

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Abbreviated Plat Hearing was held on October 16, 2024, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Conference Room 110, located at 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Platting Officer Fred Wagner.

1. INTRODUCTION

A. Introduction of Staff

Staff in Attendance:

- Mr. Fred Wagner, Platting Officer
- Ms. Kayla Kinneen, Administrative Specialist

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2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(None)

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. **HARMONY POINTE PH 1 LOT 15A BLOCK 1:** The request is to create one lot from Lots 5 and 6, Block 1, HARMONY POINTE PH 1 (Plat # 2003-103), to be known as HARMONY POINTE PH 1 LOT 15A BLOCK 1, containing 2.38 acres +/- . The plat is located directly north of E. Four Seasons Drive and directly west of S. Charming Valley Loop, located within the NW ¼ Section 21, Township 17 North, Range 01 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Gateway Community Council and Assembly District #2.
(Petitioner/Owner: Last Frontier Contracting, Staff: Chris Curlin, Case #2024-112)

Platting Officer, Fred Wagner, read the case description into the record.

Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 38 public hearing notices were mailed out on September 23, 2024.

Platting Officer, Fred Wagner opened the public hearing for public testimony.

There being no one to be heard, Platting Officer, Fred Wagner closed the public hearing.

- Invited the petitioner or their representative to provide their comments.

The petitioner/petitioner's representative chose not to speak.

MOTION: Platting Officer Fred Wagner moved to approve with 6 conditions. There are 5 findings of fact.

- B. **LUCKY LINDY 2018 ADDITION LOTS 5E:** The request is to create one lot from Lots 5C and 5D, Block 5, Lucky Lindy Addition 2018, Plat 2018-156, to be known as Lucky Lindy 2018 Addition Lots 5E, containing 2.05 acres +/- . The plat is located directly north & east of the cul-de-sac at the eastern end of N. Skyvan Circle, located within the NW ¼ Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 01 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the North Lakes Community Council and Assembly District #6. (Petitioner/Owner: Dale & Beverly Tallman, Staff: Chris Curlin, Case #2024-114)

Platting Officer, Fred Wagner, read the case description into the record.

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Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 38 public hearing notices were mailed out on September 23, 2024.

Platting Officer, Fred Wagner opened the public hearing for public testimony.

There being no one to be heard, Platting Officer, Fred Wagner closed the public hearing.

- Invited the petitioner or their representative to provide their comments.

The petitioner/petitioner's representative chose not to speak.

MOTION: Platting Officer Fred Wagner moved to approve with 6 conditions. There are 5 findings of fact.

4. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Platting Officer, Fred Wagner adjourned the meeting at 8:33 a.m.



FRED WAGNER, PLS
Platting Officer

ATTEST:



KAYLA KINNEEN,
Platting Administrative Specialist

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2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(None)

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. **CLARK ACRES:** The request is to create one lot from Lots 1 & 2, Block 1, West Knik (Plat 84-186), to be known as **CLARK ACRES**, containing 2.32 acres +/- . The subject property is located northwest of S. Knik Goose Bay Road, south of W. Clay Chapman Road, west of S. Alix Drive, and directly north of S. Foxworth Drive; within Section 07, Township 16 North, Range 02 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Knik-Fairview Community Council and Assembly District #5. (Petitioner/Owner: Gary Clark, Staff: Natasha Heindel, Case #2024-115)

Platting Officer, Fred Wagner, read the case description into the record.

Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 27 public hearing notices were mailed out on October 1, 2024.

Platting Officer, Fred Wagner opened the public hearing for public testimony.

There being no one to be heard, Platting Officer, Fred Wagner closed the public hearing.

- Invited the petitioner or their representative to provide their comments.

The petitioner/petitioner's representative was not present.

MOTION: Platting Officer Fred Wagner moved to approve with 6 conditions. There are 7 findings of fact.

4. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Platting Officer, Fred Wagner adjourned the meeting at 8:31 a.m.



FRED WAGNER, PLS
Platting Officer

ATTEST:



KAYLA KINNEEN,
Platting Administrative Specialist

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD**

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Chairman – LaMarr Anderson (01)	Melanie Glatt (03)	VACANT (06)	Kenneth Hoffman (10)
Vice Chair – Stephen Brown (08)	Alexandria Hoffman (04)	Adam Jenski (07)	Thomas Bergey (11)
Amanda Salmon (02)	Jozef Slowik (05)	Misty O'Connor (09)	VACANT (12)

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
DSJ BUILDING
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM**

**September 18, 2024
4:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Members present and establishing a quorum were: LaMarr Anderson, Amanda Salmon, Melanie Glatt, Jozef Slowik, Misty O'Connor and Kenneth Hoffman

Members absent and excused: Stephen Brown and Thomas Bergey

Members absent: Alexandria Hoffman and Adam Jenski

Staff present: Joseph Metzger, Land Management Division Manager
Suzanne Reilly, Asset Manager
Margie Cobb, Department Administrative Specialist

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Agenda approved as presented.

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit 3 minutes)

No audience participation.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 17, 2024 Minutes were approved as presented.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Staff Report – Mr. Metzger shared the following:

- Welcomed new Asset Manager, Suzanne Reilly, who will be the staff lead moving forward for this Board
- Board member overview: three (3) have terms ending 12/31/24; two open seats. Staff requested by Board to send information on Board and applications so Board members can do outreach.
- Borough Ag Program overview: 10,000 acres in Borough Ag programs; currently 28% can be utilized, but estimate only 14% is being utilized (only 1,400 acres)
- Request will be coming in a future meeting to approve a request for Northern Elk Ranch. It was noted that the platting was approved prior to Ag Board/Assembly approval in error; applicant understands and will not be moving forward until Assembly approval.

- B. Resolution 24-02: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ADOPT ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 24-099, CONVEYING THE BOROUGH'S DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS INTEREST TO ANTHONY AND TAMMIE WEST FOR FEE SIMPLE TITLE WITH AGRICULTURAL COVENANTS (MSB001285).

Staff Report given by Ms. Reilly. Discussion provided newer members of the Ag Board background and purpose of Ag Conversion Program created by this Board. Ms. Salmon moved to approve this Resolution; Ms. Glatt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Work Session Follow up – Title Changes

After discussion the following motion was made by Ms. Glatt:

MOTION: I move that the Board investigate the feasibility of smaller parcels and more subdivisions and develop a recommendation to the Assembly while ensuring de minimis loss of agricultural land.

Motion seconded by Mr. Hoffman. Motion passed unanimously. Future meeting Work Sessions will focus on developing this recommendation.

VI. MEMBER COMMENTS (Limit to 3 minutes)

Ms. Salmon: Appreciate the input of the members of this Board.

Mr. Hoffman: Looking forward to working on the Motion made during tonight's Work session.

Ms. O'Connor: Would love to see opportunities for young, new farmers; would like to see a list developed that identifies types of agricultural businesses allowable.

Ms. Glatt: Road/natural gas infrastructure will be important for greenhouses and viability/planning of smaller farms.

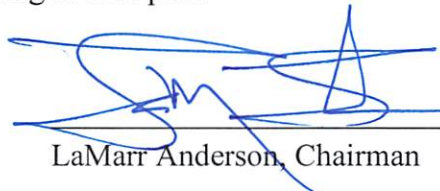
Ms. Reilly: Enjoyed hearing everyone's ideas and experience they bring to the table.

Mr. Metzger: Recommended informing Assembly on the Ag Board's path forward.


VII. NEXT MEETING: October 16, 2024

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.


LaMarr Anderson, Chairman 10/16/24
DATE

ATTEST:


Margie Cobb
Department Administrative Specialist

- President: Jodi Riddell
- Vice President: Margaret Billinger
- Secretary: Lisa Behrens
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Executive Board Meeting – August 27, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Big Lake Family Restaurant

MINUTES

1.) Call to Order/ Determination of Quorum

By: Jodi Riddell Quorum: Yes Time: 6:08pm
Guests: Suzanne and Wayne Christensen (prospective BLCC members)

2.) Pledge of Allegiance

3.) Agenda Approval Motion: Margaret Billinger Second: Yes

4.) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval (June 25, 2024)

Motion: Margaret Billinger Second: Yes Copy signed:

5.) Presentations n/a

6.) Treasurer's Report Checking: \$ 34,600.44 Savings: \$2950.62

7.) Correspondence

Notification of Public Hearing – Robert Peterson & Sharon Hart, Re-plat
Information re: Community Policing – Irene Crowley

8.) Unfinished Business

1. CIP and Big Lake Comprehensive Plan committee – Ben Tew, Lindy Moss, Margaret Billinger, Cindy Bettine, Dan Mayfield, Jim Faiks
 - a. Update: Work completed, remove from agenda
 - b. BLCC Board approved Cindy Bettine to present to the Houston City Council, as part of the CIP nomination list involves property within Houston City limits. Status:
2. BLCC 2024 Community Revenue Sharing Grants committee. Committee volunteers: Jodi Riddell, Janet Henry, Amber Holod, Tara Rice, Taleen Lundale – Update: Process complete, remove from agenda
3. Ways & Means for attracting more community council members
 - a. Facebook invitations on Big Lake Community groups – Update: Complete, remove from agenda

9.) New Business

1. Future speakers for General Membership meetings
 - a. September – Sargent Kessler, Alaska State Troopers
 - b. September – Sarah Myers, Joseph Lyon, Jessica Johnson, Shoreline/Streambank rehabilitation
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=habitatrestoration.matsucostshare>
 - c. September – Nicole Swenson, Mat Su Elodea Task Force
<https://plants.alaska.gov/invasives/elodea.htm>
 - d. October – Alyssa Nelson, Election year judge voting information
 - e. Recommendations for future meetings:

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- i. Margaret Billinger – someone to speak on the topic of land titles. Margaret will look for a speaker for October or November
- ii. Cindy Bettine – Parks & Rec, Mat Su Health Foundation.

10.)Persons to be Heard (3 Minute Maximum time per person)

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11.)Announcements

- 1. Mat Su Borough Junk Car Removal Program (from a recent Facebook post) includes a request form <https://planning.matsugov.us/pages/junk-car-removal-program>

12.)Board Member Closing Comments

Jodi Riddell: Spoke with MSB Attorney & BLCC Accountant – council may accept funds as a non-profit for community projects

Margaret Billinger:

Lisa Behrens:

Irene Crowley: Would like BLCC to move forward to initiate VPSO presence in Big Lake


Dave Haggard:

Ben Tew:

Lindy Moss: Next youth shooting facility being developed at the end of Carmel Road (in phase 2 of 5)

13.)Adjournment

Motion: Jodi Riddell Second: Yes Time: 6:23pm



 Signature – Jodi Riddell, President – Big Lake Community Council Date 9-24-2024



 Attestation – Lisa Behrens, Secretary – Big Lake Community Council Date 10-14-24

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**General Membership Meeting – September 10, 2024 – 7:00 PM
Big Lake Lions Recreation Center**

DRAFT MINUTES

1.) Call to Order/ Determination of Quorum

By: Jodi Riddell Time: 7:07pm
Quorum: Yes Attendees: 27 plus 6 board members

2.) Pledge of Allegiance

3.) Agenda Approval

Motion: Margaret Billinger Second: Yes

4.) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval (August 13, 2024)

Motion: Lindy Moss Second: Yes Copy signed:

5.) Treasurer's Report

Checking: \$ Savings: \$ (report not available)

6.) Membership Report

Voting Members renewed for 2024: **98**
Associates (non-voting) renewed for 2024: **5**

7.) Presentation(s) (15 Minutes per presentation)

1. Sgt. Kessler, Alaska State Troopers – ATV Rules & Regulations

We have had a couple of tragic accidents this summer. It comes down to a lack of knowledge. Are people aware and are they abiding by the law? The bike paths are one of the most common points of problem. New signs are being placed. Most of these incidents involve juveniles who do not know the rules and regulations. Even the most tragic event this summer was a mistake, but mistakes still have consequences. Educating the public may be the key to solving these issues. AST has 12 new troopers coming to the Mat Su this fall, so we are hoping to have more manpower soon. Question: What about Northshore Drive? Answer: Paved trails are pedestrian traffic only. This is an evolving challenge that AST is trying to keep up with as much as possible. Question: Is it possible to ticket parents of the juvenile offender? Answer: Only one ticket can be issued... to the actual offender. Question: what if there is video of an offense? Answer: If the offender is identifiable via footage, AST can provide education. Issuing a violation is very difficult based on video evidence alone. Question: On another subject, what is happening with drug traffic in this area? Answer: Oh boy... It is remarkably difficult to address this issue because drug activity happens when the majority of residents are asleep, and police presence is less intense. AST has over 60 vacant positions. It is difficult to overcome this problem. Question: is the problem with staffing AST a budget problem or availability of qualified candidates? Answer: All of the above.

2. Sarah Myers, Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game – Fish habitat permitting Here for Fish & Game habitat. Numerous complaints coming from Big Lake about erosion of shorelines. This is often associated with wake boats of recent years. We are here to talk about options for shoreline preservation. We have the authority to issue permits to modify banks to benefit anadromous fish species.

Joe Lyons, US Fish and Wildlife Service – Mat Su Restoration and Protection Cost-share Program <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=habitatrestoration.matsucostshare> I'm here to talk about the Mat Su cost-share program to restore shoreline. Our efforts are focused on programs to restore natural shoreline vegetation and salmon habitat. Owners are responsible for obtaining bids. If a bid is accepted, the owner is responsible for 1/3 of the cost.

Rodney Fodge, MSB Planning & Land Use – Big Lake Management Plan. The 1998 Big Lake Comprehensive plan is quite comprehensive. Quiet hours are designated as 11pm to 8am. Wake protection zones are 150 feet from shoreline. (Audible laughter from the persons present). For modifications, more than 50% of parcels must be represented. Multi-owner parcels include a vote for all owners. The entire process would need to be completed within 90 days. Handouts are available on the back table. Question: How do property owners navigate this complicated process? Answer: That would require a legal opinion from the MSB Attorney. Question: How many violations have been issued by the Borough in the past year? Answer: That would require some research. The larger the area of the lake, the more difficult it is to initiate or enforce restrictions. Some of these questions would require the knowledge of MSB Code Compliance personnel.

3. Nicole Swenson, Mat Su Elodea Task Force <https://plants.alaska.gov/invasives/elodea.htm> This is an update from last year's presentation. Elodea is an invasive species that is present in Big Lake. Last year's study provided encouraging results, indicating that elodea presence was very limited in Big Lake. Recent results are less encouraging, as there is evidence of elodea spreading in the Big Lake area. Elodea is difficult and expensive to get rid of. There are a number of organizations that can assist with a problem like this. Cleaning waterborne vehicles is very important to limit/prevent the spread of elodea. Float planes are common means of elodea spread. The Elodea Task Force is looking for Big Lake volunteers. Signage has been placed in the area re: cleaning boat and airplane gear, etc. to limit further spread of elodea. The current plan is containment of the infestation. There is no long-term eradication plan in existence for Big Lake at this time. There is information about the "Clean, Drain, Dry" campaign on the back table tonight. Question: Is this limited to lakes only or does it affect rivers too? Answer: Any freshwater body is subject to infestation.

8.) Reports

1. Legislative (State House & Senate)
Senator Shower: Provided by Shonda Erickson. State Capital Improvement Project timeline starts this November.
Representative McCabe: Provided by Linn McCabe. Big Lake Road overlay project is scheduled to begin this week.
2. Assembly (District 5)
Assembly Representative Gamble: Not available due to concurrent assembly meeting
3. Fire Service (West Lakes Fire Department)
Chief Hightower: Monthly report re: Fire and other emergency responses. Early spike in structure fire calls already in August. West Lakes is always hiring additional responders. See our Facebook page for real-life photos of our responses. We need community help. Our work is always rewarding, even if not always exciting...
4. Road Service Area: No one available

8.) Correspondence

1. Rodney Fodge, MSB Planning Dept. FY26 CIP application results. Update on Big Lake project awards. Big Lake received 4 of the 12 top priority approvals.
Capital Improvement Program (CIP) FY2026 (arcgis.com)

10.) Unfinished Business

1. Lake Setback Ordinance & Waterbody Setback Advisory Board: Bill Haller – Big Lake Rep.
<https://matsugov.us/boards/waterbody-setback-advisory-board> Update: Bill is on the Al-Can Hwy

11.) New Business

12.) Persons to be Heard (3 Minutes per person)

Michael Dale: Here to advocate for our high schools. All teachers spend money from their own pocket to help students have what they need. Mat Su School District can't fund everything. I want to advocate for donations for local high school shop programs. A list of needed supplies has been supplied by Houston High School. See me for details. Please support your local high school programs.

Jim Faiks: Good news re: relief of Hollywood Road flooding from Jolly Creek. Bad news, it is being redirected to Jordan Lake Park. Some years will be negligible, others will be significant. We are starting a plan to mitigate this issue. Mat Su Borough is supportive of a plan to improve Jordan Lake Park but cannot move quickly enough to make this happen without community participation. There is a proposed community donation initiative. There will be a meeting this Saturday at the Big Lake Library at 10:30am. Please see the illustration of the proposed improvements, provided by local artist, Karen Crandall.

Terry Gorlick: Big Lake Drainage plan addresses the Jolly Creek drainage area. There have been various proposals for addressing the drainage problem. This year, funds from the Big Lake Road Service Area are being considered for spending to deal with the Jolly Creek drainage area. Some community members are concerned about this use of local taxpayer funds and are proposing other strategies for this project. Community members who would like to speak to this issue should contact our district Assembly representative.

Linn McCabe: Speaking on behalf of candidate Kevin McCabe, for Alaska House of Representatives.

Doyle Holmes: Candidate for Alaska House of Representatives.

13.) Announcements

Big Lake Lions "Trunk or Treat" is coming up... donations for candy needed

14.) Board Member Closing Comments

Jodi Riddell:

Margaret Billinger: Big Lake Chamber needs people to get going again, once hunting season is over.

Lisa Behrens:

Irene Crowley:

Dave Haggard:

Ben Tew:

Lindy Moss:

15.) Adjournment

Motion: Jodi Riddell Second: Yes Time: 8:43pm



Signature – Jodi Riddell, President – Big Lake Community Council Date 10-8-2024



Attestation – Lisa Behrens, Secretary – Big Lake Community Council Date 10-14-24

Central Mat-Su FSA Board of Supervisors Meeting

Station 61 – 101 W. Swanson Ave. Wasilla, AK

Chairman: D. Eller
Vice Chairman: J. Steele

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Board Members: B. Davis
L. Szipszky

Aug 12, 2024 – 6 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at 101 W. Swanson Ave. Wasilla, AK on Aug 12, 2024.

II. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Board Members present and establishing a quorum for the Central Mat-Su FSA:

Chairman Dave Eller, Vice Chairman James Steele, Brian Davis, and Luke Szipszky.

Also present were: Michael Keenan, Chief, Central Mat-Su Fire Department (CMSFD) and Shari Lamz, Admin. Assistant, CMSFD

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Admin Lamz led the "Pledge of Allegiance."

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Aug 12, 2023

MOTION: Mr. Steele moved, and Mr. Davis seconded, to approve the meeting agenda as presented with one correction.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF PRECEDING MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Steele moved, and Mr. Davis seconded, to approve the May 13, 2024 joint board meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

VI. BOARD REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Chiefs Report

May 2024 total number of calls – 213

- Structure Fires – 4
- Rescue Calls – 86
- Medic assists – 75
- Extrications - 1
- Wildland - 5

June 2024 total number of calls – 220

- Structure Fires – 4
- Rescue Calls – 101
- Medic Assists – 73
- Wildland Fires – 3 we supported the large wildland fire near between Caswell and Talkeetna.

July 2024 total runs – 260

- Structure Fires – 3 Outstanding building save on a commercial building fire off Hermon.
- Rescue Calls – 108
- Medic Assists - 79
- Vehicle Fires – 5

Personnel Update

- Firefighter Jason Palenske and FSA Connor Hernandez have been promoted to fill our two FDO positions. We are testing now to fill the one vacant Firefighter position with interviews this week. Permitting Clerk position is being readvertised. Community Risk Reduction Specialist position is in classification now. We are working on re-classifying our open FSA position into a logistics specialist. We have hired two part-time building support workers.

Training

- Completed our annual live fire training
- Completed our ISO water supply drills
- Working on target Hazmat training
- Completed NFPA 1403, certified live fire instructor class

Apparatus update

- Rescue 61 is in service at Station 6-1
- Pumper-Tender 62- They found more damage that we will need additional funding. We currently have \$53,999.00 left in the project. The additional repairs are \$86,828.00 over the estimate and they still need to assess the foam and pump systems.

MOTION: Mr. Davis moved, and Mr. Steele seconded, supporting the additional funds needed for repairs on Pumper Tender 62.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Steele would like to see the accounting details for the fund balance when we appropriate funds for a project using money from the fund balance.

- Brush 66 – In service
- Fire-Vac – Inspection Aug 21-22
- Rescue Engines – at the port, delivery this week
- Station 62 Annex – Repairs are being made, awaiting roof contractor for final bids

Projects

- Station 53 - Landscaping and paving completed.
- Station 51- Fill site completed and operational.
- Training complex - Paving completed and training pad in use this summer.
- ISO – submitting final paperwork this week and they will be here Sept 6.
- State Firefighter Conference – Sept 30 – Oct 4, Menard Center and HOT classes at Station 62.

Budget – Looking good watching overtime

FY 25 CIP

- Fire Prevention Trailer - \$375,000.00
- (1) Pumper-Tender - \$1,500,000.00 (reduced to 1 truck from 2)
- Station 5-3/6-5 property prep - \$3,000,000.00
- Training complex build out - \$700,000.00 (\$300,000.00 reduction)
- Turn-Outs - \$150,000.00
- Multi-use tractor removed from CIP list.

The Board is seeking clarification on why the tender and tractor were removed from the budget without notice or discussion. Chief Keenan was hoping that someone from DES would be present to address their questions.

New Station Discussion

Location of Land - Distance between the existing stations to the proposed new site

- 6-5 – 1.5 miles
- 5-2 – 3.4 miles
- 6-1 – 4 miles
- 5-1 – 5.3 Miles



MOTION: Mr. Steele moved, and Mr. Davis seconded, supporting Chief Keenan to work with land management and DES on moving forward with allocating the land on Bogard and Tait to build the new fire station 5-2/6-5.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Process

Mr. Steele would like to get clarification on the board of supervisors role in the budget process. He stated that it is well established in borough code for any board to have a public hearing then the board recommends the annual budget to the manager. The past year or two that has not happened. The board is getting a budget that DES and the manager has already worked on. He questioned "what is our responsibility as a board". He stated the MSB Administration puts out a timeline and nowhere on it does it have a date on when they should receive budget recommendations from boards. Chief Keenan stated he will talk to Director Barkley and Deputy Director Davis about this issue. Mr. Steele suggested that the manager, director, or MSB attorney be at the next meeting to discuss this further.

Mr. Eller stated that he would like to understand the reasoning behind the removal of certain items from the proposed budget without prior knowledge or discussion. Chief Keenan stated that they didn't consult him on how the removal of these things would impact his strategic planning and operations.

5.15.015 DUTIES OF BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS.

(A) Boards of supervisors for all service areas shall:

- (1) After public hearing, recommend an annual budget to the manager; and
- (2) Make recommendations to the manager and the assembly on building programs, equipment acquisition and disposal, administrative policies and procedures, contracts, maintenance needs, and other matters as the manager or the assembly may request

Admin Lamz stated the Clerks Office hasn't received any applications for the vacant board position

IX. **OTHER BUSINESS (other items of discussion not listed on agenda)**

X. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION & BOARD COMMENTS**

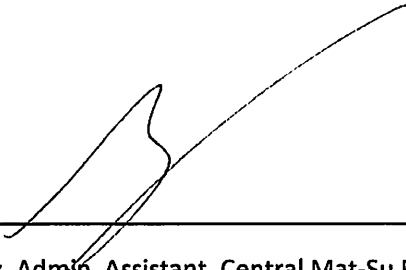
XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Eller adjourned the board meeting at approximately 7:06 p.m.



DAVE ELLER, Chairman, Central Mat-Su FSA B.O.S.

ATTEST:



Shari Lamz, Admin. Assistant, Central Mat-Su FSA B.O.S.

Minutes approved on: 10/4/24

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Date of Meeting: May 8, 2024
Meeting Location: Council Building,
Zoom
Website: chickalooncc.com
Email: info@chickalooncc.com
Prepared By: Cassie Johnson

CHICKALOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE : May 08, 2024

Officers: Kalee Bowen (Chair), Angye Leavitt (Vice-Chair) John J Vessey (Member at Large), Janie Vessey (Treasurer), and Cassie Johnson (Secretary)

Meeting called to order at: 7:01

Zoom link ID: 5894060352

Pledge of Allegiance: Ron

Approval of Agenda as posted: 1st by John, 2nd by Frankie

Minutes from last meeting (4/10/24): Cassie Johnson

Approval of Minutes: 1st by Chris VanCleve, 2nd by Jeff Myers

Announcements & Guest Speakers:

1. **Tim Hale:** The **Borough Assembly** is in the middle of the budget process, their second meeting is tomorrow night at the Assembly Chambers. There is a proposal for a slight increase in mill rate for the first time in 5 years. Increase will be about .3 mill. This would mean that a home worth \$370,000 would see an increase of about \$270 in property taxes. Amendments will come out tomorrow, May 9th, 2024.

The **Library Citizens Advisory Committee** for challenging materials in libraries is also meeting tomorrow, May 9th at the Assembly Chambers, applications for books to review must be in by Friday.

CVTC Police department was not granted special commissions to extend policing powers. Tim Hale put in a resolution to keep assembly members involved and aware of any further discussion/progress with this in the future. Ron asked about the Chickaloon PD and if the issue is simply law enforcement or if other baggage is attached. Tim explained that there are three levels: State, Federal and expanded Federal authority under Violence Against Women Act 2022. The CVTC PD would not be doing any traffic enforcement, stops or pursuits on the road. They were seeking state authority to be able to stop misdemeanor crimes and felonies. They have federal authority already, but were looking for state approval.

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Pat brought up that the highway condition from Kings River to mile 71 is horrible and asked Tim to discuss it at the next assembly. Dump coupons have to be completed online by May 31st, but they are good for up to \$25 and can be used until April 1, 2025.

Fish and Wildlife Commission. There has been a Federal takeover of Cook Inlet. The Fish and Wildlife Commission was able to maintain the conservation corridor which means limited drift fishing allowing fish to come up to the Matsu borough. Also heard that the commissioner of Fish and Game may be considering opening up state waters on days when federal waters are closed, which makes it harder for fish to get back to the borough. Fish & Wildlife commission meeting is tomorrow at the lower conference room or you can attend virtually. On June 6th at 5pm in the Assembly Chambers there is a meeting with Fish and Game about game. They will be taking questions from the public. Kendra is the temporary representative on the **Water Setback Advisory Board** where you have to build 75 feet away from a body of water. A draft ordinance will be discussed between now and late August. Next meeting is May 22nd at 4pm.

CVTC is working on a proposal to have community meetings to see if there is interest in a **separate pathway** next to the highway that would go all the way to Eureka. They need a letter of support for meetings from individuals and communities. Jessica spoke up and talked about the proposal saying this one did not get approved, but the intent is to have community meetings for input and support for the federal grant proposal due mid June. There was discussion and concern about state DOT improving the road after installment of the pathway. See attached documentation.

