

Koyukon and Kodiak Develop. corporations boards meet

The Boards of Directors of two Community Development Corporations funded by RurAL CAP recently held fall meetings. The Directors of Koyukon Development Corporation, which has offices in Galena, met in McGrath on October 28 and 29, and the Kodiak Area Community Development Corporation held its Board meeting in Kodiak on November 3.

The Koyukon Board had a busy two days approving their proposed 1977 work program and budget, listening to numerous guest speakers, and electing new Board Officers. Guest speakers included representatives of Wien Air Alaska, Dept. of Community and Regional Affairs, Tanana Chiefs, U of A Cooperative Extension Service, Fish and Game, Dept. of Highways, and RurAL CAP. The various speakers brought village delegates up to date on programs affecting the 17 communities in the Koyukon region.

The Koyukon Board approved a work program which tackles local air service problems, among other things. The delegates decided to institute a formal

system of collecting villager complaints on all communication/transportation problems, especially air service, in order to have solid evidence to point to when arguing for better service. People living in the Koyukon area villages have been asked to write all complaints (ie: perishable foods arriving frozen, long delays in freight delivery, passenger and baggage mixups) on paper and give them to their village delegate who will forward the complaints to the Koyukon office at the end of each month. The Koyukon staff will seek a resolution to the problems.

Toward the end of the meeting five new Board Officers were elected with former Vice President Mike Andon of Tanana elected new President. Other officers are: Jim Farmer - Ruby (1st V.P.), Woodie Morrison - Shageluk (Treasurer), and Edith Barrett - Grayling (Secretary).

In Kodiak the Kodiak Area Community Development Corporation (KACDC) Board gathered primarily to hire a new Director. Wayne Marshall, formerly a program specialist with KACDC, was selected from

among four applicants. Wayne replaces Steve Cole who left to join Alaska Legal Services.

The KACDC Board also discussed two programs which are just getting underway, a locally controlled Food Stamp program and a Village Ordinance program. KACDC has been contracted by the Dept. of Community and Regional Affairs to work with the Councils of the 6 Island Villages in setting up basic Village Ordinances. The Kodiak Legal Services Office will perform the codification of ordinances desired by Village residents making it possible for a magistrate to come into the village and settle local problems. After codification is completed a village travel schedule for a magistrate will be set up. The program came about as a response to village complaints that the present justice delivery system is not adequate.

The Food Stamp pilot project was developed as a response to village complaints too. Funded by the State Food Stamp office (Health and Social Services, Division of Public Assistance), the program will provide for the

direct sale of food stamps in villages on the Island, hopefully eliminating the confusion and time delays caused by routine mail service.