

# Shareholder Newsletter

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## Message from the President and CEO



Dear Choggiung Limited Shareholders,

As we enter the summer season, we are optimistic about our future. Choggiung's businesses across the country have fared well considering the circumstances, however our hometown businesses have struggled over the last year. In the balance, 2020 was a year full of uncertainty, stress, and concern, but also brought about the feelings of resolve, strength, and determination.

It is with that innate grit built through adversity that Choggiung's Board of Directors took a stand on local ordinances causing a stark downturn in our hotel, restaurant, and Land Use Program operations resulting in significant loss of jobs and income generated from these businesses. We advocated for a return to normalcy and a replacement of mandates to strong health safety recommendations. In the end, the City of Dillingham adjusted its COVID rules – and while not everything we asked for – giving us some space to begin the long road back to profitable local operations. We hope for more favorable changes as we continue to work hard to provide shareholder benefits and opportunities.

The optimism we see going forward is on multiple fronts. Our young people are pursuing educational and competitive opportunities and are supported by the Choggiung Education Endowment Foundation and other donations Choggiung makes. We see a sound business despite what has occurred in Dillingham to support the dividend of \$1.96 per share recently paid and another anticipated in a year's time even larger than the last. That dividend aligns with the plan approved by the Choggiung Limited Board of Directors to pay predictable and ever-increasing dividends and represents a 25% increase over the last year.

We are anticipating a better year than the last thanks to the focus, dedication, and plain old-fashioned work the teams at Choggiung and subsidiaries put in day in and day out. Our 350 plus team members are accomplishing business feats our Corporation has not yet experienced, and we are confident that their efforts will lead to a growing business long into the future.

Later in this newsletter, you'll be able to learn more about new and exciting brands we are building within Government Services, how we are safely operating our diner in Dillingham, our scholarship opportunities, and more. Be sure to pay attention to our land report too!

Here is to the future. Stay strong, stay resilient, stay safe. We hope you share our optimism for what is to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cameron Poindexter".

Cameron Poindexter  
President & CEO

# NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Choggiung Limited will hold its Annual Meeting of Shareholders in Dillingham, Alaska on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Due to uncertainty from local ordinances the meeting may be held virtually or could be in person. Instructions on how to attend will be provided in the July 2021 proxy mail out and will confirm the meeting format. This is a great opportunity for shareholders to hear the exciting things happening in their Corporation!

Proxy materials will be mailed in July 2021. Please remember to submit your address changes by June 11, 2021 to get your mail in a timely manner. The proxy will have information on board candidates running for 3-year terms (applications for three Board seats available on our website and due April 30, 2021), along with the 2021 Annual Report. Further details will follow regarding shareholder meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Shareholders will have the opportunity to submit their proxies through Choggiung's online voting system, return proxies by mail, fax, email or in person. Included in your proxy materials will be Choggiung's online voting instructions accessible by going to [www.choggiungvote.com](http://www.choggiungvote.com).

## Shareholder Dividend

Choggiung Limited is excited to announce a dividend distribution to shareholders in the amount of \$1.96 per share paid on Friday, April 23, 2021.

The direct deposit note from your bank and check sent in the mail mentions Bristol Bay Corporate Services - however, for your records, it was a dividend from the Choggiung Limited Settlement Trust and is non-taxable.

The dividend follows the policy approved by the Board to pay predictable and ever-increasing dividends and represents a 25% increase from the distribution paid one year ago.

## Job Opportunities

Choggiung Limited and Subsidiaries is recruiting for the following positions:

**Land Use Agent (Seasonal)**

**Maintenance Technician**

**Front Desk Clerk**

**Waitstaff**

**Cook**

**Housekeeper**

For more information on these positions please call William Corbett at (907) 842-5218 or email [william@choggiung.com](mailto:william@choggiung.com).

# Shareholder Records

In order to receive important mailouts such as proxy statements and shareholder dividends we need to have your correct mailing address. If you have changed your personal information (i.e. name or address) please let us know by completing the appropriate form. You can find these forms under the Shareholder tab on our website at [www.choggiung.com](http://www.choggiung.com).