Reports and Correspondence:

Treasures Report: Janie Vessey

Road Service Area (RSA) 31: Dave Vancleve: RSA 31 contract is not up for renewal for another year. Fish Lake Rd has been dusty lately and it would be nice to have people that are driving down the road slow down for pedestrians. Kendra asked if pot holes would be filled. Dave said the budget for Chickaloon is not enough to allow for new projects.

Community Assistance Program (CAP): We have not received any new applications for a CAP project. Chris asked how much we receive each year, it is about \$15000. Frankie asked about a playground in Chickaloon and stated that Jessica was involved in the one in Sutton and would have good input. Dave mentioned a trail from Fish Lake over the ridge to the council/post office area. Jeff said that Pat has the knowledge to lay out a project like that. Kendra brought up an idea to put up a sign for entering Chickaloon from both sides. Wesley mentioned that Aaron Meeusen from Glacier View built the sign for Glacier View and for Kingdom Air Corps. Dave said we should start the project for the sign now so that we can coordinate with the construction at Kings River.

Fire Dept. Report: Wesley Daniels: Fire season is in full swing so the fire departments have been busy with illegal burning. Burn permits are required from April 1st to August 31st.

Crime Watch Report: Anna was caught on Roy's property pulling things out of his connex. She apparently knew his last name and she thought she had every right to be there. Troopers were called out, Anna vacated around 10pm the first night and then she was back out the next day. Roy did file for trespassing. Troopers came back out again and police were helping her move things out. Anna did not have a license plate on the car she was using and she does actually think she has a right to trespass if no one is on the property and she's in dire need. She had changed his locks on his cabin. Roy has had issues in the past with people stealing property. Anna is very familiar with all of the vacant cabins in the area and she was in a relationship with the person who tried to break into another property owner's home. She is still in the area staying with a property owner on Bestline. Call Troopers if you see her trespassing again, refer to Report #T23000869. Troopers are very short staffed and the more info they are provided with, the more it helps.

Public Comment: Frankie spoke about the garden in front of the community center. Some plants have come back, but some have not so we have room to add in more perennials if anyone has any to spare. Frankie will need to buy compost and mulch and annuals to place in the front soon. Ron asked about the King River Bridge and how that's going to join with the new highway. Jessica added to public comment about DOT taking on emergency rockfall mitigation between Kings River and Long Lake. Some will be tackled this summer. The ones in the next couple years are more complicated because they have to go up on top of the cliffs to do some work, but DOT will be doing short term mitigation to stop rocks from going into the road.

Old Business:

Water: Water results are back. We will be looking into all options and bids for the best possible system to install here in the community center so we have low maintenance and can hopefully reduce future costs. Marcia asked if the water is safe to drink right now. Kalee reviewed the results of the test, we have 4 health concerns; cadmium, lithium, arsenic and uranium. See attached documentation.

Gas and Stove: No updates at this time. Once we have all of the quotes, we will send everything out for individual votes.

Website Update: Kalee reminded everyone to please remember that we (the council) are volunteers and the gentleman that is doing our website is doing it for free and he works a full time job. This is a first time website and hiccups will come up and receiving unkind emails in the process is discouraging for us.

Community Clean-Up Update: Full trash bags are to be placed behind the pavilion. We have two volunteers to take trash to the Sutton transfer station. We are okay to take trash to the dump until June 30th. Sign up sheets are at the post office for raffle items, bbq food, and cleanup.

New Business:

New discussion on the idea for a public watering point (Community Well).

Jessica Winstaffer works for CVTC. The background for the public water topic started over two years ago when a community member in Glacier View contacted CVTC and said they need a water point for community members because they were having to drive to Palmer or Wasilla. CVTC did a survey between Buffalo/Soapstone, Sutton, Chickaloon and Glacier View communities and learned that there is a large need for water. A grant was awarded for Glacier View to the CVTC, which got tied up in bureaucracy and was unable to be used. A different grant was awarded for Chickaloon and it has much better terms than the one for Glacier View.

The grant for Chickaloon is a federal grant in the amount of \$250,000 administered by the EPA. There is no match requirement because we are considered a disadvantaged community due to average income being low. This grant does not have to be used by CVTC so a different entity is allowed to take over the project. It can be used for anything including, but not limited to; drilling test wells, buying property, building and maintaining the water facility, paying engineers and project managers, etc.

Skip asked about how the money for Chickaloon was awarded in a different manner and Jessica responded that this grant came from a different source than the one that was awarded to Glacier View. Frankie asked if the funding pays for paying someone to manage the project. Jessica said that most likely it would pay for someone for the first few years. Discussion continued and the point was brought up that a community water point requires a lot more testing in the first few years than it does later on. Dave asked if it's possible for this to be a joint project with the CVTC, but the village doesn't want to maintain the project. The main concern is what the long term commitment involves. Trapper Creek Community Council has done this and they have a subset of the council called the "water committee" and they oversee maintenance and operations. They are ways to have a fee associated with collecting water. If the grant is not used, it will go back and someone else will use it. There isn't an exact timeline for when the proposal needs to be accepted. There was more discussion and we chose to table the discussion for now and we will look for volunteers that may be interested. Jessica gave her cards to Cassie, who will have them available at the post office. If anyone in the community is interested in public water access, please let us know.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting (6/12/2024): Alaska State Troopers will most likely be here at the next meeting to discuss CVTC officers.

Meeting Adjourn: 8:28pm 1st Ron, 2nd John

Attendees: John Vessey Sr., Kendra Zamzow, Frankie Barber, Dave & Chris VanCleve, Jeff Meyers, Jessica Winstaffer, Wesley & Taliha Daniels, Skip & Marcia Stock, Ron Wayner, Tim Hale

Zoom: Hugh Keogh, Pat Owens

Status: **Approved**

Kalee Bowen
President: Kalee Bowen

Cassie Johnson
Secretary: Cassie Johnson

Attached Documents

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Prepared By: Cassie Johnson

CHICKALOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL – Meeting Minutes for Wed. June 12, 2024

Officers: Kalee Bowen (Chair), Angye Leavitt (Vice-Chair), John J Vessey (Member at Large), Janie Vessey (Treasurer), Cassie Johnson (Secretary)

Call to order: 7:01pm

Zoom Link ID: 589 406 0352

Pledge of Allegiance: Dave

Approval of Agenda as Posted: John Sr, Marcia

Minutes from last meeting (5/8/24): Cassie Johnson

Approval of minutes: 1st by Hugh, 2nd by Dave

Announcements & Guest Speakers:

Report and Q&A with Austin McDaniel and Sergeant Lee Phillips from Department of Public Safety. Austin McDaniel is the Communications Director for Dept of Public Safety. Austin explained that staffing is low for troopers at this time, but recruitment classes are getting larger. As of right now there is an average of 5 troopers on duty to cover from mile 147 of the Parks Hwy to mile 110 of Glenn Hwy and down to the Hay flats. **Its very important that we continue to alert the troopers to any and all nonemergent issues via email, calling the non-emergency line or using the website so that when its time to allocate new troopers to different areas, our community is not overlooked.** Sgt Phillips is in charge of rural mitigation for our area so we can send an email or call him directly if there are non-emergent issues and traffic enforcement issues and he will work on getting them taken care of in a timely manner.

There was discussion about why the objection with CVTC police department getting special commissions. Austin McDaniel explained that even though this is not new in the lower 48, this is a novel idea in Alaska. Most tribal police are cross deputized in the lower 48. There was a lot of push back from the Sutton community and the Matsu Borough Assembly passed a request for the special commissions to not be issued. For now this is an indefinite pause on granting the special commissions so the Chickaloon Tribal police have time to build community support.

Chickaloon tribe has the inherent criminal justice authority to enforce their laws within their 5000 square foot ANSVA. State of AK has no oversight or authority over that. The 2022 Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization expanded a tribes ability to enforce tribal laws in a limited scope (domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual abuse of a minor, sex trafficking, etc) against non tribal members if a tribal member was a victim. That person can be held accountable in a tribal court if the due process standards are met. There was discussion about if, for example, a native woman is abused by a nonnative man, then would the man get off "scot free"? In this scenario, any state officer could investigate. There is no gaping hole, but troopers are short on staffing, especially for communities that need to be accessed by plane. Tribal police are not going away, but they have not had the funding needed for professional police training.

CVTC sends their officers to federal or state recognized training facilities and hires professional police officers. **DPS took the resolutions for a certified state police officer and applied those to the CVTC officers. Those resolutions include being at least 21yo, have a thorough background check, psych check, poly checks, and attending a state or federal approved training facility. CVTC police department is trying to be the example for all tribal police in the state.** At this point, there has been so much negative pushback that there has been fear for the CVTC's officer safety because of comments and threats that have been made. There are lots of rumors going through Sutton. **Officer Howard said that the CVTC police dept can and will still assist with call outs to our community.**

Contact Info for Austin McDaniel (DPA Communications Director) **Desk:** (907) 269-5413 **Mobile:** (907) 744-6587 **Email:** austin.mcdaniel@alaska.gov

Contact Info for Sergeant Lee Phillips (Rural Mitigation) **Office:** (907) 373-8300 **Dispatch:** 352-5401 #6 **Email:** lee.phillips@alaska.gov

Presentation by Deb Lundy and Jody Serrano from Nine Star Education & Employment Services: They are a grant funded non profit and they are being encouraged through their grant to extend services into more rural areas. Nine Star is the only Adult Education Program that services the Matsu valley. They can help with education, employment, workplace training, finding apprenticeships, internships, scholarships and other various workshops. They are located in Wasilla.

MSB Planning Department Capital Improvement Program – FY25 & FY26 MSB is asking the community to come up with a way to spend at least \$20,000 to make improvements anywhere within the whole borough. Looking for nominations for FY 26. Nominations are due August 1st and can be submitted at <https://cip.matsugov.us/>

State Of Alaska / DOT 2024-2027 STIP Approval & Project Changes: We have a report of all projects that are planned in our area in the future. These projects can be viewed at <https://airtable.com/appqC4ZnBxOF8jbnq/shro2Oza5u6OEcs3y/tblp3cNtpzxDduiS>. You can use the "Sort by" option to sort by "region" to help narrow the projects down to our area.

Reports and Correspondence:

Treasures Report: Janie Vessey

Road Service Area (RSA) 31: Dave Vancleve reported that Bryan Winestaffer is now a RS manager. Regarding the potholes, that should be apart of the contractors responsibility and anyone who thinks they are a problem, can call the problem reporter. The more calls made, the more likely it is that they will get repaired.

Community Assistance Program (CAP): Angye Leavitt: no updates. Jeff mentioned the address numbers were a project through council so that police and fire departments have an easier time recognizing the locations.

Fire Dept. Report: Skip Stock: BURN PERMITS are necessary, there was a recent fire last month.

Crime Watch Report: No updates

VIII. Public Comment: Marcia gave credit to the floor seal getting fixed. Kalee and Austin Bowen donated a new floor seal and Austin installed it.

Old Business: Tabled until next meeting.

Water:

Gas:

Website Update: Link is auto generated to website for now.

Community Clean-Up Update: Put Trash behind Pavilion, Last day June 30, BBQ June 2, 2-4pm, Hugh took trash to the dump already.

New Business:

Continued discussion about the highway trail project and a possible vote on if the community wants to put out a letter of support or not. Community agrees that we need more information before providing a letter of support.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting (7/10/24):
Meeting Adjourn : Skip 8:27pm

Zoom: Officer Howard CPD, Christina VanCleve

Attendees: Skip Stock, Marcia Stock, Connie Koekkoek, Jeff Meyers, Dave Frederick, Andrea Frederick, Deb Lundy, Jody Sanders, John Vessey Sr, Janie Vessey, Ana Czajkowski, Jackson Czajkowski, David VanCleve, Cindy Hotz

Status: **Approved**

President: Kalee Bowen

Secretary: Cassie Johnson

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Prepared By: Cassie Johnson

CHICKALOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE : July 10, 2024

Officers: Kalee Bowen (Chair), Angye Leavitt (Vice-Chair) John J Vessey (Member at Large), Janie Vessey (Treasurer), and Cassie Johnson- not present (Secretary)

Meeting called to order at: 7:00pm

Zoom link ID: 824 1430 1243

Pledge of Allegiance: Sheryl

Approval of Agenda as posted: 1st by Sheryl, 2nd by Barb

Minutes from last meeting (**June 12, 2024**): Read by Kalee Bowen

Approval of Minutes: 1st by Ron, 2nd by Austin

Announcements & Guest Speakers:

1. **Reminder of Aug 1st deadline to have any MSB Capital Improvement nominations submitted. Public comment has been extended to Monday, Aug 5th.** It is possible to go onto the State of AK website and see what projects have been proposed.

Reports and Correspondence:

Treasures Report: Janie Vessey

Road Service Area (RSA) 31: Dave Vanclave: Just had a meeting last night with Brian Winstaffer and Steve Shuru? (Supervisor for this area). There was discussion about a project on Mile 2 on Fish Lake to help with the big heave that happens every year from water. They are trying get approval to place a culvert to drain the area. Also well aware of the rock in front of Braendels place.

Community Assistance Program (CAP): Angye Leavitt

Fire Dept. Report: Skip Stock: RED FLAG WARNING / BURN PERMITS SUSPENDED! Everyone should still act like we have a red flag warning due to little rain, high winds and dry conditions. Kalee said thank you again to everyone who responded to the fire back in May.

Crime Watch Report: None

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

Water/Gas/Website Update: Discussion on documents being available on website.

1. **Water:** Austin Bowen worked for 2 ½ years installing commercial and residential water systems: Reviewed the quote we rec'd from a company that did an extensive test. The main problem in this facility is hydrogen sulfide gas, its compressed in the well itself. When the water is used, it releases into the air. The Isat system has a valve head on the filter that is supposed to inject air to help oxidize solids and help the offgas and filter it out. The current system obviously is not working. The quote we rec'd included a 20 inch spin down filter for \$825, we have a small version already in there that removes small particulates. Austin found the same part from the same brand for \$180. 1 canister filter housing for 6"x40" filter that has a gradient filter that goes from 10microns to 5microns for \$675, filters last 1 year. A cartridge filter can be used for about \$50 for housings and filters cost \$18-\$50 depending on which filter you get. Next is an oxidizer that filters through a special media. They want to charge \$3,767. Unit has the same head, same tank as what we have. RO system proposed for under the sink for drinking water \$850. Austin shopped around for the parts and came up with a quote of about \$1000 including shipping and volunteered to install the system. Ron made a motion that we spend \$1000 and accept Austins proposal. Sheryl seconded the motion. All in favor: everyone, opposed: 0

- **Gas:** Quotes are now expired so we will be getting new quotes for the gas installation and that will go out to community vote.
- **Website:** Stephen will work on creating a document section under the community resources so that we can have certain documents available for the community. There was discussion about which documents will be posted on the website. As a group, it was decided that for now informative documents will be made available, but nothing with financial information will be posted.

1. New Business:

1. Continued discussion about the highway trail project and a possible vote on if the community wants to put out a letter of support or not. There was discussion about what the letter of support is actually for. Determined that the letter of support is to perform a study to gain more information about the possibility of having a separated non motorized pathway built from Palmer to Eureka. Vote taken for sending a letter of support. In favor: 3 Opposed: everyone else
2. HPAC – Hatcher Pass Avalanche Center is requesting donations in the form of grants. They receive no funding from the state. Donations come from community members and businesses. After much discussion, it was decided that we will ask them to come give us a presentation to provide us with further information.
3. Skeetawk is hoping to gather letters of support from each council as they continue to grow into the largest non profit ski area in the state of Alaska. They want the letter of support to say that we approve of their expansion plans. In favor: 4 Opposed: 4 Kalee broke the tie and will be sending a letter of support.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting (8/14/2024):

Meeting Adjourn: 8:09pm 1st by Ron, 2nd by Skip

Attendees:

Zoom:

Status: **Approved**

President: Kalee Bowen

Secretary: Cassie Johnson

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Prepared By: Cassie Johnson

CHICKALOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE : August 14, 2024

Officers: Kalee Bowen (Chair), Angye Leavitt (Vice-Chair) John J Vessey (Member at Large), Janie Vessey (Treasurer), and Cassie Johnson (Secretary)

Meeting called to order at: 7:03pm

Zoom link ID:

Pledge of Allegiance: Skip

Approval of Agenda as posted: Austin, Marcia

Minutes from last meeting (**July 10, 2024**): Read by Cassie Johnson

Approval of Minutes: Skip, Austin

VI. Announcements & Guest Speakers:

1. Mat-Su Habitat Restoration and Protection Cost-Share Program: Currently accepting apps for 2025, application period ends Sept 30th at 5pm. Land owners are urged to apply as early as possible. Program can reimburse up to ? cost of the project. Can access website at <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=habitatrestoration.costshare>
- b. Kendra – MSB Waterbody Setback Advisory Board: The ordinance states that a house cannot be built within 75 feet of a lake or stream. A lot of homes have been built in the setback (between 700-900 homes) which means they are out of compliance, which makes it hard to sell the house. The advisory board is trying to find solutions for homes that are currently out of compliance. Kendra brought a packet of resolutions being presented and the advisory board is asking councils to provide comments. Must report to the borough by Sept 18th. The board is trying to find a loophole for homes that are between 45-75 ft. Need to hear from communities if homeowners want to keep lakes clean or have access to perform more activities close to lakes. Comments can be made at <https://matsugov.us/boards/waterbody-setback-advisory-board>

VII. Reports and Correspondence:

- a. Treasurer's Report: Janie Vessey, Discussed moving CD's into longer term than 1 year for better interest rates since interest rates will most likely drop soon.

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b. Road Service Area (RSA) 31: Dave Vancleve. The big rock has been removed from Fish Lake. Community does not want dust abatement spray put down. Big rocks have been brought in to help mitigate potholes.

c. Community Assistance Program (CAP): Kalee Bowen, no updates

d. Fire Dept. Report: Wesley Daniels, Red Flag Warning has passed, no fires to report, New Tender picked up that hauls 3200 gal water. Borough just gave a new brush truck that is a smaller 4 wheel drive F550 type truck. More volunteers and support from the community needed. Applications to join the fire dept will be emailed to council and posted at the post office.

e. Crime Watch Report: Kalee Bowen, black bear was making the same loop through the Fish Lake Rd area. Skip reported recurring instances at the Stockyard of 4 different vehicles around 9:30pm that drove down Elaine's driveway. First 3 turned around and left, the 4th one came all the way down at about 11pm at night.

VIII. Public Comment: Marcia reported that we need to order a new flag and get the heating oil filled. Discussed a floor covering that will hold up to everyones boots and still look clean. We will look into quotes for resurfacing the floor with epoxy type material. Frankie with garden info: there are a lot of plants that are growing on the west side, roses on the south side, daisies, weeds and cottonwood saplings pulled.

IX. Old Business:

a. Water / Gas: We need some volunteers to put out the quotes to the community for a vote. We did receive a quote for propane installation :\$4648.28 to install microwave, vent it, hook up propane stove, replace faucet, take propane outside, set up for propane tank and toilet replacement. Discussed that these things are maintenance and need to be done. Bylaws state if it's a capital improvement, it requires a vote. Anything under \$2000 can go to a vote in the room, anything over has to go out to the community. We will communicate with the borough on making amendments to the bylaws. Frankie suggested coming up with an annual budget for maintenance so we don't have to approve every time we do a project for the council building. Making amendments will go on the agenda for the next meeting. Marcia volunteered to help with getting a vote out.

1. New Business:

a. Discussion on the MEA Audit: MEA came out and performed an audit since we had a special rate for the type of heating that was initially installed. They found that we are out of compliance. We have an extra meter that we are paying for and not using. Option 1 is to get an electrician out to eliminate the extra meter and the heaters or option 2 is to get the heaters wired to the regular meter and pay the regular rate. After discussion, Skip made a motion that we get a quote from the electrician to remove the second meter and have heaters set up to the main panel. John 1st, Kendra 2nd In Favor: All Opposed: 0 8.24.1

b. We need volunteers to be on a Nomination Committee for the upcoming council election. There are 2 seats up for election this year. The Vice Chair and Chair are up for election. We need 3 volunteers. Chris Vancleve, Quinn Johnson, Austin Bowen are our volunteers. Nomination committee goes out and finds people to come to the meetings to join the board. Marcia on the election committee.XI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting (9/11/24):

XII. Meeting Adjourn: 1st by Dave 2nd by Connie 8:10pm

Attendees: Connie Koekkoek, Skip Stock, Marcia Stock, Austin Bowen, Wesley Daniels, Talitha Daniels, John Vessey Sr., Fred Duessing, Ellen Duessing

Zoom: Frankie

Kalee Bowen



Status: Approved

President: Kalee Bowen

Secretary: Cassie Johnson

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
Enhanced 911 ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

August 13, 2024

The regular meeting of the Enhanced 911 Advisory Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman, Casey Cook.

Advisory Board members in attendance establishing a quorum were:

Joel Butcher, Mat-Com	Zack McRae, MSB Telecom
Casey Cook, MSB EM	Lori Criqui, Mat-Com
Andrew Gorn, AST	

Also in attendance were: Nick Srebernak and Ken Kleewein, MSB GIS; Earl Almdale, MSB IT; and Dan Robinson, Mat-Com.

A quorum was present, and due notice had been published.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There was no objection to the approval of the June 11, 2024 minutes as presented.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD - None

REPORTS

GIS

Mr. Srebernak stated:

1. He just got back from the UC and got a lot of good addressing information.
2. He's been working with the City of Wasilla helping them with their addressing.
3. He's been working with the Clerk's office, the fire service areas, and Casey on the Willow/Caswell FSA merger. It will be a very large data thing when it becomes official in a couple of weeks.
4. They have collected all the imagery except for Hatcher Pass, which they ran into issues with for various reasons. They should be getting the rest of the preliminary data in the next couple of weeks and will send it over to Joel when they are done processing it.

Telecommunication Service Priority Program (TSP)

Mr. Cook stated: We have been trying to get numbers from them and they haven't been responsive. Internally at the borough, we need to determine which lines we want to have the TSP and which can go without. Mat-Com and 9G Base will need to do the same. Once we have those numbers we can reach out again to get an actual estimate.

OLD BUSINESS

Mat-Com Requests for Reimbursement

- Session Border Controllers

Ms. Criqui stated: They are moving forward with the session border controllers, and it is scheduled for the end of August.

Mr. Almdale asked what the purpose of the controllers were, an upgrade in place, to augment what is currently there?

Mr. Butcher stated that the controllers are going to replace the connections to the Palmer PBX and the Mat-Com PBX, which will provide redundancy through MTA switches. They need to replace the PBX in Wasilla and move those from Aviat to the session border controllers because the rest of their phone desk sets are moving to a teams deployment across the city. The City of Palmer went to a new system that is not able to connect to 911, so this is a way to do that for Palmer. MTA has some preliminary drawings of how they are going to connect their circuits with the session border controllers to the 911 system at each location, and once we have that information, we will update our schematics.

MOTION: Mr. Cook moved, and Mr. Gorn seconded, to approve the reimbursement of the Session Border Controllers to the City of Wasilla in the proposed amount of \$20,552. All were in favor, none were opposed.

- Corti Platform

Ms. Criqui stated: She recently learned that Corti is preparing to cut ties with Priority Dispatch so she will be holding off on this request, and we can remove it from the agenda. She will be doing research on other platforms that may be out there.

NEW BUSINESS

Interior Digital Mapping of School Buildings

Mr. Kleewein stated: They were able to get the new Houston High School CAD drawings and send them over to ESRI. They created a report that he is happy to share with this group. In summary, they explained what it would take to convert one of these drawings and the challenges that come with it in terms of creating a map and naming the rooms. They can assign metadata to each room, such as a teacher's name, and we can provide as much detailed information as we want. Overall, we can definitely create a product with a distinct layout that is routable and also has the metadata. This could be done in house at the borough, but we would need to get older plans from the schools. From there we could see what level of effort it would take to produce the maps and then get an idea of the total cost. Mr. Cook stated that he had a thumb drive with pdf files of all the school layouts and he would send it over to GIS.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. FY24 Surcharge Revenue Chart
 - No questions heard.
- B. FY24 E-911 Budget Performance Report
 - No questions heard.
- C. 911 Quarterly Dispatch Call Reports (Mat-Com and Palmer)
 - No questions heard.

COMMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE

Chairman Cook announced the next regularly scheduled board meeting would be October 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Casey Cook, Chairman

ATTEST:



Casey Laughlin, Secretary

Fishhook Community Council



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Board Meeting – Minutes June 3, 2024 @ 6PM

In-Person: St. Herman Orthodox Church - Welch Rd / 6988 N. En Dove Rd, Wasilla, AK 99654
Remote: Zoom Meeting ID: 856 0430 5998 / Passcode: 338952 / Phone #: +12532050468
(Zoom info to posted on FHCC Facebook page prior to the Meeting)
Questions? Email FHCC.AK@gmail.com

Agenda

1. **Call to Order (Time):** 6:09 PM by Ian
2. **Board Roll Call (X=In-person / Z=Zoom):** _z_ Ian Murphy (President) / _x_ Joe Irvine (Vice President) / _x_ Bryan Cherry (Treasurer) / _x_ Amber McDonough (Secretary) / _z_ Misty Murphy (Deputy Secretary) / _z_ Cole Clippard / ___ Ryan Judd
3. **Quorum Established - 4 members minimum (Y/N):** _Y_
4. **Meeting Attendees (Name / Organization / Community Member = Y/N):**
 - N/A
5. **Review & Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Joe & 2nd by Amber;
Any changes / objections? None = APPROVED
6. **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from Last Meeting:** See Drive file: "2024.05.06 FHCC Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes.docx"; Motion to approve by Joe & 2nd by Misty;
Any objections? None = APPROVED

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7. Board Reports:

a. Treasurer's Report (Bryan):

- i. Savings Account Balance = \$.00 No significant changes
- ii. Checking Account Balance = \$.00 No significant changes
- iii. CAP Grant FY25 Funding Status = Amount TBD / awaiting FY25 grant MOA from MSB – update on timing? No update. Seems like normally in spring / summer time – behind this year.
- iv. \$10K CD Purchase with MVFCU Status = Once we award Skeetawk and Matsu Rebuild & HPAC, Bryan will buy 3-4 CDs depending on the timing CAP grant coming in.
- v. Discuss status of all 3 CAP grant fund disbursements – all applications have been executed by Ian (I need a copy of signed Skeetawk agreement for record from Ian); Ian emailed the Skeetawk grant application to Amber. Bryan will write them a check and Joe can co-sign all 3 grant checks tonight = DONE

b. Other Officer Reports:

- i. **Assembly Meeting Citizen Correspondence Highlights (Amber):**
 1. 6/4/24 – MSB Assembly Citizen and Other Correspondence – included FHCC approved minutes for 5 meetings were included.
- ii. **Planning Commission Highlights (Amber):**
 1. 6/3/24 - INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution 24-13, A Resolution recommending repeal of MSB 17.48 Mobile Home Park Ordinance in its entirety. Amber shared info on this with the Board for review = DONE.
- iii. **MEA Fishhook to Pittman Power Improvement Project Update (Amber):** Updated draft of new 17.05 code changes will be forwarded internally for MEA management approval Wednesday. No project update in May CEO report.
- iv. **Expanded Chickaloon Tribal Police Powers (Bryan):** Update from Donna Anthony from Chickaloon Tribe who wanted to do a presentation at our next general meeting? Bryan invited her but no response 2-3 weeks, he will follow up.
- v. **MSB FY26 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Nominations (Joe):** 4/22/24 email from Julie Spackman that nomination form is LIVE on the MSB website: <https://cip.matsugov.us/> and **FY26 project Ideas needed no later than August 1, 2024**; Any project nomination ideas? Nomination form has changed; Joe had meeting with Hugh Leslie @ MSB he proposed a partnership between local groups, FHCC and MSB to prioritize needed upgrades to the GPRA chalet; CIP deadline is Aug 1 2024 and award is still a year out if awarded. Minimum \$20k this year. Joe is going to contact folks to start working on desired list of improvements

(carpet, sound, screen, etc) and perhaps if everyone chips in the MSB could match it; Bryan greenlighted to post this CIP Nomination Notice on Facebook; Bryan to post on FB and reference tool kit on their website.

