

Kikiktugruk Dev. Corp. Has Important Kotzebue Meeting

The Kikiktugruk Area Community Dev. Corp. held their third Board of Directors meeting in Kotzebue on August 23 and 24, 1971.

Guests attending the meeting were: Senator Willie Hensley; Representative Frank Ferguson; John Shively, Executive Director for RurAL CAP; Ernie Brannon and Keith Mortensen from the State Economic Opportunity Office in Anchorage; Jerry Gray with the Local Affairs Agency; Kevin Waring and Walter Dotomain, Alaska Federation of Native Housing Representatives; and Mike Harper, Planning Developer with RurAL CAP.

Senator Hensley reported on legislation on which he has been working. He stated that there is now available for the Northwest Region planning monies for regional high schools and \$500,000 for roads.

He also commented that there is \$700,000 available for

Native Scholarships in undergraduate and graduate programs.

Mr. Brannon and Mr. Mortensen explained briefly the functions of their office and duties of the personnel, emphasizing that their main purpose is to be of assistance to the rural areas of Alaska and they can be called on at any time.

Mr. John Shively gave a report on the Citizen's Participation Committee and its impact to state legislation concerning rural activities.

The Kikiktugruk Area Community Dev. Corp. Board of Directors went on record to actively support or endorse the following proposals: the Alaska Plan; bringing a District Judge to Kotzebue; establishing an old-age facility in the present hospital; hiring of native help to work in the hospital; to take corrective action at the Ambler airport where landing and take-off are virtually impossible whenever excessive winds prevail.

The Board also went on record to officially endorse the AFN Healthrite program.

Mr. Jerry Gray stated that the Local Affairs Agency will be conducting a city clerk training session in Anchorage sometime in October. Representatives from villages all over the State of Alaska will take part.