**Below is a list of current undeliverable addresses. If you see yourself on this list, please submit a change of address form right away. If you know someone on this list, please share this information with them.**

*Abel, Leif  
Alexander, Robert  
Alexander, Matthew  
Allridge, William  
Anderson, Emil  
Anderson, Amelia  
Anderson, Jeanette  
Andrews, Beverly  
Askoak, Thresa  
Augustus, Katya  
Backford, Kent  
Backford, Patrick  
Backford, Danielle  
Backford, Travis  
Bartman, Jessica  
Bartman, Gust  
Belisle, Jayar  
Belisle, Bristol  
Berry, Devan  
Boskofsky, Debbie  
Brandon, Aiko  
Brookover, Zachary  
Brown, Gloria  
Brunsvold, Sandra  
Burton, Libby  
Bustillos-Melgarejo  
Clark, Eric  
Clark, Nathaniel*

*Cobban, Brian  
Daniel, Julia  
Darrough, Rachel  
Dehusson, Anthony  
Deviaene, Beverly  
Dorsey, Cherokee  
Douthit, Elizabeth  
Faraci, Angelo  
Foster, David  
Gallant, Griffon  
George, Brooklyn  
Gloria, Wilma  
Heavener, Alec  
Heavener, Theron  
Heavener, Zinna  
Heyano, Buck  
Hoeldt, Jessica  
Hoeldt, Kiana  
Hood, Claudia  
Hope, Edward  
Howard, Corey  
Hulse, Hailey  
Jenkins, Jonathan  
Johansen, Hayden  
Johansen, Cheri  
Johansen, Hayleigh  
Johansen III, Daniel  
Jones, Deon*

*Kapotak, Robert  
Kapotak, Savannah  
Kimble, AnEva  
Kimpton, Clyde  
Kruse, Mary  
Kyakwok, Wassily  
Lewis, Victoria  
Lopez, Anastasia  
Marshman, Dustin  
McCambly, Kevin  
Meehan, Tassie  
Merculief, Burt  
Nelson, Brittany  
Nelson, Betty  
Nelson, Kyle  
Nelson, Nicholas  
Nerguson, Loren  
Nerguson, Samuel  
Noble-Heyano, Josie  
Nordlund, Kevin  
Olsen, William  
Osterhaus, Kevin  
Osterhause II, Kevin  
Owens, Michelle  
Pelagio, Dionecio  
Prince, Michael  
Radcliffe, Pamela  
Radcliffe, Tristan*

*Ramos, Keyshia  
Roberts, Maria  
Roehl, Raeann  
Schlosser, Jean  
Sergie, Annie  
Shade, Wilhelm  
Shade, Tina  
Shade, Chad  
Shimanek, Arlene  
Sinford, Amanda  
Smart, Tony  
Smith, Caleb  
Sorensen, Ryan  
Susukuk, Andrew  
Tennyson, William  
Tittle, Katherine  
Tomaganuk, Janis  
Walker, Richard  
Wallona, Leroy  
Washington, Cynthia  
Westdahl, Suzanne  
Wheeler, Anwar  
Williams, Sassa  
Woods, Cade  
Yako, George  
Zeller, Devynn*



## ***Bristol Alliance of Companies—Travis Woods, President and CEO***

### ***Project Highlight***

Bristol General Contractors, LLC, recently completed the P-111 Naval Operations Support Center (NOSC) project at Naval Air Station Fallon, Fallon, Nevada. The contract for Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Southwest (NAVFAC SW) involved design-build construction of a new 21,000-square-foot, single-story Naval Reserve Center including an administrative space, medical unit areas and drill hall. The building is the first facility constructed in a new “town center” area on base, and sets the architectural design standards for future development.

The existing soil conditions at the site required improvements, and the team developed a soil stabilization method that provided the proper soil bearing capacity for the new building. This method cut the work activity duration in half, reduced disruption to the base, and saved the government \$260,000.

To enhance educational opportunities for reservists, the facility provides two large classroom areas as well as a distance learning center. A large drill hall provides reservists with areas for exercise, troop drills and inspections. The space was furnished with audio/visual capability for ceremonial activities. Bristol presented facility keys to the government in February 2021.



## ***Umyuaq Technology and Intelligent Technology—Will Emmerson, General Manager***

Umyuaq Technology (U-Tech) and Intelligent Technology (I-Tech) just finished a fantastic Fiscal Year! We have over thirty personnel and numerous subcontractors working on Department of Defense (DoD) contracts in ten different states and one foreign country (Italy).