- vi. **Open Meetings Act / Parliamentary Procedure Training for CCs on June 13, 2024 in Assembly Chambers at 6:00 p.m.** - Need to RSVP to lonnie.mckechnie@matsugov.us or 907-861-8683; Who will go/RSVP from FHCC? Ian had emailed her about the virtual option as well; working with their IT;

c. **Committees:**

- i. **Bylaws (Cole):** Proposed changes include approval limit for motions raised to $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, Optional Deputy Secretary Officer position (or other deputies as needed), add reference to Roberts Rules.
 1. Cole emailed Dave Musgrave and Lynne Knutson interested and is trying to set a time for their first meeting. Any others interested? No one else has expressed interested yet; Cole will also send out the drafted changes to the Board.
 2. Conflict-of-interest form for committee members to sign – status? Cole says he has access to the files = DONE.
 3. Next steps? Cole needs to write up these redlines in a document and also hasn't gotten the committee set up.

8. **Correspondence:**

a. **PO Box Mail received:**

- i. N/A

b. **Emails to FHCC Gmail:**

- i. 5/20/24 – Kristina Huling AK DOT&PF – Notice of 2024-27 STIP Approved Projects List – none that directly affected FHCC.
- ii. 5/21/24 – AMCO notice of Turner's Corner alcohol license renewal – should we post on FB page? Comments due within 60 days; Bryan to post this on our FB as soon as possible;
- iii. 5/22/24 - Estelle Wiese, MSB Deputy Clerk that our "Zoom information must be sent in advance to be advertised so the public knows it is an option. Please provide the zoom information for your July 1st meeting. I understand they are on facebook but that needs to be noted in the paper." – Any security implications? Back up with FB issues? Ian will email her the link and say that FHCC will use the same one for the rest of the year.
- iv. 5/26/24 - Junk property clean-up opportunity submitted by Kelly Gordon for 2 parcels 9450 E Gordy Dr (TID 52160000L004) and 9400 E Gordy Dr. (TID 52052B01L003). Email from Kelly G that she has already worked with MatValley Rebuild to salvage what they could. Also with Tim Hale's help Amber connected her with George Hays MSB Deputy Borough Manager and learned more about the program \$75k set aside for property

clean-ups; private property a bit more limited to disabled veterans or low income; Kelly G responded that she and husband would qualify but that her neighbor was a widow with limited resources and asked that she be kept on the MSB priority list for clean-up assistance. Ian says keep it in our back pocket until program is rolled out.

- v. 5/30/24 – confirmation that both Chief Cameron & Eric Mohrmann plan to present at our July 18th Potluck GM; will include info on fire prevention, individual pre-disaster preparation, and the Borough's plans to provide emergency supplies in the event of a large-scale incident. Amber to add their Palmer Fire & Rescue presentation to our agenda = DONE;
- vi. 6/1/2024 from Tim Zalinger @ Mat-Valley Rebuild - looking grant funds from Bryan. Also gave us a list of items saved from the landfill in last 5 years and invite to their 5-year anniversary party / fundraiser on June 22 at the store; live music, food trucks, 50/50 raffle, family fun, beer/wine, big raffle and more. Writing the check for him tonight; Bryan to post a link about Rebuild's party info on FHCC Facebook page.

c. Other Emails to Board Members:

- i. N/A

9. Formal Presentations:

- a. N/A

10. Persons to be Heard - 5 min limit (Name/Organization/Recap):

- N/A

11. Unfinished Business:

a. Board To-Do List

i. Ian:

1. Ian needs to file biannual report with State Licensing Corp; Renewal due end of July 2024 (?) & Ian to check and file it – not done yet – will do in the next week.
2. Skeetawk grant - Simon emailed the signed grant agreement to us on Jan 19, 2024 = Signed the grant agreement & work with Bryan to cut them a check. = DONE
3. Provide grant agreements to MVR and HPAC for them to fill out = DONE
4. Sign approved x4 meeting minutes for Misty to send to MSB = DONE
5. Work with Bryan to get Facebook admin rights = Bryan still struggling with the admin password Facebook, 2nd password is the issue he's running into;

ii. Joe:

1. "Welcome to Fishhook" Road Signs Maintenance – Joe has visited each of the signs and will talk with the painter soon and will do the WFH sign first.
2. Logo files from Scott at Willow Creek Studios 5/7/24 – Joe gave Ryan what he got; Joe will send copy of the files to Amber for Drive = DONE during meeting.
3. Joe getting Chalet sound baffling bid from company and will follow up to see what we can do and how to do it. = Joe keeps missing MSB Recreational Services Manager at the MSB office and he has calls into the bidder; See above for update.
4. Joe to distribute more FHCC Welcome to Fishhook Flyers at Turner's and other businesses like laundromat, etc. to reach renters = Joe needs to print some more off – colored copies are expensive; ongoing
5. Volunteered to talk to Father Matthew to discuss \$200 annual gift in case there's something they need more & report back to us;
 - a. Joe & Amber talked to Kai West and \$200 as a recurring gift is great = DONE
 - b. Joe will also ask the St Herman's Father about their land use plans for future park/garden/playground; Kai said the surrounding land would be available for something like this. Future TBD.
6. Talk to Hugh Leslie about where new ice rink could go (GPRA?); Joe says we sent MSB a letter about reserving some GPRA land for FHCC use, however GPRA gets a lot of competing proposals for land use. Joe will speak to Hugh about this – got side tracked but didn't ask about the rink. He did bring up the ice rink to the MS Ski folks in the new parking lot – not a warm reception. Joe will go back to Hugh and talk about these multiple things.

iii. Bryan:

1. IRS Notice that they didn't have our 2022 tax filing; Bryan sent 2022 form back in with an explanation & waiting for a response – update? Nothing yet, should be done but keep as reminder.
2. Bryan to get Ian Facebook backup access so he has shared posting admin rights; Bryan says he has tried several times, but maybe he gave rights to the wrong Ian? Bryan will check on doppelganger access, but really need to set up a sit-down meeting to share rights;
 - a. Does Bryan have FB access again?
 - b. Do we need to buy a service plan to prevent ongoing challenges he's experienced?

3. Facebook post that Board is assembling a Bylaws Committee and looking for members (see Cole's prepped paragraph emailed on 3/4/24). Cole resent info to Bryan tonight; Bryan will post it again.
 4. Purchase five \$10k CDs as directed at April General Meeting = Will discuss and do after we give out latest round of CAP grants.
 5. Cut \$90 check to Ryan for St Herman Wood Plaque purchase = Ready to give check to Ryan tonight to secure plaque from Eternal Relics. Low quality logo issue – we still need a vector file for future graphics. Bryan checking with Kim S (?) to see if she or the sign woodworker have a graphical file they can share with us; Joe will call Willow Creek Studios about vector file of our sign for a cricket saw (by Friday per Ian); Ryan will run a plaque test on plywood to see how it turns out. Status x3? Not
 6. Cut \$200 check for St. Herman gift - Wait until Plaque ready to deliver check per Ian; Let's do it on July 18th at the General Meeting and Bryan will get plaque \$ to Ryan.
- iv. **Amber:**
1. Zoom Account storage update; Amber saved all recordings to Drive and deleted them from FHCC Zoom account.
 2. Create an inventory map of MSB owned land in the Fishhook area for future community projects (ice rink, garden, playground, etc.) = Tax map search resulted in 100s of MSB properties; reached out to MSB Planning and Alex Strawn forwarded my request to Kenny Kleewein, GIS Division Manager on 5/13/24 but I haven't heard back from him; Amber will follow up this week with Kenny; 6/6/24 update Joe Metzger send a map with the MSB properties – Amber to share with the Board.
- v. **Misty:**
1. Archiving of FHCC documents = ongoing
 2. Compression of the Zoom video files downloaded to our Google Drive = ongoing
 3. Going forward Misty will email an acknowledgement to email add requests once she has added them to our list; Amber to add to Board roles and responsibilities per Joe.
- vi. **Cole:**
1. Work with Ian on upgrading our meeting signs for better visibility; = Nothing done anything on this; Joe knows a sign maker and he will talk to them about sign visibility ideas for our signs.
 2. Have redlined bylaw changes drafted & available for introduction at next General Meeting = see above.
- vii. **Ryan:**
1. Procure the wood plaque for St Herman as approved by the April general meeting. = update? Not here no update

2. Submit CAP application for Graphic file for FHCC logo for future art, signs, etc.= N/A, existing vector file found? Ryan thinks he can have the plaque done by July 18th.

viii. Unassigned:

1. Ian’s idea to make FHCC-branded pens to hand out to members with our email contact info; on hold until we have a logo vector file

b. Community Assistance Program (CAP) Grants Request for Proposals:

- i. New RFPs received since the last Board Meeting? None
- ii. Status of Skeetawk, MVR & HPAC grant awards? Wrote checks tonight for all 3.
- iii. Current CAP ideas:
 1. Graphic file for FHCC logo = N/A if existing vector file recovered from sign maker.
 2. Community garden
 3. Ice rink
 4. Playground
 5. Stream bank protection / ATV crossings areas with issues like Moose Range

c. Community Watch Program Next Steps

- i. Post program info on our Facebook page or Nextdoor, on the radio or Ring apps? Misty will create a Community Watch flyer that we can post on social media in next few weeks. Misty has been working on the flyer and hopes to have it done soon.
- ii. Need to arrange for AK Troopers/Palmer PD presenters at our July Potluck? Misty to contact them about coming to the July Meeting. Status? Should we just have fire EMT folks in July? Misty called Palmer PD, and it was out of their jurisdiction and so she called the AK Trooper, but hasn’t heard back or followed up. Thursday she will stop by the Troopers office and see if they can meet July.

12. New Business:

a. Review Updated CAP Grant RFP Application Form / See Drive File version “FHCC CAP RFP 2024 Update - Draft_bac.docx”

- i. Motion to Table until July BM – Joe and Ian need to read it.
- ii. Draft by _____ & 2nd by _____
- iii. Discussion
- iv. Any objections?_____

b. Debrief / Lessons Learn on May 2024 Clean-Up

- i. Ian said he emailed her last Thursday, before Memorial Day weekend. No feedback from Melissa about the tonnage that we collected from FHCC; Ian will follow up with Melissa.
- ii. Feedback from AK Waste / Public / MSB? No hand slap yet.
- iii. Dumpster management; Ask for metal only dumpster next year, along with 1-2 40-yd dumpsters with Lids so they can be secured at night. Cole suggested having a separate area for other types of waste like electronics that would be picked up differently by MSB program.
- iv. Length of clean-up period; Length was good, but unsecured not good.
- v. Food / bags / grabbers; Joe would like to get safety vests for folks for next year; Used ones at AIH are available; about 35 people came and got food for 50 folks; that worked well; 24 extra water bottles.
- vi. Public notice / flyers / signs / logistics
- vii. FHCC Map Update for 2025; Ryan can update it for us next year. Ian says the Crime watch
- viii. Joe would like Turners to partner with FHCC next year to get them to help with the clean-up; sponsorship of some kind would be nice. He would suggest reaching out to Joe Turner in advance. Co-sponsor with tax write-off;
- ix. Joe says 100-150 shooters and a lots of beer cans were picked up along Fishhook so it would be good to get some more business engagement;
- x. Side of the road with the ATV trail has a lot more trash and Joe thinks it would be good to engage with multiple off-road groups about working on clean-up next year.

c. Skeetawk's Letter of Support Request

- i. Form letter
- ii. 20-page master plan PDF
- iii. Board reviewed and we don't have any objections; Amber to add to our July 18th New Business for discussion.

13. Public Announcements / Board Closing Comments:

- a. N/A

14. Next FHCC Meetings:

- a. July 1st Board Meeting @ 6PM: ~~In-person at St. Herman's Church~~ & **Via Zoom Only!!**
- b. July 18th General Meeting / Potluck @ 6PM Meet-up; 7PM Start: In-person only at Pavilion at end of Welch Rd or St Herman's Meeting Hall adjacent to the St. Herman Church (if it rains)

15. Attachments:

- a. 2024.05.06 FHCC Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes.docx
- b. FHCC CAP RFP 2024 Update - Draft_bac.docx"

16. Adjournment (Time): Motion to Adjourn by Bryan & 2nd by Joe @ 8:08 PM:
Objections? None

Minutes Approved by:

Jan R. Murphy
 FHCC President

Amber M. McDonough
 Attested by FHCC Secretary

Approval Date: 7/5/2024

Approval Date: 7/4/2024

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July 1, 2024 @ 6PM

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3. **Quorum Established - 4 members minimum (Y/N):** __Y__
4. **Meeting Attendees (Name / Organization / Community Member = Y/N):**
 - N/A
5. **Review & Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Bryan & 2nd by Joe;
Any changes / objections? None = APPROVED
6. **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from Last Meeting:** See Drive file: "2024.06.03 FHCC Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes.docx"; Motion to approve by Joe & 2nd by Misty;
Any objections? None = APPROVED
7. **Board Reports:**
 - a. **Treasurer's Report (Bryan):**
 - i. Savings Account Balance = \$ 20,529.06
 - ii. Checking Account Balance = \$ 20,320.69 (our bank balance still higher because Skeetawk hasn't cashed their check yet.

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- iii. CAP Grant FY25 Funding Status = Awaiting FY25 grant MOA from MSB – update? Bryan noted that the Governor cut \$20M of community assistance program so this CAP grant might be unfunded?
- iv. \$10K CD Purchase with MVFCU Status = after 3 grants awarded; update? Bryan will go ahead and buy three \$10k CDs and that would leave \$10k+ in kitty for other things; Motion from Joe to buy 3 and Amber 2nd; Motion passes no objections. Bryan will try to buy CDs this week.
- v. 3 CAP grant fund disbursements update = Amber emailed all 3 to see about how to get them the checks on 6/6/24; All done except for Skeetawk that hasn't cashed it yet because they were expecting additional \$2k for \$32k total per Bryan – discuss under new business.

b. Other Officer Reports:

- i. **Assembly Meeting Citizen Correspondence Highlights (Amber):**
 - 1. 6/3 & 6/18/24 – MSB Assembly Agenda / Citizen and Other Correspondence – nothing specifically affecting FHCC;
- ii. **Planning Commission Highlights (Amber):**
 - 1. 6/17/24 - PUBLIC HEARING for Resolution 24-13, A Resolution recommending repeal of MSB 17.48 Mobile Home Park Ordinance in its entirety. Requested info on PC's vote from Clerk on 6/30/24 – Amber to follow up prior to the potluck.
- iii. **MEA Fishhook to Pittman Power Improvement Project Update (Amber):** Updated draft of new 17.05 code changes forwarded for MEA management approval and currently being revised internally. 6/30/24 - Amber requested an update from MEA on code changes; Project update in June CEO report: Design completed for Meadow Lakes Substation and existing line connections (priority 1) and ROW and material acquisitions are underway with construction 2025 - 2026. Preliminary design is complete & under review for Fishhook Substation & connections (priority 2) and transmission line from the Fishhook Substation to Meadow Lakes Substation (priority 3). ROW acquisition for areas 2 & 3 to begin in 2025 with construction not anticipated until after 2026.

c. Committees:

- i. **Bylaws (Cole):** Proposed changes include approval limit for motions raised to $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, Optional Deputy Secretary Officer position (or other deputies as needed), add reference to Roberts Rules.
 - 1. Update on first meeting scheduling?
 - 2. Cole to send out the drafted redlines changes to the Board / Tabled until next meeting because Cole not in meeting.

8. Correspondence:**a. PO Box Mail received:**

- i. No new mail per Joe.

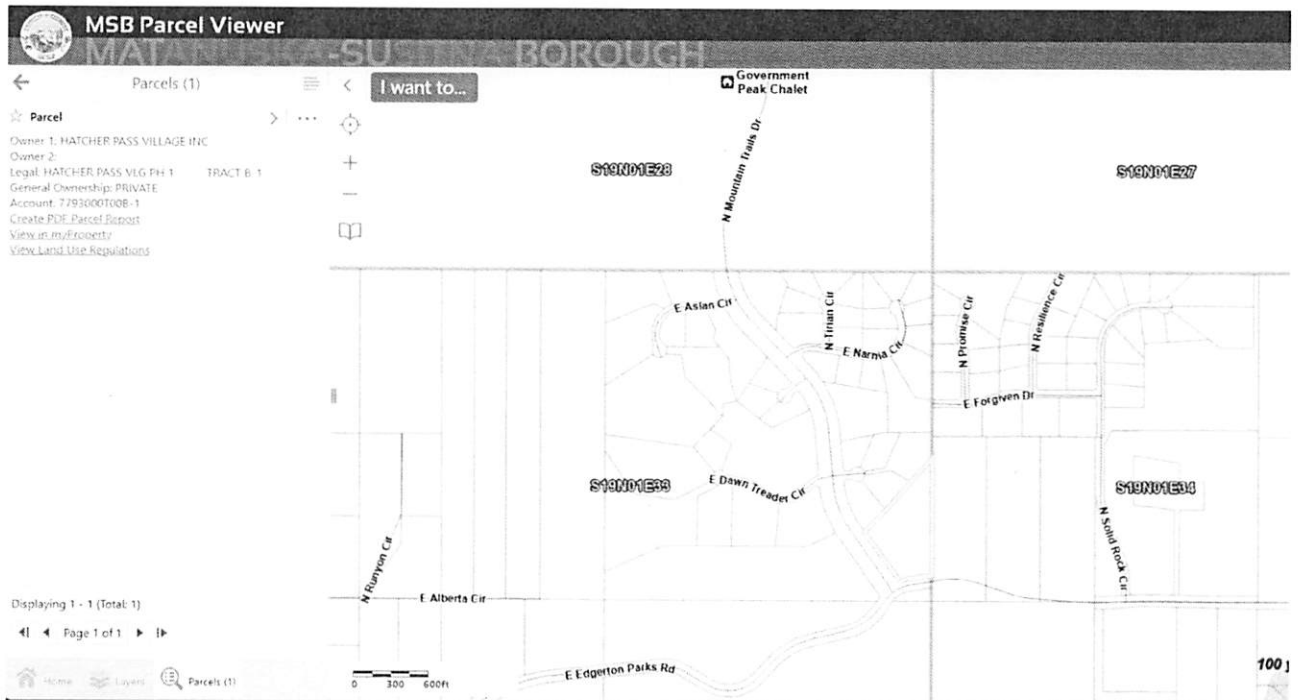
b. Emails to FHCC Gmail:

- i. 6/10/24 - Reminder that our Post Office Box renewal fee of \$282.00 is due on 6/30/24; 10 days until cancelation = Confirmed paid by Bryan on 6/28 & check is in the mail. Bryan will go online this week to make sure there's not a problem.
- ii. 6/19/24 - Randy Kimpton owner of 7367 N Champion Rd requested help with junk vehicles since 2016; on western edge of FHCC in District 6. Options? New vehicle program link is active. Amber to share junk car reimbursement program with him.
- iii. 6/19/24 - Peggy Horton, MSB Planner Email #1 / AK DNR submitted a proposal to rename the 5,804-foot mountain peak currently named Arkose Peak to Souvenir Peak. The peak is situated at the northeast end of Arkose Ridge and approximately 6.1 miles northeast of Mile 12, Palmer-Fishhook Road. The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing concerning the proposal on **Monday, August 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** A direct link to the application material is here: **Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Public Notice for Naming a Geographic Feature Souvenir Peak (matsugov.us)** / Comments are due on or before **July 31, 2024**; Bryan posted on FB page 6/20/24 = DONE
- iv. 6/19/24 - Peggy Horton, MSB Planner Email #2 / AK DNR submitted a proposal to name a currently unnamed 5,325-foot mountain peak as Arkose Peak. The peak is situated at the south end of Arkose Ridge, between the heads of Lone Tree Gulch and Iron Creek, and approximately 4.6 miles east of mile 13 Palmer-Fishhook Road. *This proposal is concurrent with a proposal to rename the current Arkose Peak as Souvenir Peak.* The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing concerning the proposal on **Monday, August 19, 2024.** A direct link to the application material is here: **Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Public Notice for Naming a Geographic Feature Arkose Peak (matsugov.us)** / Comments are due on or before **July 31, 2024**, Bryan to post on FB page = DONE
- v. 6/21/24 - Tim Zalinger @ Matsu Valley Rebuild / Reminder their Five-Year Anniversary Celebration on June 22; Bryan already posted a notice about this event on our FB page on 6/9/24.

c. Other Emails / Notices to Board Members:

- i. Platting Board Hearing 5/16/24: **MORNING LIGHT**: The request is to create 29 lots from Lot 3, Block 1, Harry's Place, Plat No. 2006209, to be known as MORNING LIGHT, containing 33.56 acres +/- . Parcels are located east of N. Covington Street, north of E. Tex-Al Drive and E. Windy

- Wood Loop and will be bisected by E. Dale Drive (Tax ID# 55975000L003); lying within Section 10, Township 18 North, Range 01 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Fishhook Community Council and in Assembly District #1. (Petitioner/Owner: Rock LLC, Staff: Natasha Heindel, Case #2024-053) / Bryan posted notice on FHCC FB page
- ii. **Abrev. Platting Board Hearing @ 8:30AM 6/12/24: PIPELINE DREAM:** The request is to create two lots from Tax Parcel B1, to be known as PIPELINE DREAM, containing 39.78 acres +/- . The parcel is located along the Little Susitna River and N. Palmer-Fishhook Road north of E. Santa Fe Circle (Tax ID# 119N01E26B001); within Section 26, Township 19 North, Range 01 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Fishhook Community Council and Assembly District #1. (Petitioner/Owner: Warren E. Petrsek, Staff: Natasha Heindel, Case #2024-064); / Fishhook didn't get platting notice until it was too late from MSB, so not posted.
- iii. **Platting Board Hearing @ 1PM 7/3/24: CELESTIAL HEIGHTS:** The request is to create 56 lots and 1 tract from Tax Parcel B2 in a five-phase master plan, to be known as CELESTIAL HEIGHTS, containing 80.00 acres +/- . The parcel is located east of N. Palmer-Fishhook Road and directly south of E. Boyd Road, in Section 12 (Tax ID# 118N01E12B002); within Section 12, Township 18 North, Range 01 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. The property is within the Fishhook Community Council and Assembly District #1. (Petitioner/Owner: SOA Mental Health Trust Land Office, Staff: Natasha Heindel, Case # 2024-068); Bryan posted on FB page 6/30/24.
- iv. **Platting Board Hearing @ 1PM 7/18/24: HATCHER PASS VILLAGE PH 1 SLEV PUE:** The request is to grant a 60' wide Public Use Easement on the northern boundary and vacate a 50' wide section line easement on the eastern boundary of Tract B-1, Hatcher Pass Village Phase I, Plat 2018-112. The property is located west of the Little Susitna River, east of N. Mountain Trails Drive, and directly north of E. Edgerton Parks Road (Tax ID #7793000T00B-1); within the NE ¼ Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 01 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Fishhook Community Council and in Assembly District #1. (Petitioner/Owner: Hatcher Pass Village, Inc, Staff: Matthew Goddard, Case # 2024074); Notice of this hearing NOT received by FHCC board yet. Joe will talk to the owner (Neil Fox) and get more details about why he wants to do this; Neil is out of town for a week per Ryan.



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- a. N/A

10. Persons to be Heard - 5 min limit (Name/Organization/Recap):

- N/A

11. Unfinished Business:

a. Board To-Do List

i. Ian:

1. File biennial report with State Licensing Corp / Ian didn't have info available so couldn't complete today; Ian needs addresses for everyone – on the Board roster and he will check that out.
2. Work with Bryan to get Facebook admin rights; Current FHCC FB page is extension of Bryan's personal account – free version; not able to add other admin users because of this; what would it cost to get a business account with Facebook? With a Facebook business page could we migrate and make it look similar? What are transferring options? Ian knows somebody that does digital marketing and will ask him about how best to do this.
3. Email Estelle Wiese, MSB Deputy Clerk the Zoom meeting link and say that FHCC will use the same one for the rest of the year = DONE
4. Follow up with Melissa about the trash tonnage that we collected from FHCC = Ian emailed her again recently

5. Sign May BM Approved Minutes for MSB clerk = DONE
- ii. **Joe:**
1. "Welcome to Fishhook" Road Signs Maintenance update; Joe's friend suggested we order a solar sign light just for meeting minute signs and see how it goes. Joe to investigate getting light prior to Oct meeting; Joe hasn't started on painting yet and still planning on doing this summer.
 2. Contact various folks about FY26 CIP program to start working on desired list of GPRA chalet improvements (carpet, sound, screen, etc) and perhaps if everyone chips in the MSB could match it; Joe says July must do is to get the CIP program put together and find out costs for complete package; also, partnership contacts have not been made yet.
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Amber:

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13. Add Skeetawk's Letter of Support Request to July 18th New Business for discussion = DONE.

iv. **Misty:**

1. Archiving of FHCC documents = ongoing
2. Compression of the Zoom video files to our Google Drive = Misty says minimal memory saving but still could do it. How long should we keep the files? Should we add an admin policy on how long to retain them? Joe suggested keep zoom files for 3 years. Agreed to table discussion until Oct meeting so we know what a year of meeting memory takes. Amber to add to Oct agenda.
3. Create a Community Watch flyer that we can post on social media in next few weeks is on the Drive; Misty has a very simple flyer saved in FHCC correspondence under crime watch folder; Misty to send draft flyer out to the board for feedback prior 7/18 = DONE
4. Invite AK Troopers to our July Potluck; Misty has had no response from them at all – they seem to busy this summer; she will try to get Capt from Wasilla come in October so tabled until late Fall.

v. **Cole:**

1. Work with Ian on upgrading our meeting signs for better visibility / Tabled
2. Have redlined bylaw changes drafted & available for introduction at next General Meeting / Tabled

vi. **Ryan:**

1. Procure the wood plaque for St Herman as approved by the April 18th general meeting. = Ryan says the FHCC logo is causing problems & CNC files not working well because they are too big; really just need a vector file for our use. Suggested we skip logo on plaque for now and just use a more decorative font. Board agreed that he should proceed without the logo. Ryan estimates 3-4 hours / \$360-480 cost for vector file with color data. Ryan will get vector file quote on letterhead prior to the next board meeting.

vii. Unassigned:

1. Ian's idea to make FHCC-branded pens to hand out to members with our email contact info; on hold until we have a logo vector file
- b. MSB FY26 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Nominations: 4/22/24 email from Julie Spackman that nomination form is LIVE on the MSB website: <https://cip.matsugov.us/> and FY26 project Ideas needed no later than August 1, 2024;**
- i. Bryan to post this CIP Nomination Notice on Facebook to ask for project nominations; and reference tool kit on their website? Bryan just reposted this = DONE.
 - ii. Amber to add to July GM agenda? No, it has been well covered per Ian.
- c. Community Watch Program Next Steps (Misty)**
- i. Flyer status? Misty just sent out flyer for us to review.
 - ii. Post program info on our Facebook page or Nextdoor, on the radio or Ring apps? Need flyer first.
 - iii. Presentation by AK Troopers? Not this meeting.
- d. Community Assistance Program (CAP) Grants Request for Proposals:**
- i. New RFPs received since the last Board Meeting? No new ones.
 - ii. Status of Skeetawk, MVR & HPAC grant awards? Only Skeetawk remaining.
 - iii. Current CAP ideas: Waiting for MSB to get fee simple ownership of GPRA before proceeding with requests like playground, rink or garden.

