to seek re-election for a 3-year term. All candidates will be given the opportunity to briefly address the shareholders at the annual meeting prior to the close of balloting.



## Lake Clark National Park Service – Corner

Lake Clark National Park Day Camps are returning to Nondalton and Newhalen/Iliamna this summer. Youth ages 5-19 are welcome to join park staff for two days of fun in both locations. Middle school and high school age youth will be exploring traditional Dena'ina and Yup'ik fish cache construction through hands on construction and artistic design using oral history and cultural documentation as a guide. Elementary age children will be participating in games, art and activities for both days. Lunch will be provided and parents and elders are welcome to join the fun for lunch. Are you an elder with knowledge of fish cache construction?

Please contact Lucas Westcott at [lucas\\_wescott@nps.gov](mailto:lucas_wescott@nps.gov) for more information. Chin'an.



## Honey Soy Grilled Pork Chops

Yields: 4 Servings    Prep Time: 30mins    Total Time: 45mins

Fire up the Grill!

### **Ingredients:**

- ¼ c. Honey
- ½ c. Soy Sauce
- 2 Garlic Cloves, minced
- Red Pepper Flakes
- 4 Pork Chops



### **Directions:**

1. Mix together Honey, Soy Sauce, Garlic, and Red Pepper Flakes in a large bowl. Add Pork Chops then cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or up to 2 hours.
2. Heat Grill over medium high heat and cook until seared and cooked through, 8 minutes per side. Let rest 5 minutes before serving.



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