Our employees are providing a vast array of services from ATV maintenance to IT systems engineering and helpdesk support to diver training for Air Force Rescue Squadrons! Each year our Federal Government clients are required to rate us through Contractor Performance Assessment Reviews (CPAR). This past year we received all positive CPARs to include some “Very Good” and “Exceptional” CPARs - the highest rating a contractor can receive. We are proud of our Project Managers on client sites throughout the country. Our client-site PMs are the faces of our companies and they manage our work responsibly and professionally.



We are in the process of re-branding U-Tech and I-Tech into one group of companies called Wood River Federal. The single brand will allow us to leverage the experience and resources of U-Tech and I-Tech and all future subsidiaries as one when marketing to the Federal Government. Wood River Federal will be a consistent brand through the development of new subsidiaries and new service offerings that our customers will come to recognize and trust for many years. We have launched our new website, [WoodRiverFederal.com](http://WoodRiverFederal.com), and our new logo is a prominent “W” with a river flowing out of the letter. We are proud to bring the Wood River name to the Federal Government marketplace since it is a recognizable landmark of the place our shareholders come from and the place where many still reside.

From all of us at U-Tech – stay safe and healthy!

## ***Choggiung Educational Endowment Foundation - Mary Barnes***

The Choggiung Educational Endowment Foundation is accepting applications for Full Time Post-secondary scholarship. The application deadline is April 30, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. This year we've made the application process easier for students by adding the ability to apply online! You can complete an application by visiting our website at [www.choggiung.com/shareholders/education](http://www.choggiung.com/shareholders/education) and electronically sign and attach all supporting documents to the application. Official transcripts should be mailed and will be accepted until Friday, May 14 at 5:00 p.m. Electronic official transcripts are also acceptable provided they are sent from a secure site formally linked to the institution. Application packets can also be emailed to Mary Barnes at [mary@choggiung.com](mailto:mary@choggiung.com), faxed to (907) 842-5462, or mailed to Choggiung Limited, P.O. Box 330, Dillingham, Alaska 99576.

Career/Work Enhancement Scholarships are available throughout the year to shareholders who need financial assistance with a class or activity that will enhance their employability, their current employment, or their career goals.

For more information on either of these scholarship opportunities, please contact Mary Barnes at [mary@choggiung.com](mailto:mary@choggiung.com) or call (907) 842-5218.

## ***Welcome to Choggiung!***

Mark Bielefeld began working as Choggiung's land manager on April 26th. He is the spouse of a shareholder and is originally from Kentucky. Mark served in the Army, retiring after 24-years of service. After retirement he served seven years as a Project Manager and Consultant for an 8(a)-government contract. After the project was completed he pursued and obtained his bachelor's degree in the Outdoor Studies program at Alaska Pacific University. The program included Land Management, Stewardship, Compliance and Adventure Therapy. Mark is looking forward to bringing his skills and experiences to the Choggiung Land Department and propelling it into a sustained profitable future. We happily welcome Mark to Choggiung's team!



Sabrina Nielsen began work at Choggiung Limited administrative assistant in November of 2020. She is a Choggiung shareholder and a lifelong resident of Dillingham. Sabrina is the first person you see when you come to our office and the friendly voice you will hear if you call. Sabrina previously worked for Choggiung from 2009 to 2011 and is familiar with our corporation and programs. She is also employed at the Ekuk Village Council Pulltab Spot. We are excited to have Sabrina back on our team at Choggiung!

## ***Bayside Diner—Tom McCulloch, Hospitality Manager***

The Bayside Diner is happy to announce the addition of fresh, hand tossed pizza to our menu! This is a traditional East Coast thin crust pizza with a wide assortment of high quality toppings available.

The Diner is also excited to announce that we are open for dine-in service! We have rearranged our seating in the dining and conference room to insure at least six feet between tables. Diner customers check in at the front desk, get their temperature taken, get seated and then remove their masks to

enjoy a delicious meal. We hope to see you all as we carefully resume a safe return to normalcy.



## ***Land Department - Mary Barnes***

As we gear up for another season on the Nushagak River we are optimistic that setbacks caused by the COVID-19 pandemic are behind us. With new knowledge of the virus, increased vaccinations, and change in local travel ordinance, we are cautiously optimistic the Land Use Program may operate at near pre-pandemic levels. After last year's poor showing of only 40% of commercial permits being issued, we are happy that most lodges and fly-in operators will be returning for the 2021 season at near full capacity, and we can begin to recover our losses that the Land Use Program suffered in 2020.