12. New Business:

- a. Review Updated CAP Grant RFP Application Form / See Drive File version "FHCC CAP RFP 2024 Update - Draft_bac.docx";**
- i. Draft by _____ & 2nd by _____
 - ii. Discussion; Good discussion and changes proposed; Revisit at next Board Meeting for approval.
 - iii. Any objections? _____
- b. Open Meetings Act / Parliamentary Procedure Training for CCs (Ian)**
- i. Recap of Takeaways (Ian); Ian attended MSB meeting and still going through the transcript, but info was a little contradictory; A violation of OMA by community council would mean undoing any decisions and redoing the decisions at another future meeting with proper protocols; there is no personal liability like fines, etc.; Ian said to table this topic until the next Board Meeting; Amber said link to transcript no longer works for

- her and she couldn't review info; Ian to check if his link still works and share with the Board.
- ii. Discussion of how board communicates now vs. future procedures; Ian noted that executive sessions are not allowed if you are a MSB entity; community councils are not government entities.
 - iii. FHCC functional business decisions based on bylaws / risks; See above
- c. **Review July 18th General Meeting Draft Agenda**
- i. Any changes/additions needed? Draft Agenda looks good; Bryan to post on FB
 - ii. What to bring?
 1. Grill - Joe
 2. Burgers & dogs & condiments & drinks; Amber buy similar amount & items as for May clean-up
 3. Plates, plasticware & napkins; Joe to bring
 4. Chairs & folding tables; All board asked to bring extra chairs; Bryan to bring tables
 5. Port a potty? Bryan to arrange for it to be delivered to pavilion
 6. Resident Sign in Lists? Joe?
 7. Copies of Agenda and previous minutes? Who can bring this?
- d. Skeetawk Grant Amount Review – on grant agreement that they signed. 1/11/24 GM added \$2k for advertising. Bryan to research this grant amount, Amber to help if needed.

13. Public Announcements / Board Closing Comments:

- a. N/A

14. Next FHCC Meetings:

- a. July 18th General Meeting / Potluck @ 6PM Meet-up; 7PM Start: In-person only at Pavilion at end of Welch Rd or St Herman's Meeting Hall adjacent to the St. Herman Church (if it rains)
- b. August 5th Board Meeting @ 6PM: In-person at St. Herman's Church & Via Zoom

15. Attachments:

- a. 2024.06.03 FHCC Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes.docx
- b. FHCC CAP RFP 2024 Update - Draft_bac.docx"
- c. FHCC Board Roles & Responsibilities DRAFT 6-15-24.docx

16. Adjournment (Time): Motion to Adjourn by Amber & 2nd by Misty @ 8:11 PM;
Objections? None

Minutes Approved by:

Jan R. Murphy
FHCC President

Amber M. McDonough
Attested by FHCC Secretary

Approval Date: 9/1/2024

Approval Date: 8/31/2024

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Board Meeting – Minutes August 5, 2024 @ 6PM

In-Person: St. Herman Orthodox Church - Welch Rd / 6988 N. En Dove Rd, Wasilla, AK 99654

Remote: Zoom Meeting ID: 856 0430 5998 / Passcode: 338952 / Phone #: +12532050468

(Zoom info to posted on FHCC Facebook page prior to the Meeting)

Questions? Email FHCC.AK@gmail.com

Agenda

1. **Call to Order (Time):** _____ PM by Ian [N/A due to lack of Quorum, Meeting Cancelled by President]

2. **Board Roll Call (X=In-person / Z=Zoom):** __ Ian Murphy (President) / X Joe Irvine (Vice President) / __ Bryan Cherry (Treasurer) / X Amber McDonough (Secretary) / __ Misty Murphy (Deputy Secretary) / __ Cole Clippard / Z Ryan Judd

3. **Quorum Established - 4 members minimum (Y/N):** N

4. **Meeting Attendees (Name / Organization / Community Member = Y/N):**
 - Ed Strabel / FHCC – GPRA Chalet AV RFP = Y
 - Ben Kolendo / MSB School District Candidate – District 1 = Y

Minutes Approved by:

Ian R. Murphy
FHCC President

Amber M. McDonough
Attested by FHCC Secretary

Approval Date: 9/1/2024

Approval Date: 8/31/2024

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Board Meeting – Minutes August 26, 2024 @ 6PM

In-Person: St. Herman Orthodox Church - Welch Rd / 6988 N. En Dove Rd, Wasilla, AK 99654

Remote: Zoom Meeting ID: 856 0430 5998 / Passcode: 338952 / Phone #: +12532050468

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Agenda

- 1) **Call to Order (Time):** 6:03 PM by Ian
- 2) **Board Roll Call (X=In-person / Z=Zoom):** _x_ Ian Murphy (President) / _x_ Joe Irvine (Vice President) / _z_ Bryan Cherry (Treasurer) / _x_ Amber McDonough (Secretary) / _x_ Misty Murphy (Deputy Secretary) / _z_ Cole Clippard / _z_ Ryan Judd
- 3) **Quorum Established - 4 members minimum (Y/N):** _Y_
- 4) **Meeting Attendees (Name / Organization / Community Member = Y/N):**
 - N/A
- 5) **Review & Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Joe & 2nd by Cole;
Any changes / objections? Approved with addition by Joe @ pocket park discussion
- 6) **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from Last Meeting(s):** See Drive file: "2024.07.01 FHCC Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes.docx" and "2024.08.05 FHCC Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes -no quorum"; Motion to approve by Amber & 2nd by Ryan; Any objections? None
Minutes approved unanimously.
- 7) **Board Reports:**
 - a) **Treasurer's Report (Bryan):**
 - i) Savings Account Balance = \$ No change

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- ii) Checking Account Balance = \$ No change – less reimbursement to Amber for printing and July potluck supplies
- iii) CAP Grant FY25 Funding Status = 7/26 Amber asked Tim Hale about the status of this budget cut on CAP funds; Tim said the MSB Manager expects funds to be released Sept/Oct of this year and ~\$15k as usual.
- iv) 3 x \$10K CD Purchase with MVFCU = Status? Bryan was unable to do got to the bank yet, but intends to do it before Sept Board Meeting.

b) Other Officer Reports:

i) Assembly Meeting Citizen Correspondence / Planning Commission / Platting Board Highlights (Amber):

- (1) 8/20/24 Assembly Highlights - nothing to report
- (2) 8/19/24 MSB Planning Commission Meeting has Introduction for Public Hearing Resolution 24-21 - A Resolution of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission recommending Assembly adoption of processes for Community Councils to develop a Community Comprehensive Development Plan or Special Use district. **Public Hearing: September 16, 2024** (Staff: Julie Spackman, Long Range Planner) / Amber shared copy of RS 24-21 with the FHCC Board on 8/13/24; nothing seems that unusual, the MSB proposes to provide 3 levels of support options for Community Councils wishing to create a plan or SPUD.
- (3) 7/16/24 - MSB Assembly Meeting: North Lakes CC passed a resolution & spoke about desire to improve dangerous Bogard Rd traffic corridor between Trunk Rd & Seldon Rd due to population growth; NLCC has specific recommendations that might also be good for high-traffic FHCC areas.
- (4) 8/6/24 MSB Assembly had Public Hearing on OR 24-053 = An Ordinance Repealing MSB 17.48, Mobile Home Park Ordinance, in Its Entirety. Ordinance passed 4-3 with the Mayor breaking the tie – we discussed possible impacts and Assemblyman Yundt & Nowers current and future intents to ban substandard mobile home parks in the MSB entirely.
- (5) 4/10/24 South Colony RSA Minutes noted:
 - (a) TIP 21/22: Tex-AI redesign in process due revised designation of this street from a minor to major feeder designation; Edgerton Parks -Mountain Trails Pathway is delayed because DOT ROW was not valid; currently negotiating purchase to make it valid before proceeding with construction; Amber also noted that Neeser Construction was recently awarded project as low bidder.
- (6) July 3, 2024 Platting Board after listening to testimony from 8 members of the public they voted to continue the Celestial Heights hearing on to an undetermined date; Amber to call the Platting Clerk to see when this will be back on their agenda.

B. CELESTIAL HEIGHTS: The request is to create 56 lots and 1 tract from Tax Parcel B2 in a five phase master plan, to be known as **CELESTIAL HEIGHTS**, containing 80.00 acres +/- . The parcel is located east of N. Palmer-Fishhook Road and directly south of E. Boyd Road, in Section 12 (Tax ID# 118N01E12B002); within Section 12, Township 18 North, Range 01 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. The property is within the Fishhook Community Council and Assembly District #1. *(Petitioner/Owner: State of Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office Staff: Natasha Heindel, Case #2024-068)*

MOTION: Platting Member Koan made a motion to continue the preliminary plat, Celestial Heights to a date uncertain. Platting Member Bush seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

ii) **MEA Fishhook to Pittman Power Improvement Project Update (Amber):** No additional project progress updates since July 2024. MEA sent the updated draft of 17.05 code changes to Enstar and MTA and still waiting for final feedback from Enstar before forwarding to Alex Strawn @ MSB.

c) Committees:

i) **Bylaws (Cole):** Next steps after July 18 GM? Not much to report – Dave Musgrave was going to reformat the whole thing to match the NLCC bylaws. Cole hasn't seen that draft yet, but will ask him and thinks it was more structural than trying to incorporate all 10 pages.

(1) Cole will report back at the Sept Board meeting because he needs to have changes locked in before October.

(2) Cole will also create a Drive link for a public version of the revised bylaws so residents can actively review and comment on the draft; will email to Bryan so he can post it on our Facebook page

8) Correspondence:

a) PO Box Mail received:

i) N/A

b) Emails to FHCC Gmail:

i) 7/13/24 - July Moosetrax newsletter from Mat-Su Ski Club with update on current projects

ii) 7/20/24 - Jenna email about process for getting MTA Foundation grant application in

iii) 7/25/24 – AMCO Notice of Green Jar Hatcher Pass License Renewal

- iv) 7/29/24 - Joe Lyon @ USFW Habitat Restoration Cost-share Program - for streambank restoration; deadline to apply is 9/30/24 – Bryan posted the flyer to FHCC FB page.

c) Other Emails / Notices to Board Members:

- i) 7/8/24 – Platting notice issue should be resolved per Natasha Heindel and Matthew Goddard; Per Natasha the amount of advance Platting Board notice depends on the type of meeting it requires:
 - (1) Abbreviated Platting Board Meeting:
 - (a) Notice mailed to residents within 600'
 - (b) 10-day minimum advance notice, goal is 21-30 days
 - (c) Subdivision of 4 lots or less
 - (d) Small, straightforward, not controversial
 - (2) Preliminary Platting Board Meeting:
 - (a) Notice mailed to residents within 1200'
 - (b) 3-week minimum advance notice, goal is 45-60 days
 - (c) Subdivision of 5 or more lots
 - (d) Requires vacating or dedicating of new easements or ROWs
 - (e) Requires new access or roads
- ii) 7/29/24 - Assemblywoman Stephanie Nowers emailed about 8/6/24 MSB Assembly Public Hearing on OR 24-053 to repeal all building codes associated with new mobile home parks in the valley;
- iii) 8/3/24 - Email from Ed Strabel to Amber volunteering to submit applications for additional funding for GPRA Chalet Audio-Video improvements with budgetary ROM \$ values up to \$55k; he also suggested how much to pursue from each potential funding source (\$20k MTA +\$20k MEA [their max is \$10k per FY so this would have to be over 2-yr term], \$15k FHCC)

9) Formal Presentations:

- a) N/A

10) Persons to be Heard - 5 min limit (Name/Organization/Recap):

- N/A

11) Unfinished Business:

a) Board To-Do List

i) Ian:

- (1) File biennial report with State Licensing Corp = DONE with officer info updated; Cost for officer update was \$30 and another \$30 for biennial report = \$60 total for the filing this year.
- (2) Current FHCC FB page is a free version so not able to add other admin users; What is the cost to create and migrate to a FB business account? Ian contacted

his friend about digital marketing and will ask him about how best to do this = Ongoing

- (3) Follow up with Melissa about the trash tonnage that we collected from FHCC = Ian emailed her multiple times and still no response; Remove Item from tasks.
- (4) Open Meetings Act / Parliamentary Procedure Training Recap – still going through the transcript and will let us know if we need to do anything differently; None of Ian's links work anymore. Probably not worth following up on at this time – Remove item from tasks.
- (5) Upgrade our meeting signs for better visibility / Ian bought some solar lights that he wants to try; He will put up the lights for the Oct meeting.

ii) **Joe:**

- (1) "Welcome to Fishhook" Road Signs Maintenance update= DONE Joe updated both signs; it took him 16 hours of volunteer labor (2 hrs to prep, 2 hrs to prime, 2 hrs to paint yellow background and 2 hrs to repaint black letters on each sign); He also trimmed the brush for visibility from the road side. Joe will take a good photo of the refreshed sign in good light to update our FHCC FB page and agendas logos.
- (2) Contact various folks about FY26 CIP program to start working on desired list of GPRA chalet improvements; Status of submission letter due 7/31? The letter has been sent to the MSB for ~\$120k in improvements; Joe to follow up tomorrow.
- (3) Talk to Hugh Leslie about future placement of community facilities in GPRA; Joe spoke to him about getting a partnership together so the we could request some MSB matching funds; however, any CIP funding is at least 2 years out. Joe didn't talk to him about future community facilities yet. Joe plans to talk to the school district about reserving a spot for an elementary school in our area. He would also tie this idea into the need for a SPUD to reserve the tip of the Fishhook triangle for commercial development.
- (4) Discuss Pocket Park Idea; Joe described his idea for using the vacant MSB-owned triangle across from Turners Corner for a small park to Joe Metzger; Joe M. was excited to help him figure out how to convert it into a safe place for kids to play.

iii) **Bryan:**

- (1) Sent IRS 2022 tax form back with an explanation & waiting for a response; No news yet = Assume DONE
- (2) Purchase \$10k CDs as directed at April General Meeting; Not done yet, see above under Treasurer's report.
- (3) Get \$90 check to Ryan for St Herman Wood Plaque purchase; Bryan to mail the check to Ryan soon.

iv) **Amber:**

- (1) Sign approved meeting minutes & forward for Ian's signature & Misty to send to MSB = ongoing; Misty wants to send them in every quarter instead of monthly. Amber needs to prep minutes from June/July/Aug for Ian & Misty.

- (2) Storage requirements for Zoom recordings: How long should we keep the files? Should we add an admin policy on how long to retain them? Amber to add this as a topic on our Oct GM agenda for discussion.

v) **Misty:**

- (1) Archiving of FHCC documents = ongoing, will be done before it needs to be turned over to new board in October.
- (2) Compression of the Zoom video files to our Google Drive = not worth it; remove this from task list.
- (3) Community Watch next steps after July GM = Update? None really, no one really wants to be leaders for this. Cole then volunteered to start out as a captain for his neighborhood; Misty will try to start in hers to build out a template others can use.
- (4) Confirm AK troopers for Annual Meeting – No confirmation yet will keep trying.
- (5) Scam and return hard copy of the 2014 FHCC Survey Results that Joe provided to her at this meeting.

vi) **Cole:**

- (1) Create a Drive link to a redlined copy of our bylaws to be posted on the FHCC FB page for public review and comment.
- (2) Get final copy of the redlined bylaws final to the Board prior to the Oct 7th Board Meeting.

vii) **Ryan:**

- (1) Get quote for logo vector file creation = Needs to get a hold of Bobby for formal quote.
- (2) Pick up check from Bryan (or coordinate so he has the correct mailing address)

viii) **Unassigned:**

- (1) Ian's idea to make FHCC-branded pens to hand out to members with our email contact info; Also create fridge magnet with our meeting schedule and put them in the mail out with MSB funds and a large banner for meetings per Joe; These are on hold until we have a logo vector file to give to a print shop.

12) New Business:

- a) **Review Updated CAP Grant RFP Application Form / See Drive File version "FHCC CAP RFP 2024 Update - Interim DRAFT for Use 7-4-24.docx";**
- i) Draft Motion to Approve by Joe & 2nd by Misty
- ii) Discussion; only satirical suggestions and objections as this update has been kicked around for many meetings with ample review time allowed;
- iii) Any objections? None – Amber's CAP application form update approved unanimously by Board.
- b) **Discuss Lack of Quorum at July 18 Potluck / Lessons Learned**
- i) Should we let residents know we were 5 persons short? DONE – notice was posted on the FB forum that we didn't get a quorum with little response.

- ii) Joe thinks we should have a Potluck at GPRA instead of the Pavilion going forward because poor weather deters folks from attending. Maybe host it in the GPRA parking lot (main or lower) next year? Ian reported that he thought that venue was completely booked for July – Joe is doubtful and wants to look into it for next year.
 - iii) EMS presentation went too long – 45min of our desired hour-long meeting; next time empower President to better limit of presentations with hard stops; otherwise a the potluck was a valuable community gathering.
- c) Community Assistance Program (CAP) Grants Request for Proposals:**
- i) **New RFPs received since the last Board Meeting?** Yes, GPRA Audio-Video System Upgrade RFP from Ed Strabel
 - (1) **Discuss any additional actions needed before the next GM for this new RFP:**
 - (a) Ed to submit the RFP at our next general meeting – Joe says he should maybe revise to just submit for sound baffling; Amber to ask Ed to include specific phases in the RFP and scale down Phase 1 to the sound baffles for FHCC CAP funding
 - (2) **Contact MTA or MEA for tech funding to contribute to this project:**
 - (a) See info on MEA grants from Amber's research; MEA does quarterly awards \$10k max per calendar year so we could apply for 2024 and then 2025 to help with this project; Amber lead on MEA request.
 - (b) MTA only does grant requests annually; max funding amount? Fill out form for a donation request over \$5k. Joe lead on MTA request;
 - (c) It was suggested that the MSB just needs to pay for better MTA data plan and that their existing fiber/router has the capacity, but is very underutilized. Another option is to just boost the strength of the chalet's Wifi router
 - (d) **Can we submit something for GPRA Chalet AV now?** No, not yet; Ed and Joe to work to scale down A/V costs for a simple, plug and play system that will be easy for the general user; they will also break it down into 3 phases = baffles, audio, and then video. Order of the phases = TBD.
 - ii) **Review Skeetawk Surface Lift Interim Report 7-19-2024.** Discussed report and there has been good progress; anticipated to be completed by Fall 2024; the budget total of \$172k was raised which includes the CAP funds from FHCC.
- d) Overview of MSB's Fishhook Triangle Existing Conditions Report (Joe):** Reviewed very briefly and highlighted some key maps and info for Board Members awareness.
- e) Create a FHCC banner (Joe);** this needs a vector file first so moved up to unassigned tasks.

13) Public Announcements / Board Closing Comments:

- a) Amber noted there are only 2 more board meetings of current board term; time to think about who will continue and how many new board members need to be recruited.

14) Next FHCC Meetings:

- a) September 9th Board Meeting @ 6PM: In-person at St. Herman's Church & Zoom
- b) October 17th General Annual Meeting @ 7PM: In-person at GPRA Chalet & Zoom

15) Attachments:

- a) 2024.07.01 FHCC Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes.docx
- b) 2024.08.05 FHCC Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes -no quorum.docx
- c) FHCC CAP RFP 2024 Update - Interim DRAFT for Use 7-4-24.docx
- d) Skeetawk Surface Lift Interim Report 7-19-2024.docx
- e) MSB-SASS_Existing-Conditions Report_Fishhook Triangle Nov 2022.pdf

16) Adjournment (Time): Motion to Adjourn by Joe & 2nd by Misty @ 8:00 PM; Objections?
None

Minutes Approved by:

Jan R. Murphy
FHCC President

Amber M. McDonough
Attested by FHCC Secretary

Approval Date: 9/12/2024

Approval Date: 9/10/2024

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Board Meeting – Minutes September 9, 2024 @ 6PM

In-Person: St. Herman Orthodox Church - Welch Rd / 6988 N. En Dove Rd, Wasilla, AK 99654
Remote: Zoom Meeting ID: 856 0430 5998 / Passcode: 338952 / Phone #: +12532050468
(Zoom info to posted on FHCC Facebook page prior to the Meeting)
Questions? Email FHCC.AK@gmail.com

Agenda

- 1) **Call to Order (Time):** 6:09 PM by Joe [as requested by Ian]
- 2) **Board Roll Call (X=In-person / Z=Zoom):** _z_ Ian Murphy (President) / _x_ Joe Irvine (Vice President) / _x_ Bryan Cherry (Treasurer) / _x_ Amber McDonough (Secretary) / _z_ Misty Murphy (Deputy Secretary) / _x_ Cole Clippard / __ Ryan Judd
- 3) **Quorum Established - 4 members minimum (Y/N):** _Y__
- 4) **Meeting Attendees (Name / Organization / Community Member = Y/N):**
 - N/A
- 5) **Review & Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Cole & 2nd by Bryan;
Any changes / objections? None
- 6) **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:** See Drive file: "2024.08.26 FHCC Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes.docx"; Motion to approve by Joe & 2nd by Amber; Any changes / objections? None
- 7) **Board Reports:**
 - a) **Treasurer's Report (Bryan):**
 - i) Savings Account Balance = \$ 17,453.43
 - ii) Checking Account Balance = \$ 20,529.66 / prior to CD purchases
 - iii) CAP Grant FY25 Funding (~\$15k expected Sept/Oct 2024) = No update

- iv) 3 x \$10K CD Purchase with MVFCU = Status? Purchased all three CDs - \$20k from checking and \$10k from savings; new balances are \$529.66 in checking and \$7,453.42 in savings; 1-year CDs will earn a 4.45% annual interest.

b) Other Officer Reports:

i) Assembly Meeting Citizen Correspondence / Planning Commission / Platting Board Highlights thru 9/19/24 (Amber):

- (1) 9/10/24 Assembly Community Correspondence included Willow Area Community organization (WACO) policy on records retention for FHCC reference:

ADM-004 RECORD RETENTION

PURPOSE: This policy will provide guidance on the length of time records should be retained before they may be disposed of.

POLICY: WACO will follow Federal and State rules and regulations for retaining records and correspondence. Hardcopies of permanent records should be filed at the Community Center. When possible electronic copies will be scanned to the Microsoft 365 SharePoint drive. The Chart below will serve as a guide but is not a complete list of all documents that should be retained.

Type of Document Minimum Requirement

- Audit reports Permanently
- Bank reconciliations 2 years
- Bank statements 3 years
- Checks (for important payments and purchases) Permanently
- Contracts, mortgages, notes, and leases 7 years
- Correspondence (general, w/customers & vendors) 2 years
- Correspondence (legal and important matters) Permanently
- Deeds, mortgages, and bills of sale Permanently
- Depreciation schedules Permanently
- Duplicate deposit slips 2 years
- Employment applications 3 years
- Gaming records 3 years
- Insurance records, accident reports, claims, policies, etc. Permanently
- Internal audit reports 3 years
- Inventory records for products, materials, and supplies 3 years
- Invoices (to customers, from vendors) 7 years
- Minute books, bylaws, and charter Permanently
- Payroll records and summaries 7 years
- Personnel files (terminated employees) 7 years
- Tax returns and worksheets Permanently
- Timesheets 7 years
- Withholding tax statements 7 years
- Year-end financial statements Permanently

- (2) 7/3/24 Platting Board voted to continue the Celestial Heights hearing on to an undetermined date; 9/3/24 – Amber got an email from Natasha Heindel / MSB Platting Technician that this case was to be continued on a date uncertain. When the case is scheduled for hearing again, she will notify everyone included on the Request for Comments and there will be public notices sent out for a second time

with the meeting details. For other cases moving forward, the Platting Board will not use this process and any case that is continued will be assigned a specific date at that time. In the future, a second public notice will not be mailed.

B. CELESTIAL HEIGHTS: The request is to create 56 lots and 1 tract from Tax Parcel B2 in a five phase master plan, to be known as **CELESTIAL HEIGHTS**, containing 80.00 acres +/- . The parcel is located east of N. Palmer-Fishhook Road and directly south of E. Boyd Road, in Section 12 (Tax ID# 118N01E12B002); within Section 12, Township 18 North, Range 01 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. The property is within the Fishhook Community Council and Assembly District #1. *(Petitioner/Owner: State of Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office Staff: Natasha Heindel, Case #2024-068)*

ii) **MEA Fishhook to Pittman Power Improvement Project Update (Amber):** No additional project progress updates thru August 2024; MEA sent the updated draft of 17.05 code changes to Alex Strawn @ MSB on 8/30/24 to get Borough approval of proposed changes prior to the drafting of supporting documents. Alex responded on 9/3/24 with a minor change and noted that changes would still not create a situation in which the MSB or the Board of Appeals could mandate development changes from utilities despite purpose and definition changes.

c) **Committees:**

i) **Bylaws (Cole):**

- (1) Cole will report back at the Sept Board meeting because he needs to have changes locked in before October. Cole still trying to upload the bylaws changes to Drive for sharing; sent them to Dave Musgraves, but he was concerned about relaxed Roberts Rules of Order mandate; Cole will talk to him about pros & cons and found citation in RRO that states that "object of RRO is to assist in meetings..." to refer him to.
- (2) Cole needs to get amendments to Board NLT 9/30/24; drop dead no later 10/7/24 @ 7PM per Bryan. People's Paper (needs 2-3 weeks lead time) as well as the Frontiersman (deadline is published by 10/4 or 10/6 editions).
- (3) Cole will also create a Drive link for a public version of the revised bylaws so residents can actively review and comment on the draft & will email to Bryan so he can post it on our Facebook page; Draft of all the changes still needs to be completed by Cole.
- (4) Will we need to mail the bylaws changes out physically? Joe wants Cole to check about requirements for bylaws change notification via snail mail.
- (5) Joe also suggested we consider doing a Public Service Announcement via 95.5 FM community radio station.

8) **Correspondence:**

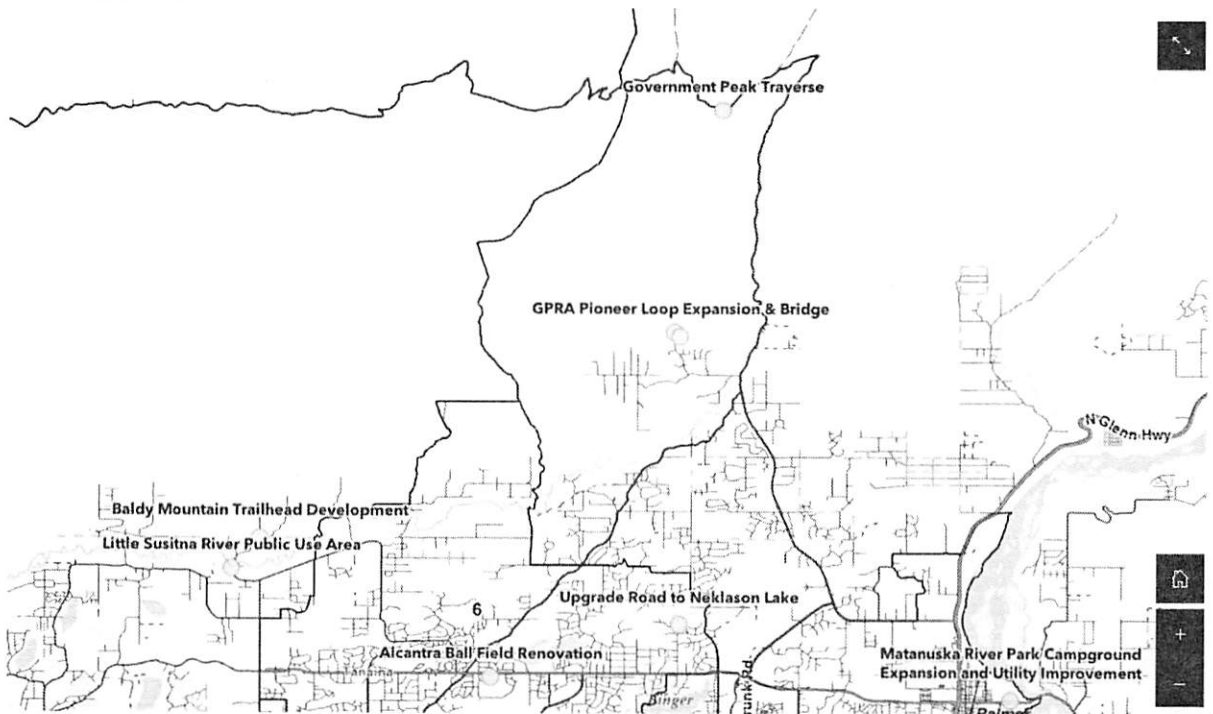
a) **PO Box Mail received:**

- i) N/A

b) **Emails to FHCC Gmail:**

- i) 8/26/24 - Alissa Nelson email (hello@bespokewellnesshaus.com) on behalf of a group of non-profit organizations with expertise on Alaska’s constitutionally-created judicial selection and retention process. She wanted to present information about Alaska’s judicial selection and retention system. Once scheduled, they will provide the name and a brief statement of the person who would present.; Discussed impersonality of this auto-generated email; Misty says no FHCC response required to this request.
- ii) 9/5/24 - Rodney Fodge MSB Long-Range Planner email about the results of the FY26 CIP nominations found by clicking the link: [Capital Improvement Program \(CIP\) FY2026 \(arcgis.com\)](#) ; These results don’t guarantee funding, but projects will make it into the Planning Commission and Assembly legislation for budget consideration.

The FY26 CIP received a total of 23 valid nominations that were ranked in order of highest to lowest score. The top 12 projects listed above were determined by the Scoring Committee to be potentially funded during the six-year cycle if \$500,00 per year is allocated to the program. **Spoiler Alert: Joe’s GPRa AV proposal was ranked 12th!**



The 3 in the FHCC area included:

- (1) **GPRa Pioneer Loop Expansion & Bridge** / Expand the Pioneer Loop Trails from the new southern parking lot to new multi-use trails that are pet-friendly for skiers, hikers, bikers, and horseback riders. NOMINATOR: Colin Fay, ESTIMATED COST: \$75,000; RANK: 7/23

(2) **Government Peak Traverse** / The project would construct 10 miles of new connector trails to improve public access between popular non-motorized trails. It will link the MSB's Government Peak Recreation Area with the Skeetawk Ski Area and the 16-mile Downhill Mountain Bike Trail. There are 22 miles of non-motorized trails in the GPRA for hikers, bikers, skiers, and equestrians, which would be directly linked to the Hatchers Pass area. NOMINATOR: Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation; ESTIMATED COST: \$500,000; RANK: 8/23

(3) **GPRA Chalet Improvements** / This request is to enhance the performance of the audio feedback and to modernize the facility. This would be done by funding the following: Sound baffles in the Great Room, Modern audio/visual system in the Great Room to facilitate interactive hybrid in-person and virtual meetings, Hard flooring in the Great Room and high-traffic carpeting for the Foyer, Attached heated bathrooms on the northside accessed from the outside; NOMINATOR: Fishhook Community Council, Mat Su Ski Club, and Chalet Event Manager; ESTIMATED COST: \$150,000; RANK: 12/23

c) **Other Emails / Notices to Board Members:**

- i) 9/6/24 letter from Ed Strabel to Amber and Joe about hiring an acoustical engineer see details under CAP section below.
- ii) 9/9/24 – email to Cole from Dave Musgrave about bylaws changes; will forward to Board and discuss next meeting.

9) **Formal Presentations:**

- a) N/A

10) **Persons to be Heard - 5 min limit (Name/Organization/Recap):**

- N/A

11) **Unfinished Business:**

a) **Board To-Do List**

i) **Ian:**

- (1) Current FHCC FB page is a free version so not able to add other admin users; What is the cost to create and migrate to a FB business account? Ian contacted his digital marketing friend about how best to do this; Ian still needs to follow up with his friend. Bryan says FishhookAK website name is available at this time as an option.
- (2) Upgrade our meeting signs for better visibility / Put up his solar lights for the Oct meeting and Joe can try out his as a trial; they will coordinate this in Sept.

ii) **Joe:**

- (1) "Welcome to Fishhook" Road Signs Update= Joe will take a good photo of the refreshed sign in good light to update our FHCC FB page and agendas logos = DONE - Bryan emailed us a good photo of the Wasilla sign.

- (2) FY26 CIP program for GPRA chalet improvements; DONE - See email from MSB discussed above.
 - (3) Future placement of community facilities at GPRA Tie this idea into the need for a SPUD to reserve the tip of the Fishhook triangle for commercial development. Discussion to include Pocket Park on triangle lot and speed zone; Joe can't find existing SPUDs on the MSB website; Ongoing = Still needs to talk to Hugh Leslie about future community facilities and the school district about reserving a spot for an elementary school in our area.
- iii) **Bryan:**
- (1) Purchase \$10k CDs as directed at April General Meeting = DONE
 - (2) Mail \$90 check to Ryan for St Herman Wood Plaque purchase= DONE
- iv) **Amber:**
- (1) Sign approved meeting minutes & forward for Ian's signature & Misty to send to MSB quarterly = Ongoing; Minutes signed and ready for June, July & Aug 5th –
 - (a) Misty to hold off forwarding to MSB until Aug 26 Minutes are signed so all 4 can be submitted at once.
 - (2) Storage requirements for Zoom recordings: How long should we keep the files & should we add a Board policy note on how long to retain them? Amber to add this as a topic on our Oct GM agenda for discussion. See retainage notes from WACO above.
- v) **Misty:**
- (1) Archiving of FHCC documents = Ongoing, will be done before it needs to be turned over to new board in October.
 - (2) Community Watch - Misty will try to start the program in her neighborhood to build out a template others can use; Cole will follow next. = Misty has been talking to her neighbors to come up with a format for captains. She will try to recruit at the Annual Meeting also.
 - (3) Confirm AK troopers for Annual Meeting = no one individual is confirmed for our meeting yet, but she says they intend to come and talk to us;
 - (a) Amber to add this to Annual Meeting Agenda for presentations.
 - (4) Scan and return hard copy of the 2014 FHCC Survey Results that Joe provided = Doc scanned and she will drop it off to Joe and will post to the FHCC Drive.
- vi) **Cole:**
- (1) See tasks under Bylaws Committee above.
- vii) **Ryan:**
- (1) Get formal quote for logo vector file creation from Bobby = No update
 - (2) Pick up check from Bryan (or coordinate its mailing) = DONE
- viii) **Unassigned:**
- (1) Ian's idea to make FHCC-branded pens to hand out to members with our email contact info; Also create fridge magnet with our meeting schedule and put them in the mail out using MSB funds; Joe would like to have a large logoed banner for meetings = All on hold until we have a logo vector file to give to a print shop.

b) GPRA Audio-Video System CAP Grant RFP**(1) Next steps before the next General Meeting?**

(a) Amber emailed Ed to revise his RFP include 3 phases in the RFP and scale down Phase 1 to the sound baffles for FHCC CAP funding = Ed responded with 9/6/24 letter about hiring an acoustical engineer: *"I contacted Coffman engineering in Anchorage about acoustic engineers. They referred me to one in Washington State; I called him about making an evaluation of the two bids, and making a recommendation on what we really need to fix the acoustics based on the building's size and characteristics. He said it would cost about \$600.00. I recommend we start with that. Then, progress with the PA and projection components based on his recommendations."*; Bryan concerned that eval will cost much more than that; Amber to follow up with Ed to get bid details.

(b) 9/9/24 - Joe drafted a letter to Micah at Sound Decisions asking for additional info and downscaling of the complexity of the system. He read it to the Board for feedback. He invited the vendor to provide a presentation on this system at our next General Meeting; Board liked the letter; Joe will send this letter to out to Sound Decisions and Amber suggested that he also provide this same opportunity to the 2nd company that has provided us a bid.

(2) MTA Grant (Joe lead): Only grants funds annually; Will do the over \$5k application; can't consider anything that would expand their business; No known max funding amount; The grant application is due 12/31/24. Joe to start drafting up the grant application info for MTA based on existing info we have.

(3) MEA Grant (Amber lead): Quarterly awards of \$10k max per calendar year so we could apply for 2024 and then 2025 to help with this project; Amber to start drafting up grant application for MEA.

(4) Investigate stronger Chalet WIFI router? Bryan says we can get a WIFI router extender would help our problem for a few hundred dollars. Joe to talk to Sierra about getting a WIFI extender to boost the power of the office's WIFI into the main meeting hall.

(5) Could MSB to pay for better MTA data plan to help with poor Zoom call quality? Joe to ask Hugh Leslie about the MSB's data plan to see if they could upgrade this service.

12) New Business:**a) Community Assistance Program (CAP) Grants Request for Proposals:**

i) New RFPs received since the last Board Meeting? No new RFPs other than, the revision requested from Ed Strabel.

b) Discuss 2025 Board Member Recruitment / Transition Plan

i) Amber doesn't intend to run again after she finishes out this 2nd term.

- ii) Cole has trouble attending some meetings due to work conflicts, but will run again if there is not anyone else to fill the position.
- iii) Ryan has a young kid at home and in the same position as Cole, but he will run again if needed.
- iv) Ian and Misty want to stay on, but they would just ask that FHCC August & September board meetings be rescheduled in 2025 for them. Misty wants to focus on Community Watch, but will serve again potentially as Secretary.
- v) Amber will dig up last year's Board recruitment call list for discussion at the next meeting.
- vi) Bryan to post notice that we will be recruiting for new Board Members soon; Misty suggested he ask for folks to email us before the FHCC Annual meeting if possible.
- vii) Amber recommended she spend some time to update Board Binder Table of Contents and create Drive file folder tree with all the documents organized in files and numbered to facilitate the creation of new hard copy and e-copy version of our binder in the future;
 - (1) Some items may need to be scanned from our hard copies because they are not easily found on our Drive.
 - (2) Joe would like to see page numbers added as well;
 - (3) Bryan suggested we create a single PDF of the entire document; Amber said she will look into this but will be more complicated because the combo document would need to be maintained each year to be kept current. May need special PDF software like Adobe Acrobat to accomplish?

13) Public Announcements / Board Closing Comments:

- a) Amber: Reminder that current board members should plan on attending the November Board Meeting as well for a smooth transition.

14) Next FHCC Meetings:

- a) October 7th Board Meeting @ 6PM: In-person at St. Herman's Church & Zoom
- b) October 17th General Annual Meeting @ 7PM: In-person at GPRA Chalet & Zoom

15) Attachments:

- a) 2024.08.26 FHCC Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes.docx

16) Adjournment (Time): Motion to Adjourn by Cole & 2nd by Bryan @ 7:42PM; Objections?
None

Minutes Approved by:

Ian R. Murphy
FHCC President

Amber M. McDonough
Attested by FHCC Secretary

Approval Date: 10/12/2024

Approval Date: 10/11/2024

**Greater Talkeetna Road Service Board of Supervisors
Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 8, 2024**

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A regular meeting of the Greater Talkeetna Road Service Area Board of Supervisors (RSA 29) was held via Zoom at 6:30 pm on August 8, 2024. Board members John Strassenburgh, Billy FitzGerald, and Robert Gerlach attended, as did Dustin Spidal, Operational Branch Manager for Roads and Bill Stearns, D&S Road Maintenance Services. No other persons were present.

- I. There was a quorum, and the meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.
- II. Minutes of the July 11, 2024 meeting were approved as written.
- III. The first agenda item was a written update from Road Maintenance Superintendent Sky LeDoux on the status of summer maintenance. Broad discussion followed, including maintenance completed at the town site, maintenance planned and not yet accomplished at the town site, and status of Public Construction projects.

Maintenance at the town site included grading of C Street (South and North of Main Street), and portions of the South Alley, B Street, D Street, and Third Street. This work helps, but much of the road surface has deteriorated to the extent that material needs to be hauled in.

Future work at the town site includes bringing in material and upgrading the gravel roads most in need. This work is anticipated to be funded with Public Construction monies. There was some discussion of paving portions of South Alley as well as the end of Main Street. This warrants further consideration.

Funding and timing of fixing the Big Pothole on Main Street near the Village Park across from Nagley's was discussed. It was determined that the most cost effective funding method would be to process a change order to the Woodpecker project, funded through the RIP List.

None of the Public Construction projects that the Board approved last May have been started, partly due to weather and partly due to other priorities. It is not expected that work on any of these projects will be accomplished this construction season.

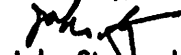
Brushing in West Talkeetna will be deferred until after tourist season.

- IV. The application of Calcium Chloride was discussed. Given the wet weather forecast and the need to complete the the upgrade of town site roads before

applying Calcium Chloride, the Board determined that it was too late in the season for the application. The discussion turned to the spring 2025 Calcium Chloride application, perhaps as early as mid May. Dustin indicated that he would be placing an order for the Calcium Chloride in January. Our Board must provide a recommended order quantity to him by early December 2024.

- V. Dustin clarified that the RIP List consisted of capital projects. Public Construction projects and Calcium Chloride were in the Road Maintenance Contract and are therefore considered to be "Maintenance."
- VI. Dustin reported on four projects:
- Woodpecker start date has been moved to September.
 - The Fish & Wildlife project to plant willows on the Montana Creek embankment at the Yoder Road bridge has been postponed, but Bill reported that volunteers, facilitated by the Susitna River Coalition, had brought in soils and planted grasses and shrubs to help stabilize the bank. This was overseen by Fish & Wildlife.
 - Regarding the repainting of Yoder Road Bridge over Montana Creek, the existing paint has tested positive for lead. This complicates the project and significantly increases the cost.
 - Match funding is not available for the Yoder Road TIP23 project. Brief discussion of project details and projected cost. This project needs a closer look to ensure appropriate scope and reasonable cost.
- VII. Billy provided an update of his report last month of Rip Rap hauled in and put into the Talkeetna River by a resident on Mercedes in the Talkeetna River Subdivision. He found that the resident had obtained a permit from the Habitat Division of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game as well as a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. The Board will take no further action.
- VIII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Sincerely,



John Strassenburgh

RSA 29 Primary Supervisor

*Attested to by RSA 29 Board Members
Robert Gerlach and Billy Fitzgerald
at our October 10, 2024 meeting*

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Meeting Minutes

**REGULAR MEETING
Wasilla Library and Zoom**

**April 9, 2024
1:00PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The April 9, 2024, meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chair Georgia Knazovich, at the Willow library.

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Roll was called determining that a quorum was present.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

The Agenda was approved as written.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. November 14, 2023

The minutes of November 14, 2023, were approved without corrections.

VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS

A. Hugh Leslie

Mr. Leslie introduced the two new board members, Chad Scott (a-large) and Karen Crandall (Big Lake).

He noted that the minutes should have been posted on the main borough webpage. They are now there.

Eric Phillips has left his position as Community Development Head. Jillian Morrissey has taken the position. She will be at the next Library Board meeting.

Budget discussions will start at the end of May. Mr. Leslie explained the changes in the budget process. This year it began with the manager making suggestions. There will be meetings in various places around the Borough. That is where we should make comments and suggestions. Check the Borough calendar. Be aware that assembly members may add projects and things that do not go through staff. When the proposed budget gets to the Board for its approval, there may be need for a special session.

Chad Scott requested the archived recorded minutes be posted on the website. It was further suggested that the Library Board have its own Zoom account.

B. Librarians

Zane Treesh, Wasilla: In March, the library circulated 22,397 items and had 4 straight days of over 500 patrons. Last summer, Wasilla had about 800 participants in the summer reading program. About 200 of those were adults. The staff is a little anxious about how many more they need to prepare for. There will be an adult spelling bee this summer.

They also have a book club, knitting club, second Saturday book sale.

There will be an adult fundraiser on April 27th. This will begin at 7:00 and feature a live singer. Can purchase tickets in advance. This is sponsored by Wasilla Friends of the Library.

There was a discussion on how the Wasilla Library rents out space.

Geri Denkewalter, Talkeetna:

Summer activities are in preparations with many shows and activities. The Garden Club is meeting twice a month and will take care of our gardens. We have a seed catalog cabinet that is full of seeds provided by the Friends or the Matsu seed library.

Thursday story time has 20-25 kids with 10-15 adults for a story, an activity and a snack. Tween book to movie this month will be 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea. The breakfast Book Club is meeting monthly.

Music and motion features local musicians and an opportunity for small children to sing and move to the music. A Computer basics class meets twice a month taught by Steve Gruber of Arctic Penguin.

For national Library week we have

Monday, spine poetry with coffee and cookies; Tuesday, music; Wednesday, Stone Soup; Thursday, story time for kids and an adult story time from 4 to 6; Friday, Chat and Craft in the lounge; and Saturday is challenge the librarians to Scrabble or the game Really Loud Librarians.

Games day was not greatly attended.

The library's rental rooms and policy were explained.

A Will class was sponsored by Jessica Stevens Community Foundation had 40 people in attendance.

Regular meetings are held in the library by JSCF, Arts council, Water and sewer, and others. We also proctor testing for the university and other colleges.

Cassidy Drake, Big Lake:

In December a train conductor told a story and had train sets for kids to play with. Everyone was so excited. The library held its traditional gingerbread house making. 62 houses were decorated by kids. Father and daughter author visit featured Vivian Palen, who writes juvenile fiction talked to the kids. Her father came and did a presentation.

After school programs began again in January. Tuesday and Wednesday programs are very well attended. The Giving Tree gives patrons an opportunity to purchase books from the library's wish list. Weekend programs in February included a weaving class, a drop spinning class, a writing workshop for kids.

During Spring Break the library offers a Tuesday and Wednesday story time for elementary school kids. Thursday is LEGO day. Game was day not well attended.

Everyone is planning for the summer reading programs. There is a recycling program planned and the Eagle River Nature Center is going to come out and do a program.

Julie Busby, Sutton:

For adults there is a book club, strong people, quilters group, fiber arts, occasional armchair traveler, movie night or potluck. There is a chess club all ages. There is a home school group and an after-school group for kindergarten through fifth grade preschool story hour and a youth program for middle and high schoolers.

There is summer programming for youth in Sutton because there is not a lot to do. They grow a garden, go out into the community and discover the world around them. The Friends of the Library received a grant to expand the garden space and make a community garden. There will be programs to teach people to garden in Alaska.

Winter highlights: Holiday bazaar in December brought in about 300 people. Great pictures of kids with Santa. The Easter auction raised \$1,000.00. There was a lunar New Years lantern walk. The Alaska Feeder brought r4epiles and creepy-crawlies. About 80 people attended.

In March there were 2,000 checkouts.

Marita Crosby, Trapper Creek:

People are getting their gardens ready for planting. We are waiting for the baskets to defrost so they can be planted. Neighborhood Trees will give free trees to the kids again this year. About 40 were given out last year.

Six more were added to the home school group. In the morning. There are 4-5 kids for the after-school group.

This year there will be a Book Reading Bingo Club. They get to pick their own books. There will be prizes for getting Bingo, and then a full blackout Bingo.

Summer Reading will include a lot of recycling projects including earthworms and composting.

We will be hiring a new on-call.

Family Movie Night is very popular.

Julie Mitchell, Willow:

The T-shirt says "read, renew, repeat, read". So that's about natural things, recycling and protecting the earth.

For National library week there will be a lock box challenge., book drawings and an American Kestrel coming in. Wednesday is adult coffee and snacks. Thursday is story time and quest adventure. Friday and Saturday is a Fireside book fair.

This is the fourth season that groups from the community have been invited to come and talk about what they do and what kind of volunteers they need. There will be a volunteer fair the is summer with the willow farmers market that happens in the library parking lot.

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/AUDIENCE PARTICIATION – 3 minutes per person

Chair Knazovich read the rules for audience participation.

Mary Robinson – Thanked the Board for all the hard work they do.

Jeanne Troshynski – from Friends of Wasilla Library. Added other programs in the Wasilla Library and reported that the general Friends of the Library general meeting was a success., sharing ideas.

Jackie Goforth- spoke of her early reading and library experiences. She stated her views on pornography and the first amendment. Said she knows the book publishing industry She talked about librarians' response to challenges.

Karen Lewis – Spoke on the book challenges and the Supreme Court Justice Brendan's remarks on obscenity and Title 18 of the US Code.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Challenged Books Report

The mayor is accepting applications for the New Library Citizens' Committee. She did a video comment that the intention is to place a person from each district on the committee. Applications are on the Borough website under Boards and Commissions.

V. Strategic Plan

Mr. Leslie pointed out that the old plan had circulated several times. There is money set aside to do the plan. As issue is whether it is asking the right questions and giving the answers that you want? He said staff will assist as much as they can. We could easily take the old scope of work and go forward. We need to know if there are additional things the board would like to see, or things taken out. The scope of the plan was explained for the new Board Members. The Board asked Mr. Leslie to get a draft scope of work and librarians' input. This will come in the next packet. Board members should get input to Hugh by April 22nd.

Same as before. Is the scope of work asking the right questions? Mr. Leslie explained the procedure.

Our new director, Jillian, will be working on the nuts and bolts of the policy based on the legislation that was passed at the April second meeting.

B. Book review Possible Form

Mary Fischer stated she wished to withdraw her motion to use the form presented at the last meeting. After some discussion, it was moved by Susan Pougher, and seconded that the possible form be tabled to time uncertain. Mr. Leslie stated that forms have been created, although he has not seen them. He will make sure the Board gets copies. The motion passed.

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X. NEW BUSINESS

A. MSB 4.40.030 Updates

Susan Pougher stated she wanted the board to be aware that it had been updated. Mr. Leslie stated the changes were small. Some wording was changed and the meeting dates were amended to what we are doing now.

B. Discussion of Board report to Borough

The last report was last April. It takes a couple of people a good month to put it together. Chad Scott made a motion to form a working group. Susan Plougher seconded. Chad Scott, Georgia Knazovich, and Susan Plougher volunteered to be on the committee. Mr. Leslie agreed to help. Motion passed.

C. Introduction of new Board members

XI. ADVOCACY

None.

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

XIII. MEMBER COMMENTS

Susan Plougher

Because Beth Skow was not there, Susan reported on the Palmer library. Tuesdays is time for babies. Friday is Toddlers. Saturday is bring your crafter project. The summer programming will mostly be outside. The Palmer council is meeting to discuss the new building.

Chad Scott

Introduced himself as a right-wing extremist Christian conservative. His family use the library quite a bit. He gave his support for the libraries.

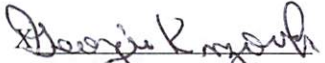
There was more discussion on the Board Report to the Borough.

XIV. NEXT MEETING

A. May 14, 2024 – Trapper Creek

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 3:12pm.


Georgia Knazovich - Chair

Date: 4/8/2024

ATTEST:

X  Date: 4/9/24
Sarah Thomas - Staff Support

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**REGULAR MEETING
Willow Library and Zoom**

**August 13, 2024
1:00PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The August 13, 2024, was called to order at 12:58PM by Chair Georgia Knazovich, at the Willow Library.

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A. Present were Mary Fischer, Karen Crandall, Chad Scott, Kathy Kysar, Ginny Robson, Marty Kincaid, and Susan Pougher. Quorum was present.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Mary Fischer moved to approve the agenda as written. There were no objections.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

V. ELECTIONS

- A. Chad Scott was nominated to the position of Secretary by Mary Fischer.
- B. Georgia Knazovich nominated to the position of Chair by Susan Pougher.
- C. Kathy Kysar was nominated to the position of Vice Chair by Susan Pougher.
- D. Ginny Robson moved to elect the slate. There were no objections.

VI. MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

A. Ginny moved accept the minutes of the last meeting as written. There were no objections.

VII. BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS

A. Hugh Leslie – Recreation & Library Services Manager - Mr. Leslie gave Geri Denkewalter an award for 15 years of full-time service. There will be a groundbreaking at fish creek park. An all-ability walkway to the park will be installed and the area in front of the band shell will be paved. New playground equipment will be installed. The playground was designed by students of Big Lake Elementary, LCAC met last night. The meeting went well. They reviewed one book and voted to remove it. The staff will collect the information from the score cards from the committee and pass it on to Director Morrissey.

This was a record year for camping, parking permits, etc. Now summer employees are leaving, and the fireweed is topping out. There was discussion about the solar farm. There was a question regarding the report of the LCAC. The Library Board will get a copy of the report. The video of the meeting is posted on the Borough Facebook page. Sarah will send out the link.

B. Paige Moore – Big Lake:

Cassidy Drake is not present because she has a new baby boy: Zander Michael. She will return September 19th. Big Lake's summer reading program was wonderful. One of their employees going to Wasilla.

C. Julie Mitchell - Willow:

The Summer Reading program had 125 registered. Between 45 and 75 came each week where they were served lunch. The kid who won the train tickets, read and recorded 10,650 minutes during the 2 months of the program. Together the kids read and recorded at least 63,450 minutes. They learned about recycling and science and art and axolotls.

D. Geri Denkewalter - Talkeetna:

The Summer Reading Program had 130 participants. The kids read 7199 hours. Which translates to 48,000 minutes. We had Recycling, reptiles, and a magician. We made rocks, had a 4th of July barbeque. Everyone got a prize.

Now we are back to our usual programming: stone soup, breakfast book club, book to movie groups.

E. Marita Crosby - Trapper creek:

Now in the middle of the absentee in person voting for the primary election. It has been pretty busy so the turnout for the general election in November should be wild!

The Summer Reading Program had 15-25 kids. The Food Pantry brought lunches

Starting the morning homeschool program. Also starting a toddler program. September 1st is the start of the after-school programs. There are about 20 kids at the school now, and probably about 15 would be eligible for the after-school programs

In June there was a plant sale. There was a good turnout.

F. Zane Treesh - Wasilla:

Have been busy. Circulated 23,200t items. Added one full time and one aid position. Poached Amber from Big Lake!

Had an adult spelling bee that went 18 rounds and a magic show with over 230 people attending.

G. Juli Buzby - Sutton:

Finished the Summer Reading Program with a potluck with 70 people. 104 young people signed up for the Summer Reading Program, 18 of whom were teens. The most popular programs were the reptiles and the magician. The teens went to Talkeetna this year and went zip lining.

School year programming starts the 1st week in September.

H. Susan Pougher – Palmer:

Beth is at the Employee Appreciation Day.