Despite minor challenges, other programs in the land department have fortunately fared well over the last year. The Moose Habitat Enhancement Project continues to be a consistent form of

income for the corporation while providing jobs to shareholders who work on the annual tipping of willows. Gravel sales from the 9.5 Mile Pit is also projected to produce revenue with local projects such as the Downtown Streets Rehabilitation and other small jobs resuming this summer.

At their Board of Director's meeting on March 27th, the Board passed Resolution 2021-03: Supporting the Tribe of Ekuk in Application of Erosion Study Grant. Erosion has been a statewide issue for a long time and remains a significant concern for the corporation and shareholders who own land in the village of Ekuk. The Ekuk Tribe has defined a clear purpose for a formal study and assessment and if the erosion study grant is approved it'll be a step to understand the problem.

Through these rapidly changing times, we remain vigilant in operating our programs with careful consideration for our employees' and customer's health and safety through the COVID-19 pandemic.

# NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR SHAREHOLDER AWARDS!

DO YOU KNOW A CHOGGIUNG SHAREHOLDER WHO DEMONSTRATES EXCEPTIONAL QUALITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND DEDICATION TO THE ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE? THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SHOW THEM APPRECIATION FOR THEIR AMAZING WORK!

## AWARD CATEGORIES

SHAREHOLDER OF THE YEAR  
STUDENT OF THE YEAR

## NOMINATIONS DUE

MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021

Honorees will be announced at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders

*Nominations can be made by mail, email or fax. To submit a form online please visit [choggiung.com](http://choggiung.com). Forms can also be mailed to Choggiung Limited, P.O. Box 330, Dillingham, AK 99576 or faxed to (907) 842-5462. For more information contact William Corbett at [william@choggiung.com](mailto:william@choggiung.com)*

**Shareholder of the Year:** This award recognizes a shareholder who has demonstrated years of consistent, committed service and positive impacts to shareholders and others within the community they reside. They exhibit leadership qualities and are carriers of their Alaska Native culture, sharing their knowledge and being a positive influence to other throughout their life.

**Student of the Year:** This award recognizes a student for his/her exceptional academic achievements, demonstrated leadership qualities, dedication to Alaska Native culture and outstanding service to others and the community in which he/she resides.

## Help Protect Our Lands from ATV Damage

# DO YOU USE AN ATV?



ATVs can be fun and useful. They can be used for hunting, fishing, pleasure riding and hauling firewood.



However, ATV use can lead to habitat destruction, especially tundra. It can take decades (or even centuries) for vegetation to recover.



ATV use can be a threat to ground nesting birds, berry bushes and stream beds (affecting fish populations).



### When using ATVs, remember the following:

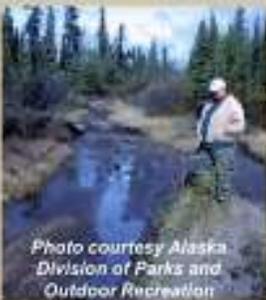
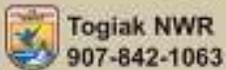


Photo courtesy Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation

- Check for regulations for the area where you plan to use your ATV. On some lands, ATV use is prohibited. Other lands may have specified guide-lines for use.
- Stay on commonly used or marked trails.
- Avoid potential nesting areas and other wildlife habitat.
- Wetlands damage easier and take longer to recover than dry lands.

For more information, contact the following offices:



Togiak NWR  
907-842-1063



Choggiung LTD  
907-842-5218



Wood-Tikchik State Park  
907-842-2641

Choggiung's vision for management of Our Lands is to *protect our land with generational vision.*

Our land has sustained our people and culture with its abundant resources that are vital in the lives of our people. As our culture becomes enmeshed with the modern world our land will continue to support our people for future generations.

Modern amenities such as boats, ATVs, and snow machines has made the ability to hunt and gather much easier. While we enjoy the convenience of the increased efficiency of subsistence gathering, we should keep in mind the potential effects that use of machinery has on the land.

ATV use on wetlands has profound long-term impacts because they have deep traction tires that uproot plants, dig into soil and agitate shallow waters.

Help protect Our Lands from ATV damage by staying on common trails and hiking to subsistence grounds as much as possible.





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# Save the Date!

Choggiung Limited will hold its Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Additional details will be provided in the July, 2021 proxy mail out.

The meeting is for the purpose of electing (3) three directors who will serve 3-year terms ending in 2024, and to address any other business that may come before the Shareholder's meeting.

*47th Annual Meeting  
of Shareholders  
Saturday, September 25, 2021*