The reading program ended last week with the final party. 269 people attended. Approximately 611 reading logs were distributed for the summer. 507 of those were for children and teens. They had passive programs including do it yourself kits and activities provided by the library. There were 4,353 engagements with those programs. The active programs offered in person included baby laps story time for 2- to 5-year-olds, mid-week meet ups for 6- to 11-year-old and craft clubs for adults, as well as Saturday story times. Participation in the entire program was 5,886 points of contact.

There were 43 local businesses and nonprofits and individuals who partnered with the library through donations of products and time. 20 individuals volunteered 72 hours. The biggest supporters were the friend of the Palmer Public Library.

Susan was asked about the new library. It is still on hold. The City Council is waiting for the insurance.

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/AUDIENCE PARTICIATION – 3 minutes per person

A. Jackie Goforth: Talked about the LCAC meeting. She disagreed with a report from the borough attorney. Talked about Judge's injunction and said the borough attorney was incorrect. Talked about the vote of the committee.

B. Marian Charles: Thank you to Julie and her staff for effort with the summer reading program and extended this to all librarians.

C. Chad Scott was asked to report o the LCAC meeting. He said there was not much to report. The vote was 5 to 2 to remove the book Identical. Now the issue goes to Director Morrisey.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board report to Borough

Georgia Knazovich reported that she has asked the librarians for input. The theme is connecting communities. She has asked the librarians to pick out their most poignant events that have connect the library and the community in their area.

Bar Coding

We cannot dictate to the borough. Beyond our purview. Not every library is going to be able to afford barcoding. Marty Kincaid disagreed.

Artificial Intelligence.

Same with this.

Mr. Leslie:

AI and Barcoding are to be included in Strategic planning and scope of work. This information has been conveyed to Director Morrissey.

Marty Kincaid – on whether we belong to the ALA. The Alaska Library Network is separate from both the American Library Association. and The Alaska Library Association. The whole thing is very confusing. The Alaska Library Association is a member of the American Library Association. The Matsu Borough is not.

Strategic plan –

Susan Pougher said she had not gotten a copy of the scope of work update with AI and bar coding addressed. Mr. Leslie will check that out. The question of reporting to parents what books their children have checked out was discussed.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Strategic Plan Update
- B. Meeting dates in the handbook were discussed.

XI. ADVOCACY

None.

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

XIII. MEMBER COMMENTS

Kathy Kysar– Attended a conference in Juneau. Information from other boards was that boards should work as one and be good representation of the public. Their main job is advocacy of libraries. Positive press. Good PR.

XIV. NEXT MEETING

A. September 10, 2024 – Talkeetna Library

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 pm

X 
Georgia Knazovich - Chair

Date: 10/8/2024

ATTEST:

X 
Sarah Thomas - Staff Support

Date: 10/8/24

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
LIBRARY BOARD**

Chairperson – Georga Knazovich - Wasilla
Vice Chair Kathy Kysar Sutton
Secretary – Chad Scott - At Large 1

Big Lake – Karen Crandall
Trapper Creek – Virginia Robson
Willow – Adam Jenkins

Palmer - Susan Pougher
Mary Fischer – Talkeetna
At Large 2 – Martha Kincaid

Meeting Minutes

**REGULAR MEETING
Talkeetna Library and Zoom**

**September 10, 2024
1:00PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The Meeting on September 10, 2024, was called to order at 1:02 PM by Vice Chair Kathy Kysar, at the Talkeetna Library.

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A. Present were Kathy Kysar, Chad Scott, Karen Crandall, Mary Fischer, Susan Pougher, Marty Kincaid, and. Quorum was present.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Kathy Kysar asked for a staff update on the MSBLCAC to be added to the meeting agenda. Mary Fischer moved the motion seconded by Susan Pougher. The amended agenda was approved without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

V. MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

A. Marty Kincaid asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect that under section IX comments made about “whether we belong to the ALA.”, be attributed to herself instead of Karen Crandall.

B. Chad Scott moved to accept the corrected minutes, seconded by Marty Kincaid. There were no objections.

VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS

A. Hugh Leslie – Recreation & Library Services Manager:

-Mr. Leslie Reported that Director Jillian Morrissey had made a decision concerning the reviewed book “Identical” and shared a letter detailing her rationale for reshelving the book from the young adult section to the adult section despite a 5-2 vote from the committee to remove it from the Library. He described how the committee had finished reviewing the book “Red Hood” the previous day, and the score sheets from that meeting would be forwarded to Director Morrissey. The LCAC also decided to take up a review of the book “Forever” by Judy Blume for their October meeting.

Mr. Leslie announced they would soon be advertising a new position at the Big Lake Library because an employee had left to join the Wasilla Library. He recognized Paige Moore of the Big Lake Library for working extra hard to fill the needs left by the vacancy and expressed optimism that they would be back to normal concerning daily operations with full staffing.

Mr. Leslie remarked that the Libraries would soon enter the budgetary season and will be reviewing their yearly expenditures.

There was a discussion brought up by Marty Kincaid about a cut of the State PLA grant, and it was clarified that this was a department-level cut within the state museums and archives not a cut by the Governor, and would need to be resolved by Dena Bishop the State Education Director. Wasilla Librarian Zane Treesh said he was contacted by the state and confirmed that the grant would likely be fulfilled through multiple payments once sorted out internally.

B. Geri Denkewalter - Talkeetna:

Also transitioning to fall mode and continuing reading programs. Parks service program with hedgehogs has been successful and they will continue with moon education and hope to be getting an aquarium and offering a program on shiny fish. They have had monthly bingo with prizes and will be beginning a breakfast book club. Local chefs will be coming in to offer cooking lessons, as well as weekly visits from musicians for activities. They will be participating in the Little Book of Big Stories program and will be offering to the senior center to join in as well. Their Friends group received the CLIA award for contributions to literacy in Alaska for their efforts in the mentorship program.

C. Marita Crosby - Trapper Creek:

Gearing up for winter programs. They are working with home school and after-school groups as well as a new toddler group for children under 5 that parents are excited about.

D. Juli Buzby - Sutton:

Transitioning to school year programs. After-school and youth programs including chess club. An adult-based book club, fiber arts, sewing and yoga. They will be having a youth and community garden harvest party potluck.

E. Zane Treesh - Wasilla:

They have circulated 21,500 items this month. Hiring two additional staff will be having their giant book sale and concerts, and hosting a fundraiser for the Friends group. They reported circulating in fy.24 240,000 physical items, a total of 300,000 items including digital. Showing great interest and use of the library.

H. Susan Pougher - Palmer:

Having an after-hours story time, midweek meetup for kids 3-5, and Smokey Bear Reading Challenge on Facebook for prizes.

Susan inquired with Director Hugh Leslie about the availability of the LCAC meeting online. It was relayed that the meeting was available on Facebook and should soon be uploaded to the borough page.

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person

- A. Mary McCrum: Talked about the LCAC and was disturbed by comments from the LCAC Chairman Chad Scott, read quotes from the meeting in the *Frontiersman*. She claimed he was fraudulently appointed to the committee and then read her review of the book “Identical” by Ellen Hopkins.
- B. Peg Voss of Talkeetna: A long-time Library cardholder and friend of the Library, spoke of Library programs and staff as phenomenal. She commended their notaries, trailhead permitting, and wi-fi availability. She commended them for their work with Senior Centers and the Denali Arts Council. She agreed with the statements of Mary McCrum concerning the mayor and assembly appointment of LCAC Chairman Chad Scott stating inadequate representation.
- C. Karen Lewis: Spoke in favor of the Mayor using her discretion to appoint Chad Scott to the LCAC and added that the book “Identical” should not be in the hands of 14-year-olds. She stated that having these books in the Library is not only indecent but illegal and that more court cases will likely determine that.
- D. Jeannie Troshynsk: Former Library Board member recalled how she enjoyed visiting the various communities and libraries during her time on the Board. She commented on how funding increased for the Wasilla and Willow Libraries once it was shown to be successful and believed that the same sort of support should continue for other Libraries. She Called the LCAC an embarrassment and disgrace, and that it was sickening for the Mayor to choose someone from a church she wanted to support. She continued calling the LCAC “Yahoos [that] have fancy names up there now, and get to sit on the Dias like they’re ruling over the rest of us. Lording it over us”.
- E. Corinne Smith: Talkeetna resident and “frequent flyer” of the Library recommended touring the facility to see it is a wonderful and welcoming place full of light and art and smiling faces. She commended their Librarians as some of the best anywhere and showed appreciation for the many programs and services they provide including mentorship and meal programs.
- F. Jackie Goforth: commented about her experiences and observations of seeing the sexualization of the publishing industry and the shift to the sexualization of young adult content that as an adult erotica author herself she found offensive. She discussed Judge Sharon Gleason’s ruling on the school board book removal from June 6th, 2024, stating that the books reviewed and taken out of circulation did not need to be returned.
- G. Ruth Wood: Spoke glowingly of Librarians and staff and voiced concern that people from other communities were calling Librarians “ugly names”. She was

upset that the mayor and assemblyman did not call her when she applied for the LCAC Committee. She considers the committee illegitimate because the member for seat 7 does not live in District 7 “even if he lives across the street”.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Board report to Borough: Georgia has contacted the Librarians to find three events to highlight, and they will be sending information and photos to be assembled for the report. She hopes to have it ready by the next meeting.
- B. Bar Coding: Hugh Leslie confirmed that the use of A.I. barcoding was outlined in the Strategic Plan scope of work and suggested this discussion be covered under new business under the Strategic Plan Update.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Strategic Plan Update: Hugh Leslie encouraged members to make any suggestions for edits to the scope of work. He reiterated that funds were available and awaiting the board's input to continue. A motion was made to approve the Scope of work for the RFP by Mary Fischer and seconded by Susan Pougher with an amendment to allow staff to clean up any relevant language and make minor changes this amendment was seconded by Marty Kincaid both passed without objection.
- B. Attendance: Discussion was made about Board Member Adam Jenkins having not yet attended a meeting and falling out of compliance with the borough code. Susan Pougher made a motion that a letter be written on behalf of the Library Board requesting the removal of Mr. Jenkins, which was seconded by Mary Fischer. The motion was passed.

XI. ADVOCACY

- A. Susan Pougher: Spoke on behalf of support for a Palmer Library fundraiser by Author Elowen Ivey, donating a dollar for every pre-order copy of her book “Black Woods, Blue Sky from Fireside Books.

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. None.

XIII. MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Marty Kincaid: Spoke in favor of positive promotion and advocacy for the Libraries and encouraged the Board to be a bridge between the libraries and the communities to advocate the great work being done by the Libraries and relay to the libraries the concerns of the community to help improve the public's perception of our Libraries. Marty also discussed with Zane Treesh the interpretation of state statutes and sharing records with parents. Zane and Hugh Leslie both clarified the complexity of not wanting to be in the middle of parental disputes and only allowing the parent of record on the library card to access the minor children's

activities. Various concerns regarding streamlining parent and child accounts, as well as the possibility of email notifications and statutes being made clearer. Marty suggested the Board put on the agenda to discuss drafting a letter to the Alaska Attorney General to clarify the state statute to reflect the concerns in the community of it being too broad and open to interpretation.

- B. Karen Crandall: Reiterated the need to keep up with the community response to Library policy and agreed that the Attorney General should be asked to comment on the ongoing library controversies. Efforts should be made with media platforms like Make a Scene to promote positive public relations for Libraries.
- C. Chad Scott: Made comments of disappointment in the personal attacks made towards him during the public commentary, slandering him as being illegitimately appointed to the LCAC. He stated their opinion revealed a misunderstanding of the borough code establishing the committee. He expressed appreciation for the Libraries and expressed a desire for positive attributes of the Libraries to be emphasized to encourage continued funding. He expressed that the purpose of joining the board was to protect the libraries from becoming hindered by a public outcry that threatened to stifle the good work being done.
- D. Kathy Kysar: Commented that she understood the pain of public comments after having been on the challenged book committee and would not wish it on her worst enemy.

XIV. NEXT MEETING

- A. October 8th, 2024 – Sutton Library

XV. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting Adjourned at 2:25 pm

X Georgia Khazovich
Georgia Khazovich - Chair

Date: 10/8/2024

ATTEST:

X Sarah Thomas
Sarah Thomas - Staff Support

Date: 10/8/24

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MBR1—Nancy Bertels

MBR3—Aaron Malone

MBR4—Dorothy Denison

MBR5—Erik Palin

MBR6—Susan Hillman

ALT1—Camilla (Nan) Potts

ALT2—Sally Pollen



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REGULAR MEETING

5:00 PM

AUGUST 12, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Called to order at 5:00 pm

II. ROLL CALL

A. Present – Chad Scott, Michelle Dempsey, Nancy Bertels, Aaron Malone, Dorothy Denison, Susan Hillman, Sally Pollen (voting alternate)

B. Absent – Erik Palin, Camilla Potts

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Agenda approved unanimously.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Mr. Malone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. JULY 8TH, 2024 – Ms. Denison moved to approve minutes, unanimous consent.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Hugh Leslie – Recreation & Library Services Manager

1. Mr. Leslie explained that he and Sarah Thomas will collect the score cards after the meeting to present to the Community Development Director. Introduced Sarah Thomas, Nick Spiropoulos and Erin Dooling as staff present at the meeting. Mr. Leslie stated 2 of the 4 books from the reconsideration list are available today, Damsel and Red Hood, if they decide to review one of those. If not, time to acquire the title they choose would be necessary.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – (2 Minutes Per Person)

- A. Mary Robinson – Ms. Robinson hoped the committee has read the book, spoke to the difference of misinformation vs disinformation.
- B. Patricia Fisher – Ms. Fisher wanted to also make sure that each of the committee members have read the book before voting.
- C. Jackie Goforth – Ms. Goforth identified herself as the challenger of the book that committee is voting on this meeting. Explained why she submitted the book for reconsideration.
- D. Karen Lewis – Ms. Lewis thanked the committee for their acceptance of the task at hand.
- E. Linda Spohm – Ms. Spohm explained why she believes the material in the book is dangerous for youth.
- F. Mary Ravetta – Ms. Ravetta thanked the committee for being willing to read the material in the challenged books. Explained why she believed this material is harmful.
- G. Mark Spohm – Mr. Spohm thanked the committee for their acceptance of the task at hand.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Materials Submitted for Reconsideration

1. Identical; Ellen Hopkins ISBN 978-1416950059
 - 2 votes to reshelve to the adult section (Bertels, Denison)
 - 5 votes to remove the book from the libraries (Scott, Dempsey, Hillman, Malone, Pollen)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Materials Submitted for Reconsideration

1. Red Hood; Elana K. Arnold ISBN 978-0062742353
 - Ms. Hillman moved to review Red Hood, unanimous consent.
2. Damsel; Elana K. Arnold ISBN 978-0-06-274232-2
3. Forever; Judy Blume ISBN 978-1-4814-1442-5
4. The Haters; Jesse Andrews ISBN 978-1-4197-2018-9
 - All other titles are postponed to the next meeting, unanimous consent.

B. Decide if there should be limits imposed on the debate of questioned items during the meeting.

1. No discussion.

X. NEXT MEETING

- A. September 9, 2024 – Ms. Denison moved to accept meeting date, unanimous consent.
- B. November was cancelled due to a scheduling conflict; other meetings are planned for second Mondays of each month going forward.

XI. MEMBERS, STAFF COMMENTS

- A. Mr. Leslie let the committee know we will collect the copies of Identical that were provided and score cards at the end of the meeting.
- B. Ms. Pollen was appreciative for being able to be involved in this process.
- C. Mr. Scott thanked everyone for their involvement. Reiterated that this committee is not a decision-making body, just advisory.
- D. Ms. Dempsey thanked everyone for the opportunity to participate.
- E. Ms. Denison asked for state law clarification.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Adjourned 5:59 pm

X 
Chad Scott - Chair

Date: 10-19-24

ATTEST:

X 
Sarah Thomas - Staff Support

Date: 10/14/24

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REGULAR MEETING

5:00 PM

September 9, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Called to order at 5 pm

II. ROLL CALL

A. Present – Chad Scott, Michelle Dempsey, Nancy Bertels, Aaron Malone, Dorothy Denison, Susan Hillman, Sally Pollen, Camilla Potts (voting alternate)

B. Absent – Erik Palin

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Agenda approved unanimously

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Mr. Malone led the Pledge of Allegiance

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. AUGUST 10, 2024 – Mr. Malone moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, unanimous consent.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Jillian Morrissey – Community Development Director – Ms. Morrissey read aloud her memo on the final decision of the book “Identical”, it will be reshelved to the adult section.
- B. Hugh Leslie – Recreation & Library Services Manager – Mr. Leslie reminded the committee of the score sheet and materials collection procedure after the meeting. Mr. Leslie stated the only book we have in hand to provide the committee currently is “Damsel”, if they choose another title, it will take some time to acquire.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – (2 Minutes Per Person)

- A. Mary McCrum – Ms. McCrum stated her opinion on censorship.
- B. Lynn Lovegreen – Ms. Lovegreen thanked the committee for allowing the public to speak and stated her position on how books support teens and young adults.
- C. Linda Spohm – Ms. Spohm stated her opinion on the book “Identical”.
- D. Jeanne Troshynski – Ms. Troshynski shared two Alaska statutes and her opinion on the material being reconsidered.
- E. Mary Robinson – Ms. Robinson shared her opinion on the responsibility of parents regarding library materials.
- F. Kathy Kysar – Ms. Kysar shared a research study regarding young adults and reading.
- G. Jackie Goforth – Ms. Goforth shared her opinion on the LCAC and other similar committees.
- H. Karen Lewis – Ms. Lewis shared her opinion on the challenged material.
- I. Mary Ravetta – Ms. Ravetta shared her opinion on the challenged material.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Materials Submitted for Reconsideration
 1. Red Hood; Elana K. Arnold ISBN 978-0062742353
 - 2 votes to reshelve the book to the adult section (Hillman, Bertels)
 - 5 votes to remove the book from the library (Malone, Potts, Scott, Dempsey, Denison)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Materials Submitted for Reconsideration
 1. Damsel; Elana K. Arnold ISBN 978-0-06-274232-2
 - Postponed to the next meeting by unanimous consent.
 2. Forever; Judy Blume ISBN 978-1-4814-1442-5
 - Ms. Bertels moved to review “Forever”, unanimous consent.
 3. The Haters; Jesse Andrews ISBN 978-1-4197-2018-9
 - Postponed to the next meeting by unanimous consent.

X. NEXT MEETING

- A. OCTOBER 14, 2024 – accepted unanimously.

XI. MEMBERS, STAFF COMMENTS

- A. Ms. Potts thanked the other committee members.
- B. Ms. Bertels suggested two questions be removed from the score sheet. Will put on next meeting's agenda.
- C. Ms. Pollen asked if there's a limit to what the supporters of the challenged material will accept.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Adjourned 6:37 pm

X 
Chad Scott- Chair

Date: 10-14-24

ATTEST:

X 
Sarah Thomas - Staff Support

Date: 10/14/24

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
LOCAL ROAD SERVICE AREA ADVISORY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING by TELECONFERENCE/TEAMS and IN PERSON

September 19, 2024, 7 PM, at Fire Station 73, 10073 W. Parks Hwy

Conference Call Line Number: Dial 1-907-290-7880, then Conf ID 236 315 759 929#

CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: 12 RSAs were represented for a quorum.

<u>RSA#</u>	<u>Member Name</u>
9	Dan Tucker
14	Terry Dolan
15	DJ McBride
16	Rhonda Stark
17	
19	Dan Keane
20	Tom Phillips
21	Pat Daniels
23	Austin Grines
25	John Miller
26	Lucy Klebesadel
27	None
28	Harry Zola
29	
30	Donna Massay
31	

One

Public Works: Chad Fry (O&M) Tom Adams (Director of Public Works)

Borough Staff (other than Public Works): None

Assembly Members: Stephanie Nowers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Dan Tucker moved to approve. Rhonda Stark seconded.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Dan Tucker moved to approve the minutes from August 15, 2024 and Rhonda Stark second. Motion Carried.

TRAINING: None

STAFF REPORTS

- a. O&M/Public Works Tom Adams approved the list of projects for TIP24 approximately \$56 million bond will go to voters in November. Pavement assessment program is underway. Most roads will be assessed this year. Tom discussed other pavement repairs. TAB will discuss the corridor management plan for Bogard tomorrow at 11:00. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) presentations are ongoing. Nearly 1000 respondents to the SS4A survey. A discussion of the geographic boundaries of the comprehensive safety action plan ensued with questions from board members. Tom introduced Chad Fry, new O&M Division Manager. Pat Daniels asked how many projects were in the TIP24 package. Tom asked Jennifer to send out more detailed information. DJ McBride asked how many TIP24 projects are out of the core area. Tom said Jennifer would send out the details. Dan Tucker asked about contract implementation for the new contracts. Tom reported some contractors required more oversight than others. Start-up assessments are due at the end of the month. Three-year work plans will be required 60 days later. Tom stated road improvement projects lists would be developed in the next few months. A discussion ensued. Pat Daniels asked how close we are to 90 days of the contract and said the new contract has no penalties. Tom stated there is a lack of teeth in the contract because the Borough can't withhold payments for non-compliance. A discussion on the contract followed. Rhonda Stark asked if she could review the RSA contract. Tom said they would send it out.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- A. TAB. Pat reported next meeting is tomorrow. Every meeting this summer was cancelled for lack of a quorum.
- B. MPO. Dan Tucker reported he did not attend.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION. (Members of the public have 3 minutes to address the Board on any topic.) None.

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS. Arterial roadway level 1 maintenance by RSAs (Dan Tucker). Draft resolution discussion. Some discussion occurred among board members concerning use of the park and rides and level 1 roads.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. None.


PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (Requires 14 Days Advance Notice. If No Advance Notice Is Given, Persons Wishing to Speak May Do So Under The Audience Participation Section Of The Agenda.) None

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: Harry Zola reported activities of the RSA 28 board. Rhonda Stark asked about lighting on the Glenn Highway and the trade made with DOT to obtain the lighting. Pat Daniels asked about recycling asphalt. Tom Adams shared information on asphalt removed from roadways with additional board questions.

ADJOURNMENT Terry moved to adjourn at 8:03 PM. Motion passed. Next Meeting: October 17, 2024, at 7PM (In-person mixed w/ Teams at Fire Sta. 73)



Stephen Edwards, Board Chair



Terry Dolan, Board Secretary

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3 Officers required for quorum TOTAL = YES

Pres: Camden Yehle Y; Vice Pres: Steve Edwards
Y; Treasurer: Trish Jacob Y; Sec: Patricia Fisher
Y; Council Coordinator: Tim Swezey Y

13 Members of the Meadow Lakes Community required for quorum YES

Meeting Quorum = Yes

Meeting conducted in Person at Meadow Lake Seniors, on Zoom and on Facebook.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Camden Yehle.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Determination of a Quorum: A quorum was achieved at about 7:15 pm. The Consent Agenda was approved without objection after the quorum was achieved.

Board Reports:

Treasurer: Trish Jacobs presented the Council's Financial Report for July.

Council Coordinator: Tim Swezey reported that park reservations were beginning to slow down as we approach Fall.

Secretary: Patti Fisher gave an update on the actions of the Borough's Waterbody Setback Advisory Board and the Citizen's Library Advisory Board. Bill Gambell gave a report on the Mobile Home Ordinance. It was passed by the Assembly; however, according to Mr. Gamble it is the intention of the Assembly to review various parts of the Multifamily Ordinance.

Road Board: Steve Edwards gave a report on road maintenance activities. He reported that a culvert was designed to alleviate the drainage out of Golden Lake and correct the flooding along Meadow Lakes Loop just before it intersects with the Parks Highway. None of the construction has been started. It appears that no work will be done on Meadow Lakes Loop which was originally scheduled for this summer. Camden suggested that a meeting be held with Borough Road Service to discuss the issues of the culvert and the paving on ML Loop.

President: Camden spoke about the young woman who was killed by Anchorage police this week. A moment of silence was held in her honor. She reported that the Borough is granting a driveway permit fee waiver until September 30, 2024. There will be a public meeting on the West Susitna Access Road at the Wasilla Public Library, 3:30pm to 6:30pm, Thursday, Aug. 15. Public comment is open until August 23. Camden reminded everyone to vote in the primary election on Tuesday, August 20, 2024. Early voting is ongoing.

Presentation: Matanuska Electric Association gave an update on the status of the new 20-mile-long Transmission Line. Attending from MEA were Jennifer Castro and Will Klatt. Phase I design is scheduled for 2024 through 2026 for the portion through Meadow Lakes. A 40-acre parcel at Church Road and Shampine Road was purchased as the location for the Church substation. MEA is currently working on permitting and acquiring easements from private landowners. Construction is planned for 2025. At the location of the line nearby ML Seniors they will be expanding the easement on either side of the existing transmission line access path from 30 feet to 50 feet (i.e. 25 feet on each side of the center line). They are still working on acquiring easements.

MEA is fairly confident that they will not need space for temporary access (equipment storage) on MLCC

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property which had previously been discussed.

The line will cross the Parks Highway just to the west of the Pittman/Parks intersection (in between the old Holiday Station and the existing highway). MEA has existing easement at this site.

Terry Boyle asked for the height of the poles. Klatt reported that 80 ft poles, with 67 feet above ground, 13 feet in ground, with distribution of 30 feet will be used. Sherri Rusher stated that she had been told that the poles would be 50 feet in height. Klatt said that 50-foot poles were not doable.

Senator Wilson asked about the sub-station location relative to the location of the charter school property.

According to Klatt, the definite site for the line at the Pittman/Parks intersection has not been set.

Chad said that the space at the intersection is limited, and suggested sending a letter to MEA to consider expansion of the intersection to accommodate future growth. A motion was made by Steve Edward, seconded by Patti Fisher, to write a letter to MEA recommending that space be provide for expansion at the intersection. A voice vote was taken. The motion passed. Klatt discussed the need to align the line with existing easements on the West side of the highway by the City Center Mall. Jennifer asked the Council for a recommendation for a name for the Church sub-station.

Presentation: City of Wasilla Municipal Airport Expansion Project: Heather Campfield, Marie Schmidt, Mark Swenson, HDL; and Erick Shaal, City of Wasilla. The Project is at the beginning stages of a 20-year plan. To date they have collected information on current usage and have inventoried the assets. The City is experiencing numerous requests for more tie-downs. The plan is to expand the runway from 3,700 to 6,000 square feet. No provision for jet traffic is proposed. They would like input from the public on the proposal.

Business:

- Conditional Use Permit letter: Machen Road gravel extraction
- Conditional Use Permit letter: Verizon tall tower
- Platting letter: Alliance Country Heights

Discussion was held on each of the above actions. A motion was made by Secretary Fisher, seconded by Terry Boyle, to send letters of support to the Borough, with specific comments on the CUP on Machen Road and the Platting Action for Alliance Country Heights. The motion passed.

The meeting was extended for 15 minutes by a motion by Secretary Fisher.

Agency Reports:

Senator David Wilson: Senator Wilson gave a report on upcoming activities in the area.

Chief Tawyna Hightower, West Lake Fire: The Chief gave an update on fire department activity.

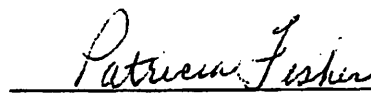
Assembly person Bill Gamble: Mr. Gamble gave a report on Assembly actions.

Persons to be Heard: Candidates running for office in the November election presented themselves to the meeting: David Wilson, candidate for State Senate District N; Doyle Holmes, candidate for State House, District 30; and Sheena Fort, candidate for MSB District 7 Assembly.

Next Council Meeting: President Yehle announced that the next meeting of the Council will be held on September 11th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

 9/19/24
Camden Yehle, President Date

 10/24/2024
Patricia Fisher, Secretary Date

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◆ 3 Officers required for quorum: TOTAL = YES ◆

Pres: Camden Yehle Y; Vice Pres: Steve Edwards
Y; Treasurer: Trish Jacob Y; Sec: Patricia Fisher
Y; Council Coordinator: Tim Swezey Y

◆ 13 Members of the Meadow Lakes Community required for quorum: YES ◆

Meeting Quorum = Yes

Meeting conducted in Person at Meadow Lake Seniors, on Zoom and on Facebook.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by President Camden Yehle.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Determination of a Quorum: A quorum was achieved.

Approval of Agenda: The President added an item of correspondence which was received from Magic Flower Marijuana Store. The Consent Agenda was approved without objection including the addition.

Board Reports:

Secretary: Patti Fisher reported that Assembly member Yundt has resigned from the Assembly as he moved from his district (4) to another district. He will remain in Senate District N. She gave a report on the process for the selection of a new Assembly member.

Patti reported on the actions of the Assembly's Waterbody Setback Board meeting of September 4th. No significant decisions were reached at the meeting.

Treasurer: Trish Jacobs presented the Council's Financial Report for August. No unusual items were reported.

Road Board: Steve Edwards is trying to set up a meeting with the Borough Roads Department to get a report on why our road projects have not occurred, as originally scheduled, this summer. He has not had a response to the question, but will continue to follow on the issue.

Steven also reported on the Park's lighting project. DOT will be delivering the light poles to the Park soon.

Council Coordinator: Tim Swezey reported on the upcoming Park project to repair the damage done by a vandal to the field surface near the pavilion. United Way Mat-Su is providing volunteers and tools for the work which will occur at a scheduled Field Work Day, September 24.

President: Camden asked for a moment of memory for the victims of the 9-11 attack.

She reported on the following:

The Emergency Expo will be held at the Menard Center on Saturday, September 28th, 10am to 3pm.

The Borough has a Free Junk Car Removal program. There is a link on the mlcc website.

The Borough has published a Safety Action Transportation Plan for comment. She recommended that members complete the survey. The link is available on the mlccak.org website. There is a similar DOT survey on statewide roads.

Another item of interest is a September 17th presentation by Alaskans for Fair Courts. This online presentation will discuss the process for the selection and retention of Alaskan judges.

The Alaska DOT has announced a Winter Maintenance Road and Sidewalk Invitation to Bid program. The bid open date is September 17.

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- **Presentation:** Mat-Su Borough 2024 Road Bond Ordinance. Brad Sworts, MSB Predesign and Engineering Division Manager, spoke on the bond measure which will appear on the ballot on November 5th. MSB Engineer Daniel Dahms provided information on cost estimates. Brad showed a map with the roads that are included in the Bond package, and explained some of the detail of the various projects.

Business: None.

Agency Reports:

Senator David Wilson: Senator Wilson gave a report on upcoming activities in the area: the Mat-Su Emergency Expo, September 28; Circle K grand opening October 16; Mat-Su Fall Economic Conference presented by the MSB, Wasilla Chamber, the City of Wasilla, October 15. City elections are on October 1. A candidate forum will be held at Everett's restaurant on October 2. The Senator reported that legislation was being drafted by the Legislature to deal with abandoned properties.

Chief Tawyna Hightower, West Lake Fire: The Chief gave an update on fire department activity.

Persons to be Heard: Candidates running for office in the November election presented themselves to the meeting: David Wilson, candidate for State Senate District N; Jubilee Underwood, House District 27; and Sheena Fort, candidate for MSB District 7 Assembly.

Next Council Meeting: President Yehle announced that the next meeting of the Council will be held on October 9th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Camden Yehle 10/24/2024
Camden Yehle, President Date

Patricia Fisher 10/24/24
Patricia Fisher, Secretary Date

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Meeting minutes RSA 27 Meadow lakes

Meeting held May 14, 2024 at Fire Station 7-1

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm

Attending was Steve Edwards, Camden Yehle , Mike Fulton, quorum was met. Borough staff RMS Alex , No public

Minutes from earlier meeting (March) read and approved.

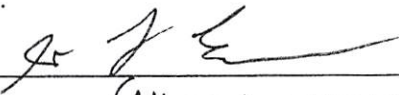
Alex provided an update on Spring maintenance. Weight restrictions are still in place.

Board discussed Rip list projects and reviewed a report by Dustin regarding Meadow Lakes loop phase 1 and Herkimer Spring, swan Rainbow. ML phase 1 is still scheduled for this summer.

Previously scheduled small projects on Gunflint, Meadow lakes and others will start as soon as Weight restrictions lift.

Patches will be done on Meadow Lakes Loop to make it drivable until Phase one gets going.

Adjourned at 4 pm.

APPROVED  Oct 29, 2024
(All members approved)



RSA #9, MIDWAY, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

April 13, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

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The meeting of the Midway Road Service Area Board of Supervisors was called to order at 3:30 p.m. via TEAMS online by Primary member, Dan Tucker on Wednesday, April 13, 2022.

ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Board members in attendance establishing a quorum were Dan Tucker, Lisa Harrison and Mark Mobley. Also present was Will Barickman, Road Service Area Superintendent. Brief introductions were included.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All joined in the "The Pledge of Allegiance".

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to add a New Item D. Schelin Loop/Double D/Palmer-Wasilla Intersection. The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF PRECEDING MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the 1Q2022 meeting were approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A – A discussion was held to describe the persons, positions and functions of the Department of Public Works and Staff

B – A staff report was included by Will during the discussion about the DPW

Discussion on projects followed.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A) Resolution RSA#9 22-01 – inre 2022 RIP, and in support of the LRSAAB and RSA#21 similar Resolutions was submitted. There was no response on it.

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- B) No one was able to attend the Brentwood HOA meeting. Lisa was asked to follow up with the HOA to promote a meeting with them in re the Serrano Dr. improvement issues.

NEW BUSINESS

- A) Problem Reporter was discussed. Training is needed in re what it is, what it does, how it does it and review process. Will and Dan will work with the Borough to arrange that.
- B) Discussion of the Borough initiated T&M Task Force. Wholesale agreement that T&M is NOT in the RSA best interest with concern for overflow of RSA#21's problem effecting us.
- C) A 'ride along with Will' will be arranged for all three board members to view the RSA and overview the successful solutions and problem areas. It will need to be announced as a meeting; timing will be planned and arranged at least three weeks out.
- D) Schelin Loop/Double D/Palmer-Wasilla Intersection was deferred to a later meeting due to time/overtime issues for Will and additional study/research on the situation.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience to participate.

BOARD COMMENTS

There were no board comments

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2022.

S) Dan Tucker
Dan Tucker, Primary, RSA #9 BOS.

Minutes approved on: August 10, 2022

RSA #9, MIDWAY, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

July 10, 2024

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MEETING MINUTES

CLERKS OFFICE

The meeting of the Midway Road Service Area Board of Supervisors was called to order at 3:40 p.m. at the Robert Vroman Public Works Building, 1420 South Industrial Way, Palmer, Alaska, by Primary member, Dan Tucker on Tuesday, July 10, 2024.

ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Board members in attendance establishing a quorum were Dan Tucker and Lisa Harrison (Mark Mobley was absent). Also present were Tom Adams, Public Works Director, Dustin Spidal, Operation Branch Manager of Roads, and Doug Sughroue, Road Service Area Superintendent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All joined in the "The Pledge of Allegiance".

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF PRECEDING MEETING MINUTES

No prior meeting minutes were available for approval.

MOTION: None

VOTE: None

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A – A discussion was held to describe the changes in persons, positions and functions of the Department of Public Works and Staff

B – A staff report was included by Doug during the discussion about the DPW

Discussion on projects followed.

(At this point, approximately 3:55PM, the connection with Lisa was lost, and there was no quorum. The meeting was ended.)

General discussion followed on miscellaneous and various projects, issues, problems and items. No action was or could be taken on any items. Assembly member Stephanie Nowers was on the phone for the meeting and discussion.

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RSA #9, MIDWAY, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None due to meeting termination

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None due to meeting termination

NEW BUSINESS

None due to meeting termination

OTHER BUSINESS

None due to meeting termination

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None due to meeting termination

BOARD COMMENTS

None due to meeting termination

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:55PM

The next scheduled meeting will be on October 23, 2024.

(Signed)
Dan Tucker, Primary, RSA #9 BOS.

Minutes approved on: October 9, 2024

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North Colony

RSA 23 2024 Meeting
Meeting Minutes (unapproved)
at Academy Charter School
801 E Arctic Avenue Palmer, Alaska 99645
April 29, 2024 @ 6 pm

*Approved
Barbara Gerard
RSA 23
North Colony*

- I. CALL TO ORDER – By Barbara Gerard at 6 pm.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – moved and approved.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by Barbara Gerard
- IV. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

*Austin
Grimes
RSA Board
Member*

Regular Meeting: Will have at the August 2024 meeting and post on Soapstone FB.

- V. Introduction of RSA 23 VOLUNTEER Road Service Board.
 - Barbara Gerard has been a member of the RSA 23 Volunteer Road Service Board for around 35 years. She joined the board after realizing that RSA 23 might not receive sanding during icy conditions unless a board member reported the need. Initially, board members could directly contact the contractor or inform the RSA 23 Supervisor to dispatch trucks. However, about 6 years ago, the Borough limited the board's ability to report directly to the contractor. Currently, the only option is to fill out a Problem Reporter, similar to any property owner in RSA 23. Barbara worked with the Borough to secure a grant through the EPA Dust Reduction program to pave several roads, including Soapstone, McCarrey, Smith, Norman Ave, and Bolete.
 - Austin Grimes became a member of the RSA 23 Volunteer Road Service Board around 5 years ago. She applied to the Assembly to fill one of the two remaining vacancies on the board. Austin makes a point to attend the monthly RSA Road Service Meeting either in person or occasionally on Zoom. These meetings take place in Houston, AK. Her motivation for joining the board was to help ensure that the roads in RSA 23 are well maintained and to stay informed about the Borough's plans for the area.

- Carl Luchsinger joined the Board last year with a specific goal, he wanted to understand why the section of Smith Road where he lives was not receiving proper maintenance. Carl expressed frustration that Sabbatis Hills, a development he owns and developed, has not been accepted by the Borough as meeting their road standards. He strongly disagrees with the Borough's stance that the roads will only be considered once they are brought up to current standards, emphasizing that he maintains those roads and had worked in Anchorage maintaining roads. He noted that as of January 1, 2025, he will no longer be responsible for maintaining Sabbatis Hills Subdivision Roads. Carl mentioned three potential options to bring Sabbatis Hills into the Borough Road Service Area: 1.) A vote of Sabbatis Hills property owners, 2.) A vote by RSA 23 to annex Sabbatis Hills, or 3.) Agreement by the Borough engineers that the Sabbatis Hills subdivision roads meet current Borough Road Standards.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE –

- Dustin - MSB Engineer report
 - Road Improvement Project #1 Norman Ave (0.47) is the first project on the priority status list as per the Borough. Design, utility relocation, road right of way (ROW), construction improvements, paving. Estimated cost is \$550,000. It is in the design phase at 65% complete. Project target construction is summer 2024. Current barrier is that three right of way issues. If the ROW is not solved, the project stops, and could be shelved.
 - Road Improvement Project #2 McCarey Ave. (0.11) Design, utility relocation, road right of way (ROW), construction improvements, paving. Estimated cost is \$220,000. Target design is 2025. Project target construction 2028.
 - Road Improvement Project #3, Soapstone Rd.(0.69) Design, utility relocation, road right of way (ROW), construction improvements, paving. Estimated cost is \$759,000. Target design is 2029. Target construction is to be determined.

Discussion:

- Carl Luchsinger stated he didn't believe the Norman Project should be first. He believes the other roads are in worse shape. He launched into his frustration that the Borough said the roads in Sabbatis Hills did not meet the current Borough Road Standards.
- Dustin explained Norman Ave there are 3 right of way issues with the Norman project.
- Carl Luchsinger asked how the RSA could afford to pay the costs of McCarrey and Soapstone if \$550,000 is used of the RSA's current \$581,000 remaining?
- Dustin explained that there are predesign match funds for a 50% match. The Borough Assembly - Vehicle Registration Tax is used.
- Doug – RSA Supervisor report (Process to choose contractor, funds available via property taxes, process to report an issue, etc.

Doug explained he is a new RSA Supervisor and he has 6 RSA's under his responsibility. Ficklen is an old contract, and it expires July 1, 2025. Doug has filed several Letters of Non-Compliance on Ficklen. The best record of their failure to follow the contract is if property owners use the Problem Reporter to enter the road maintenance needs. That creates a paper trail. Doug has approximately \$15,000 he can use each year on RSA 23 needs. He plans to put in a culvert on Murphy Road. Also pull back the gravel sections on the corners of the Smith Road and Norman Ave intersection to allow increased visibility.

Discussion:

Carl Luchsinger launched into his frustration that the Borough said the roads in Sabbatis Hills did not meet the current Borough Road Standards. He believes Ficklen should lose their contract. He asked about weight restrictions and who holds the trucks that are overweight accountable? He shared that he was told by the Borough that the weight restriction signs just hold the honest people accountable.

Austin Grimes stated that she did not support RSA 23 to adopt Sabbatis Hills Subdivision by a vote of the RSA Board Members. That Sabbatis

Hills Subdivision needs to follow the Borough process to make sure their roads are up to borough standards, before becoming part of RSA 23. That she does not want to adopt the subdivision into the RSA and then have to spend the RSA's money to bring the roads up to the Borough standards so that they will be maintained by the borough.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- Three different pots of money or budgets – Capital, maintenance, and ?
- Problem Reporter needs to have the flashing submit button, so it is easier to find.
- Speed is a concern. Some people drive awfully fast.
- Sabbatis Hills subdivision issue – I am taking over this because I do not believe what the developer is saying. He is a liar and I don't believe anything he says.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS - none

IX. ADJOURNMENT - 8:05 pm

Austyn Lewis 5/7/24
Cherie Benbow, witness 5/7/24

RSA 23 Attendance -

Barbara Gerard	11150 East Lupine Rd
Heidi Scott/Oral Scott	12700 E Soapstone Rd
Dustin Spidal	MSB
Austin Grimes	11200 East Lupine Rd
Bruse Hess	7000 N. Terry Anne Circle
Carl Luchsinger	13460 Hermann
Joe Gerard	11150 East Lupine Rd
Kevin & Lesley Norris	12401 E Soapstone
Brian Johnson	11301 E Yarrow Rd
Janice & Scott Winther	12901 E Soapstone Rd
Renate & Skip Foster	13451 Soapstone Rd
Doug Sughroue	MSB/ Murphy Rd
Curt Christiansen	14350 E Norman Ave
Joe & Mila Holder	13313 E Cayuga Ave
Daniel Daniken	8011 Mohawk
Galen Dossin	13801 E Norman Ave

North Lakes Community Council Minutes
Boys & Girls Club - Bogard Road, Wasilla
Meeting Minutes September 26, 2024

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by R. Hanson, President

- a. Welcome / Introductions R. Hanson, President welcomed everyone and officers and members introduced themselves.
- b. Confirm Quorum (Majority of Board Seats / Minimum 10% of Membership)
Board quorum established five of five. Voting membership is at 47 (up from 17 at the beginning of the year). Membership quorum established.
- c. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by L. Calandri.

- 2. AGENDA APPROVAL** No revisions. L. Calandri moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by R. Greenberg. No objections. Agenda approved unanimously.

3. PRIOR MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

R. Greenberg moved to approve minutes of 8/29/24 as presented, seconded by L. Calandri. Approved unanimously.

4. CORRESPONDENCE & ACTIVITY SUMMARY

A written report was made available to all members as part of the meeting packet and as posted on the website. R. Hanson, President highlighted some specific items in the report, including updates on: Engstrom / Trunk Connector Road; Waterbody Setback Board progress; Springs West Subdivision Platting status; Capital Improvements Nominations process; Radar Speed Sign data; Central Gravel proposed CUP status; and the upcoming Board Seat elections in October. Additional detail is in the written report.

5. OFFICER / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. President's Report: R. Hanson, President had no new information to report.
- b. Treasurer's Report: J. Coleman reviewed the August Balance Sheet and Budget report. Copies made available in meeting packet and on our website.
- c. Road & Traffic Safety Committee; R. Greenberg reported the meeting was held 9/22/24 and highlighted several items discussed, draft minutes were provided in the meeting packet and on the website. Next meeting will be held 10/20/24.
- d. Finance Committee Report. Louie Calandri reported the committee met to discuss and finalize an amended budget. This is on the agenda later tonight.
- e. Bylaws Committee - No meeting however R. Hanson submitted some recommended changes. P. Purcell is the current chair and R. Hanson, President, asked for other members interested in assisting with Bylaws review. F. Conaway and N. Smith offered to be on the Bylaws Committee. A meeting will be set to review updates to the NLCC Bylaws.

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- f. Nominations Committee P. Purcell, Chair and J. Kapperich, Member reported they met on 9/13/24 and discussed the purpose of NLCC and discussed the board responsibilities and possible candidates. Information was sent notifying members of 2 Board position openings. Phone calls were made by committee members and some members may be willing to serve. The nominations will be submitted for the upcoming election at the October meeting. R. Hanson encouraged members to consider serving on the Board - it's a rewarding experience.

6. PRESENTATIONS / SPEAKERS

- a. Bogard/Seldon Corridor Access Management Plan: Julie Spackman and Mike Campfield, from the Mat-Su Borough planning department presented on the Corridor Access Management Plan (CAMP) for the Bogard-Seldon Corridor. Summary information was provided in the meeting packet and posted on our website. A more detailed presentation was provided and is also now posted on our website. This plan outlines a 20-year vision for the Bogard / Seldon corridor and will help guide future projects and transportation infrastructure improvements. There is an ongoing effort for public outreach. An Open House is planned for Nov. 6, 2024 at 5:30 pm at the Career and Tech High School.
- b. Alaska State DOT - Bogard Projects Summary Clint Adler and Chris Bentz. Presented information on some ongoing related Bogard / Seldon projects, including the Engstrom / Bogard Intersection, Bogard Road Pavement Preservation Project, and a suite of projects that are being rolled together to address safety problems along the corridor. This effort is not yet scoped and ready for public review.

There was significant Q&A and dialogue in the meeting in which members expressed frustration with the slow pace of change and improvement and how these projects get funded and prioritized. All agreed that continued engagement between the NLCC, Borough, and State DOT was important as this is a priority of area residents and NLCC members.

- c. Road Service Area 25 - J. Miller spoke briefly about the RSA an a current board members vacancy. J. Klapperich expressed an interest. John also provided a summary Road Improvement Projects (RIP) list for our area. This was included in the meeting packet and posted on our website.
- d. Legislative Office Updates - Senator Wilson reported that his office is open and the homeowner and property owners are being protected regarding squatters. There is a Candidate forum 5-8 pm Oct.3, 2024 at Evangelo's.

7. ONGOING / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. No decisions or actions pending this month.

- b. Digital Ad Outreach - J. Klapperich reported that he is continuing the ads and results are provided to the Board weekly. 643 engagements in the last 33 days.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. NLCC Board Nominations / October Election - Already discussed and nominations remain open until the election at the October meeting.
- b. Proposed Bylaws Updates - Already discussed.
- c. Transparency - Amended 2024 Budget
Increased investment income from \$20 to \$900, decreased signage budget from \$8,000 to \$5,400 and increased Supplies budget from \$100 to \$650. discussion followed. Motion by J. Klapperich to approve as presented, seconded by S. Johnson, no discussion, approved unanimously.
- d. Central Gravel Productions - CUP Application
R. Hanson, President reported we recently became aware of the application for a conditional use permit. A copy of the public notice and a map was provided in the meeting packet and posted on our website. The NLCC has been reviewing online feedback from area residents and will reach out via Mailchimp to solicit additional feedback. A summary of that feedback, and the nature of NLCC comments, will be reviewed at our October 24 NLCC Membership Meeting. The NLCC will provide written comments to the MatSu Borough by the October 28th deadline for public comment. Representatives from Central Gravel Products were present to give their input and answer questions. CGP provided a handout for distribution to NLCC members. They have done a traffic study and their operating hours should not affect traffic. CGP invited community members to contact them with questions and comments.

9. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - Ideas, questions, comments No time available

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS No time available

11. ADJOURN

R. Greenberg earlier moved to extend the meeting to 9 pm, seconded by D. Willequer. Approved unanimously.
Motion by P Purcell to adjourn at 9 pm seconded by F. conaway, approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Signed by:  Date Signed: 10/24/24

Attested by:  Date Signed: 10/24/24

1 **MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH**
2 **PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD**
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Chairperson – James Jones – At Large 1
Vice Chair – Ruth Wood - District 7
Pat Owens – District 1
Susannah McDuffie – At Large 2

Vacant - District 3
Roy Wahl – District 4
Michael Rovito – District 2
Harry Hillman – At Large 4

Jill Martinson - District 5
Vacant – District 6
Kenni Linden – At Large 3

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5 **MEETING MINUTES**
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7 **REGULAR MEETING**

March 18th, 2024

8 **Lower Level Conference Room**
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10 I. CALL TO ORDER

11 Meeting called to order by Mr. Jones at 6:01 pm.

12 II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

13 III. Members Attending: Mr. Jones, Ms. Wood, Ms. Owens, Mr. Wahl, Mr. Rovito, Mr.
14 Hillman, Ms. Martinson, Ms. Linden

15 Members Absent: Ms. McDuffie

16 IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

17 Ms. Linden moved to accept the agenda as amended, Ms. Martinson, 2nd. All in favor.

18 V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

19 Mr. Jones led the pledge of allegiance.

20 VI. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

21 A. NOVEMBER 27TH, 2023

22 Motion: Ms. Martinson moved to accept the minutes as amended, Ms. Linden, 2nd. All in
23 favor

24 VII. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT

25 A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager

26 Mr. Leslie stated that the Summer Parks and Trails positions have been posted. Both
27 Parks and Trails have an average of a 50% rate of return in applicants. Interviews will
28 start in April.

29 Mr. Leslie stated that the Community Development Department has hired a new
30 Director, Jillian Morrison. Joseph Metzger has also accepted a promotion as the Land
31 and Resource Management Division Manager.

32 Mr. Leslie announced that the Jim Creek Community Cleanup will take place May
33 18th.

34 B. 2024 Arctic Winter Games

35 Mr. Leslie said that the Arctic Winter Games were a success and as far as he knows,
36 there were no issues at the Park and Recreation facilities.
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38 VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person

39 None.

40 IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

41 A. Matanuska Valley Moose Range at Jonesville PUA

42 Ms. Owens stated that DNR is currently reviewing the comments and it should go to
43 the Commissioner in June, and finalized in the fall.

44 B. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation

45 Mr. Leslie stated that changes have been made and will be reviewed by the PRTAB at
46 the April meeting.

47 X. NEW BUSINESS

48 None.

49 XI. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

50 None.

51 XII. CORRESPONDENCE

52 None.

53 XIII. MEMBER COMMENTS

54 Mr. Jones – None.

55 Ms. Wood – Congrats to staff for hosting the Winter Games. Northern Parks have been
56 busy with races and being used. Huge thanks to Brian and his hard work.

57 Ms. Owens – If we can get an updated directory of the Board members

58 Mr. Wahl – Mat-Su Ski Club did a great job at GPRA.

59 Mr. Rovito – Hi everyone and thanks!

60 Mr. Hillman – Thank you for allowing him to participate, as he is an avid runner

61 Ms. Martinson – None.

62 Ms. Linden – Arctic Winter Games was fantastic. It was wonderful to see so many in the
63 community.

64 XIV. NEXT MEETING

65 April 22nd, 2024

66 XV. ADJOURNMENT

67 Motion: Ms. Linden moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Martinson 2nd. Meeting
68 adjourned at 6:45pm

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X: 28 Oct 2024
James Jones - Chair

X: [Signature]
Date

ATTEST: [Signature]
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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
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Vacant – At Large 2

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Michael Rovito – District 2
Harry Hillman – At Large 4

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Kenni Linden – At Large 3

MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

September 16, 2024

Lower-Level Conference Room

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. Called to order at 6:03 pm
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
 - A. Present: James Jones, Ruth Wood, Kimberly Waychoff, Roy Wahl, Michael Rovito, Kenni Linden
 - B. Absent: Pat Owens, Harry Hillman, Jill Martinson
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - A. Mr. Rovito motioned to approve, unanimous consent.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance conducted.
- V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
 - A. August 26, 2024 – Mr. Rovito motioned to approve, unanimous consent.
- VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT
 - A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager – Mr. Leslie gave a Matanuska River Park update, closing September 22, 2024. There is limited staff available, day use will be available until the snow is too deep. A season end report will be given to the board when it's available. Trail and Parks crew (3 people) are going to Wrangell for the ARPA conference. Annual Trail pass sales are continuing to increase each year, Fish Creek Park playground will start installation soon, Ridge Trail is maintained by Denali Nordic Ski Club, but immediate concerns let borough staff know.
- VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person
 - A. None
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Matanuska Valley Moose Range at Jonesville PUA
 - i. No report
 - B. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation
 - i. No report

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IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Flagging trees to be cut at Mat River Park for the Palmer Airport – There has been an agreement between the Community Development Director and the City of Palmer to remove trees that are 6 to 12 ft over the canopy and interfere with the glide path of airplanes using the Palmer airport. A total of 72 trees have been identified for removal and replacement with other species of trees. The board requests a written copy of the agreement, the scope of work for the project & the avigation easement agreement.

X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

- A. None

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. None

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

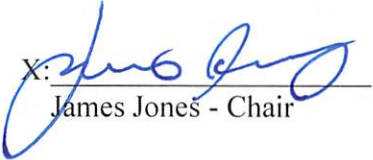
- A. Mr. Jones – Expressed disagreement in the removal of the trees in Mat River Park.
- B. Ms. Wood – Would like to formally meet Jillian, she missed the meeting that she attended and introduced herself.
- C. Ms. Waychoff – Stated she was surprised with how quickly the decision was made to remove trees at the park.
- D. Mr. Wahl – Introduced his grandson, Jaron Mobley, who attended the meeting, his term is up and won't be attending any more meetings.
- E. Mr. Rovito – Visited Jonesville PUA, agreed with Mr. Jones about the tree removal.
- F. Ms. Linden – Thanked the staff, spent Labor Day weekend visiting Borough parks & trails.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

October 28, 2024 – unanimous consent

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Ms. Linden motioned to adjourn, passed unanimously at 7:11 pm.

X: 
James Jones - Chair

X: 28 Oct 2024
Date

ATTEST:

X: 
Sarah Thomas - Staff Support

X: 10/28/24
Date

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission's regular meeting was held on August 19, 2024, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. Chair C.J. Koan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Planning Commission members present and establishing a quorum:

- Mr. Doug Glenn, Assembly District #1
- Mr. Richard Allen, Assembly District #2*
- Ms. C. J. Koan, Assembly District #3
- Ms. Linn McCabe, Assembly District #5
- Mr. Curt Scoggin, Assembly District #7
- Mr. Wilfred Fernandez, Assembly District #6

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Planning Commission members tardy were:

- Mr. Andrew Shane, Assembly District #4* called in at 6:05

Staff in attendance:

- Mr. Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Director
- Ms. Lacie Olivieri, Planning Department Admin. Specialist/ Planning Commission Clerk
- Ms. Erin Dooling, Assistant Attorney

*Indicates that the individual attended telephonically.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Koan inquired if there were any additions or changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The Agenda was approved without objection.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Scoggin.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Regular Meeting Minutes: August 5, 2024

B. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING: QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

C. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING: LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Resolution 24-21 A Resolution of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission recommending Assembly adoption of processes for Community Councils to develop a Community Comprehensive Plan or Special Use district.
Public Hearing: September 16, 2024 (Staff: Julie Spackman, Long Range Planner)

GENERAL CONSENT: The consent agenda was approved without objection.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS - *(There were no committee reports.)*

VI. AGENCY/STAFF REPORTS –
Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Presentation. – Joni Wilm, Michael Baker International

VII. LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS - *(There were no land use classifications.)*

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following persons spoke regarding Resolution 24-21: Esther Huddleston.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING: QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

Resolution 24-15 A conditional use permit in accordance with MSB 17.30 – Conditional Use Permit for Earth Material Extraction Activities, for the extraction of up to 40,000 cubic yards of earth material annually through 2033. The activity will occur on two parcels, totaling 13.6 acres with the extraction occupying the eastern 5.96 acres. The activity is located at 8751 and 8901 E. Palmer-Wasilla Highway, Tax ID#s 18N01E35C006 & 18N01E35C009. (Applicant: Tim Alley for Mountain Gravel Investment Group LLC; Staff: Peggy Horton, Current Planner)

Chair Koan read the resolution title into the record.

Chair Koan read the ex-parte memo asking questions of the Planning Commissioners.

Staff presented their staff report.

The applicant Tim Alley gave an overview of their plan and addressed concerns that were in the comments from the staff report.

Chair Koan opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in regarding Planning Commission Resolution 24-15:
Cheri Sobczak-Crippen
Karel LaWalter

Paul Urbano
Dave Oliver

There being no one else to be heard, Chair Koan closed the public hearing.

Chair Koan invited staff to respond to questions and statements from the audience.

Staff Peggy Horton had no comment.

Chair Koan invited the applicant to respond to questions and statements from the audience.

Applicant Tim Alley responded to questions and statements from members of the audience.

Applicant Tim Alley stated that they had nothing further to add.

The discussion moved to the Planning Commission.

Commissioners questioned the applicant

MOTION: Commissioner Glenn moved to approve Planning Commission Resolution 24-15.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCabe

Discussion ensued

MOTION: Commissioner Fernandez moved a primary amendment to include a requirement that the petitioner use flaggers during school opening and closing hours or heavy traffic hours.

Discussion ensued.

The primary amendment was withdrawn by Commissioner Fernandez

VOTE: The main motion passed without objection.

Resolution 24-20 A conditional use permit in accordance with MSB 17.70 – Regulation of Alcoholic Beverage Uses for a package store known as Circle K Liquors located at 169 N. Meadow Lakes Loop, Tax ID 8478000L002. (Applicant: Holiday Alaska LLC; Staff: Rick Benedict, Current Planner)

Chair Koan read the resolution title into the record

Chair Koan read the ex-parte memo asking questions of the Planning Commissioners.

Staff presented their staff report.

LaQuita Chmielowski gave a presentation.

Commissioner Glenn asked how long the store had been built. He also asked if the liquor store is completely separate from the convenience store side.

Commissioner Fernandez said thank you for working on this project.

Commissioner McCabe said congratulations on the new store.

Chair Koan asked if there were other questions.

Chair Koan opened the Public Hearing.

There being no one to be heard, Chair Koan closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Fernandez moved to approve resolution 24-20. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scoggins

VOTE: The main motion passed without objection

X. PUBLIC HEARING LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Resolution 24-16 The State of Alaska Office of History and Archaeology has submitted a proposal under MSB 15.04.025 – Naming Geographic Features, to name a currently unnamed 5,325-foot mountain peak as Arkose Peak. The peak is situated at the south end of Arkose Ridge, between the heads of Lone Tree Gulch and Iron Creek and approximately 6.8 miles north of the North Glenn Highway Moose Creek bridge. The proposal is concurrent with a proposal to rename the current Arkose Peak as Souvenir Peak. (Staff: Peggy Horton, Current Planner)

Chair Koan resolution 24-16 title into the record.

Peggy Horton provided a staff report.

Commissioners questioned staff regarding: Commissioner Fernandez asked for clarification on the resolution numbers.

Chair Koan opened public hearing.

There being no one to be heard, Chair Koan closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Scoggin asked for clarification.

Staff Peggy Horton responded

MOTION: Commissioner Fernandez moved to approve resolution 24-16. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Glenn.

Commissioner Fernandez called the question.

Commissioner Fernandez objected to approving resolution 24-16.

VOTE: Motion failed unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Fernandez moved to approve resolution 24-23. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Glenn.

VOTE: The main motion passed without objection.

Resolution 24-17 The State of Alaska Office of History and Archaeology has submitted a proposal under MSB 15.04.025 – Naming Geographic Features, to rename the 5,804-foot mountain peak currently named Arkose Peak to Souvenir Peak. The peak is located at the northeast end of Arkose Ridge and approximately 7.2 miles north of the North Glenn Highway Moose Creek bridge. (Staff: Peggy Horton, Current Planner)

Chair Koan resolution 24-17 title into the record.

Peggy Horton provided a staff report.

Alex Strawn spoke to clarify.

Chair Koan opened the public hearing

There being no one to be heard, Chair Koan closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner McCabe moved to approve resolution 24-17. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Glenn.

Discussion ensued

MOTION: Commissioner Glenn moved a primary amendment to deny the renaming of Arkose peak. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scoggin.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Commissioner Glenn moved an amendment to 24-17 as read by Alex Strawn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shane.

VOTE: The amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

Resolution 24-18 The State of Alaska Office of History and Archaeology has submitted a proposal under MSB 15.04.025 – Naming Geographic Features, to name a

currently unnamed mountain peak as Mount Carola. The peak is found in Denali National Park and Preserve between Ruth Glacier and Tokasitna Glacier, approximately 14 miles west of milepost 140 North Parks Highway. (Staff: Peggy Horton, Current Planner)

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Chair Koan resolution 24-18 title into the record.

Peggy Horton provided a staff report.

Chair Koan opened the public hearing.

There being no one to be heard, Chair Koan closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Glenn moved to approve Planning Commission Resolution 24-18. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fernandez

Discussion ensued

MOTION: Commissioner McCabe moved a primary amendment to add the three "WHEREAS" as recommended by the Historical Preservation Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fernandez.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION
(There was no correspondence and information.)

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - *(There was no unfinished business.)*

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Items *(Staff: Alex Strawn)*

(Commission Business was presented, and no comments were noted.)

XV. DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner: Allen no comment

Commissioner: Shane comments Thank you staff and everyone that showed up.

Commissioner: Fernandez comments that he loves parliamentary procedure. Thanks everyone

Commissioner: Glenn comments on the entertaining night. Missed the people that couldn't make it. 35th wedding anniversary coming up.

Commissioner: McCabe comments happy anniversary

Commissioner: Scoggin no comment

Commissioner: Koan comments thank you staff. 41st wedding anniversary coming up. Thanks everyone for your patience

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at __ p.m.



C J KOAN
Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:



LACIE OLIVIERI, Planning Commission Clerk

Minutes approved: 9/10/24

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission's regular meeting was held on September 16, 2024, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. Chair CJ Koan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Planning Commission members present and establishing a quorum:

- Mr. Doug Glenn, Assembly District #1
- Mr. Richard Allen, Assembly District #2
- Ms. C. J. Koan, Assembly District #3
- Mr. Andrew Shane, Assembly District #4
- Ms. Linn McCabe, Assembly District #5
- Mr. Curt Scoggin, Assembly District #7
- Mr. Wilfred Fernandez, Assembly District #6*

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Planning Commission members absent and excused were:

Staff in attendance:

- Mr. Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Director
- Ms. Lacie Olivieri, Planning Department Admin. Specialist/ Planning Commission Clerk
- Ms. Julie Spackman, Long Range Planner

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II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Koan inquired if there were any changes or objections to approving the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved without objection.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Allen led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Regular Meeting Minutes: August 19, 2024
- B. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING: QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS
- C. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING: LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Resolution 24-28 A Resolution of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission Recommending Adoption of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). (Staff: Rodney Fodge, Long Range Planner)

GENERAL CONSENT: The consent agenda was approved as written without objection.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS - *(There were no committee reports.)*

VI. AGENCY/STAFF REPORTS - *(There were no Agency/Staff Reports.)*

VII. LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS - *(There were no land use classifications.)*

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

(There were no persons to be heard.)

Audience Participation was closed without objection.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING: QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

X. PUBLIC HEARING LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Resolution 24-21 A Resolution of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission Recommending Adoption of Processes for Community Councils to Develop a Community Comprehensive Plan or Special Land Use District.
(Staff: Julie Spackman, Long Range Planner) Chair Koan read the resolution title into the record.

Ms. Julie Spackman provided a staff report.

No questions from commissioners.

Chair Koan opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke regarding Planning Commission Resolution 24-21:

Chad Emswiler*, Chris Chiavetta, Marshall Alexander, Esther Huddleston, John Nystrom, Karen Hoffman, Trudy Lorenzen, Craig Price, and Amy Read.

Chair Koan invited staff to respond to questions and statements from the audience.

Ms. Julie Spackman did not have anything to add.

There being no one else to be heard, Chair Koan closed the public hearing, and the discussion moved to the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner McCabe moved to approve Planning Commission Resolution 24-21. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scoggin.

Discussion ensued

MOTION: Commissioner Allen moved a primary amendment to only recommend option 3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shane.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed unanimously.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended with Commissioners Shane, Allen, McCabe, Glen, Scoggin, and Frenandez in favor and Commissioner Koan opposed.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION
(There was no correspondence and information.)

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - *(There was no unfinished business.)*

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Items *(Staff: Alex Strawn)*
(Commission Business was presented, and no comments were noted.)

XV. DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Alex Strawn: The planning commission has had two appeals; please do not discuss those cases.
The planning department lost a long-range planner.

Commissioner Shane: Sorry about losing a planner.

Commissioner Allen: No Comment.

Commissioner Glen: No Comment.


Commissioner McCabe: Hunting season is almost over, go get your moose.

Commissioner Scoggin: No comment

Commissioner Koan: Good work tonight. Thank you staff for all that you do. Sorry you are losing a planner.

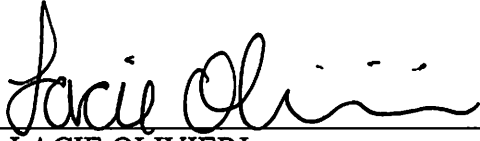
XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



C J KOAN
Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:



LACIE OLIVIERI
Planning Commission Clerk

Minutes approved: 10/7/24

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission's regular meeting was held on October 7, 2024, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. Chair CJ Koan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Planning Commission members present and establishing a quorum:

- Mr. Doug Glenn, Assembly District #1
- Mr. Richard Allen, Assembly District #2
- Ms. C. J. Koan, Assembly District #3
- Mr. Andrew Shane, Assembly District #4
- Ms. Linn McCabe, Assembly District #5
- Mr. Curt Scoggin, Assembly District #7

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Planning Commission members absent and excused were:

- Mr. Wilfred Fernandez, Assembly District #6

Staff in attendance:

- Mr. Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Director
- Ms. Lacie Olivieri, Planning Department Admin. Specialist/ Planning Commission Clerk

*Indicates that the individual attended telephonically.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Koan inquired if there were any changes to the agenda. The agenda was approved as written without objection.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Shane.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Regular Meeting Minutes: September 16, 2024

B. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING: QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

Resolution 24-30 A Conditional Use Permit In Accordance With MSB 17.67 — Tall Structures Including Telecommunications Facilities, Wind Energy Conversion Systems, And Other Tall Structures, For Six Meteorological Towers Up To 197 Feet Tall, Located On Little Mount Susitna, Within Township 15 North, Range 9 West, Section 5, Township 16 North, Range 9 West, Sections 16, 29, 32 And 33, And Township 16 North, Range 10 West, Section 13, Seward Meridian. (Applicant: Chad Allen For Little Mount Susitna Wind, LLC; Staff: Rick Benedict, Current Planner)

C. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING: LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

D.

Resolution 24-29 A Resolution Of The Matanuska-Susitna Brough Planning Commission Recommending Approval Of An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.73 To Clarify That Mobile Home Parks Are Not Permitted In The Matanuska-Susitna Borough. (Staff: Alex Strawn, Planning And Land Use Director)

GENERAL CONSENT: The consent agenda was approved without objection.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS - *(There were no committee reports.)*

VI. AGENCY/STAFF REPORTS - *(There were no Agency/Staff Reports.)*

VII. LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS - *(There were no land use classifications.)*

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following persons spoke: Rod Hanson, North Lakes Community Council, regarding Mobile Home Parks.

Audience participation was closed without objection.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING: QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

X. PUBLIC HEARING LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Resolution 24-28 A Resolution Of The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission Recommending Adoption Of The Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). (Staff: Alex Strawn, Planning And Land Use Director)

Chair Koan read the resolution title into the record.

Mr. Strawn provided a staff report.

Chair Koan opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke regarding Planning Commission Resolution 24-28:
Lorinda Moss, Ashley Staller, Rod Hanson

Chair Koan invited staff to respond to questions and statements from the audience.

Mr. Strawn stated he is able to answer any questions anyone might have.

Discussion ensued.

There being no one else to be heard, Chair Koan closed the public hearing and discussion moved to the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Mccabe moved to approve Planning Commission Resolution 24-28. The motion was seconded. by Commissioner Shane.

Discussion ensued

MOTION: Commissioner Shane moved a primary amendment to move 7th Summit Shooting Range from number 19 to number 9 on the CIP list. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Glenn.

Commissioner Allen objected.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Commissioner Allen opposed.

VOTE: The main motion passed without objection.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION
(There was no correspondence and information.)

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - *(There was no unfinished business.)*

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Items *(Staff: Alex Strawn)*
(Commission Business was presented, and no comments were noted.)

XV. DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Glenn: Good to see everyone.

Commissioner Mccabe: See you all tomorrow.

Commissioner Scoggin: No comment

Commissioner Shane: Thanks, everyone, for participating. Getting cold

Commissioner Allen: See you all tomorrow night.

Mr. Alex Strawn: Thanks to the community councils for participating and for everything they do.

Commissioner Koan: Another great meeting. Thanks, everyone.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.



C.J. KOAN
Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:



LACIE OLIVIERI
Planning Commission Clerk

Minutes approved: 10/21/24

By: Rick Benedict
Introduced: October 7, 2024
Public Hearing: October 21, 2024
Action: Approved

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 24-30**

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MSB 17.67 - TALL STRUCTURES, INCLUDING TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES, WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS, AND OTHER TALL STRUCTURES, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIX METEOROLOGICAL TOWERS UP TO 197 FEET TALL, LOCATED ON LITTLE MOUNT SUSITNA, WITHIN TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, SECTIONS 16, 29, 32 AND 33, AND TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST, SECTION 13, SEWARD MERIDIAN.

WHEREAS, Little Mount Susitna Wind LLC applied for a Conditional Use Permit to construct six 197-foot tall guyed meteorological towers on Little Mount Susitna; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose and intent of MSB Chapter 17.67 to enable the orderly built-out of wireless telecommunication infrastructure, wind energy conversion systems (WECS), and other tall structures while promoting the health, safety, and general welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, according to MSB 17.67, tall structures exceeding 125 feet in height are only permitted upon the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit; and

WHEREAS, according to MSB 17.67, unless this type of use is maintained under and in accordance with a lawfully issued permit,

tall structures exceeding 125 feet in height are declared a public nuisance; and

WHEREAS, the Borough issued a public notice for the proposed tower project that exceeded the requirements of MSB 17.03; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed this application, associated materials, and the staff report with respect to standards outlined in MSB 17.67; and

WHEREAS, according to the application material, the proposed meteorological towers are guy-wired monopole structures, each approximately 197 feet tall; and

WHEREAS, the proposed locations are not within a special land use district; and

WHEREAS, the proposed use is not within a community council boundary; and

WHEREAS, the nearest community council to the proposed tower locations is the Willow Area Community Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Willow Area Community Organization holds its meetings within the Willow Community Center; and

WHEREAS, according to the application material, the applicant held a public meeting at the Willow Community Center on June 3, 2024, from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the applicant provided the notice letter, address list, certificates of mailing, and the letters returned for the community meeting; and

WHEREAS, planning staff provided the applicant with the mailing addresses for property owners within a ten-mile radius of the proposed locations and the Willow Area Community Organization; and

WHEREAS, a certified mailing notification shows 110 notices were mailed to property owners and the Willow Area Community Organization on May 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the notification included a legal description and map of the proposed sites, a description of the proposed development, the date, time, and location of the informational meeting, contact name, telephone number, and address of the applicant, and a comment form created by the Borough with a deadline to submit comments and submittal options; and

WHEREAS, the application material contains a copy of the meeting sign-in sheet, a written report summarizing the comments received during the public meeting, and the applicant's detailed response; and

WHEREAS, according to the application sign-in sheet, three members of the public attended the public meeting; and

WHEREAS, according to the applicant, one written comment from a land owner in the notice area was received resulting from the public meeting notification; and

WHEREAS, the proposed tower sites are located on lands managed by the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the applicant provided a land use permit for the proposed tower installations, dated August 20, 2024, permitted by the Department of Natural Resources under LAS 34057; and

WHEREAS, according to the applicant, the purpose of the meteorological towers is to allow for the quantitative assessment of wind resources in the area to enable the development of a wind farm project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed meteorological towers' remote locations and the area's lack of privately owned property provide a natural buffer that helps to minimize the visual impacts on the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the six proposed tower sites are surrounded by undeveloped wilderness, and the nearest privately owned land is approximately 2.7 miles northeast of site LMS_Met_6; and

WHEREAS, according to the application material, the proposed towers are not visible from public parks; and

WHEREAS, the closest recognized trail is the Sleeping Lady Trail, approximately 5 miles east of the site known as LMS_Met_6; and

WHEREAS, the closest waterbody is Trail Lake, approximately 11 miles northeast of the site known as LMS_Met_6; and

WHEREAS, according to the applicant, detailed information about the six proposed tower site locations is described within the engineered site plans; and

WHEREAS, according to the applicant, the proposed tower sites are approximate and will be finalized upon acceptable ground conditions at each site; and

WHEREAS, according to the applicant, each tower will be installed within the section boundary identified in the engineered site plans; and

WHEREAS, according to the applicant, each tower will maintain a setback of at least the tower's height from the nearest section boundary identified in the engineered site plans; and

WHEREAS, according to the applicant, a maximum of one tower will be installed within Township 15 North, Range 9 West, Section 5; and

WHEREAS, according to the applicant, a maximum of one tower will be installed within Township 16 North, Range 9 West, Section 16; and

WHEREAS, according to the applicant, a maximum of one tower will be installed within Township 16 North, Range 9 West, Section 29; and,

WHEREAS, according to the applicant, a maximum of one tower will be installed within Township 16 North, Range 9 West, Section 32; and

WHEREAS, according to the applicant, a maximum of one tower will be installed within Township 16 North, Range 9 West, Section 33; and

WHEREAS, according to the applicant, a maximum of one tower will be installed within Township 16 North, Range 10 West, Section 13; and

WHEREAS, according to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's Regional Aviation System Plan Study (Phase II, May 2017), Flat Horn Lake is approximately 15 miles east of the site known as LMS_Met_8; and

WHEREAS, according to the application material, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) online "Notice Criteria Tool"

indicates the proposed meteorological towers and their corresponding locations do not exceed the FAA Notice Criteria; and

WHEREAS, according to the application material, the tower and its guy wires have been marked with FAA-compliant paint, guy guards, and marker balls; and

WHEREAS, according to the application material, the proposed meteorological towers will not be lit; and

WHEREAS, according to the application material, the proposed towers have been engineered with wind and ice load limits that meet the ANSI/TIA-222-G standards; and

WHEREAS, the applicant submitted a structural design report for the proposed towers, which contains certified drawings from Registered Professional Engineer Aaron Boonstra, licensed to practice in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, according to the application material, each site has adequate space for emergency vehicle access; and

WHEREAS, according to the application material, each site is accessible via helicopter for emergency response; and

WHEREAS, the requirements of MSB 17.67.090(A) and (C) do not apply because the proposed tall structure is a meteorological tower; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby adopts the aforementioned findings of fact and makes the following conclusions of law supporting approval of Planning Commission Resolution 24-30:

1. The proposed use meets the criteria to qualify for a Conditional Use Permit for the construction of six 197-foot-tall guyed meteorological towers (MSB 17.67.040(A)(1)).
2. The applicant has met the pre-application requirements for new tall structures that require a Conditional Use Permit (MSB 17.67.050).
3. The locations of the meteorological towers are such that their negative effects on the visual and scenic resources of all surrounding properties have been minimized (MSB 17.67.080(B)(1)).
4. Visibility of the proposed meteorological towers from public parks and trails has been minimized (MSB 17.67.080(B)(2)).
5. The proposed tall structures will not interfere with the approaches to any existing airport or airfield that are identified in the Borough's Regional Aviation System Plan or by the Alaska State Aviation System Plan (MSB 17.67.080(B)(3)).

6. The proposed towers will not be harmful to public health, safety, convenience, and welfare (MSB 17.60.080(B)(4)).
7. MSB 17.67.090(A) is not applicable to the proposed meteorological towers.
8. Adequate vehicle parking has been provided (MSB 17.67.090(B)(1)).
9. MSB 17.67.090(C) is not applicable to the proposed meteorological towers.

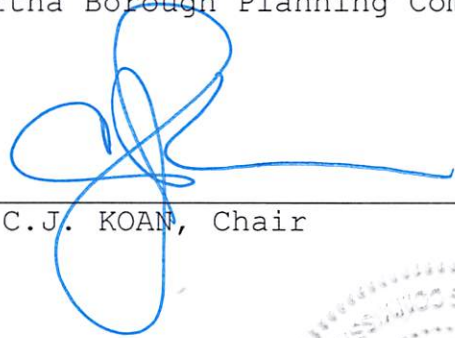
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby finds this application does meet the standards of MSB 17.30.060 and does hereby approve the Conditional Use Permit for six meteorological towers with the following conditions:

1. The operation shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.
2. Should the final location of any tower site deviate from the proposed location identified in the engineered site plans, the applicant shall confirm the FAA's determination of no hazard to air navigation applies to the particular site. The applicant shall use the FAA's online "Notice Criteria Tool" for each such tower and provide the Borough confirmation each such tower does

not exceed the FAA Notice Criteria within 30 calendar days of the tower's installation.

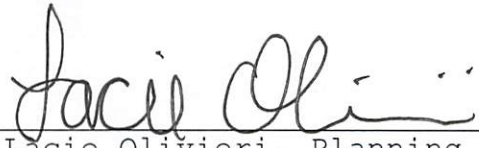
3. The applicant shall provide the Borough with the final coordinates of each tower site within 30 calendar days of each tower's installation.
4. The facility shall be removed at the owner's expense within 90 days after abandonment or termination of the permit in accordance with MSB 17.67.130(A)(1).
5. Authorized borough representatives shall be allowed to inspect the site and related records at reasonable times to monitor compliance with all permit conditions. Upon reasonable notice from the Borough, the permittee shall provide necessary assistance to facilitate authorized inspections (MSB 17.67.300(D) & (E)).

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission on this 21st day of October 2024.



C.J. KOAN, Chair

ATTEST



Lacie Olivieri, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)



YES: CJ Koan, Doug Glenn, Richard Allen, Andrew Shane, Linn McCabe,
wilfred Fernandez

NO: none

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Platting Board was held on September 19, 2024, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Assembly Chambers located at 350 E Dahlia Ave, Palmer, Alaska. Chair Johnson called the Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (by Administrative Specialist)

Platting Board members present and establishing a quorum:

- Mr. Ron Johnson, District Seat #1, Chair
- Mr. Brian Goodman, District Seat #2
- Mr. Eric Koan, District Seat #3, Vice Chair
- Ms. Michelle Traxler, District Seat #5
- Ms. Karla McBride, Alternate A
- Mr. Robert Hallford, Alternate B

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Platting Board members absent and excused were:

- Mr. Dan Bush, District Seat #4
- Mr. Sidney Bertz, District seat #7

Platting Board members absent were:

- Ms. Sandra Kreger, District Seat #6

Staff in attendance:

- Mr. Fred Wagner, Platting Officer
- Ms. Kayla Kinneen, Platting Board Clerk
- Mr. Matthew Goddard, Platting Technician
- Mr. Chris Curlin, Platting Technician
- Ms. Natasha Heindel, Platting Technician

B. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Platting Member Hallford led the pledge of allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Johnson inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

MOTION: Platting Member Traxler made motion to approve the agenda. Platting Member Koan seconded.

The agenda was approved unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- September 5, 2024.

MOTION: Platting Member Traxler made motion to approve September 5, 2024 minutes. Platting Member Koan seconded.

Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION & PRESENTATIONS

PERSONS TO BE HEARD (Three minutes per person for items not scheduled for public hearing)

(None)

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

5. RECONSIDERATIONS/APPEALS

(None)

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. ANCIENT TREE ESTATES B1 L4 SLEV**: The request is to vacate the 33' wide section line easement on the northern boundary of **Block 1, Lot 4, Ancient Tree Estates, Plat #82-89** excepting the west 86'. The property is located west of Mud Lake, south and east of E. Bogard Road, and directly north of N. Creekview Drive (Tax ID #2327B01L004); within the NW ¼ Section 06, Township 17 North, Range 01 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the North Lakes Community Council and in Assembly District #6. *(Petitioner/Owner: Hans Hanson / Crystal Investments LLC Staff: Matthew Goddard, Case #2024-090)*

Chair Johnson read the statement regarding Ex-Parte & Interest on quasi-judicial action into the record.

Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report:

- Stating that 57 public hearing notices were mailed out on August 27, 2024.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends approval with 9 conditions and 7 findings of facts.

Chair Johnson invited the petitioner/petitioner's representative to give an overview.

The petitioner's representative, Ken Anderson spoke.

Chair Johnson opened the public hearing for public testimony.

There being no one to be heard Chair Johnson closed the public hearing and invited the petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative to further discuss and answer any questions from the Board.

The petitioner/petitioner's representative chose not to speak.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Platting Member Traxler made a motion to approve the preliminary plat of Ancient Tree Estates. Platting Member McBride seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

- B. ALLIANCE COUNTRY HEIGHTS:** The request is to 19 lots from Tax Parcel D14 and Tax Parcel D4 (Parcel #1, MSB Waiver 97-45-PWm; and Parcel #1, MSB Waiver 95-22-PWm respectively) to be known as **ALLIANCE COUNTRY HEIGHTS**, containing 20.04 acres +/- . The subject property is located north of W. Parks Highway, east of N. Pittman Road, south of W. Karsten Drive, and directly west of N. Suzanna Street (Tax ID# 17N02W02D014, 17N02W02D004); within the SE 1/4 of Section 02, Township 17 North, Range 02 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Meadow Lakes Community Council and Assembly District #7. (*Petitioner/Owner: Alliance Construction LLC Staff: Natasha Heindel, Case #2024-093*)

Chair Johnson read the statement regarding Ex-Parte & Interest on quasi-judicial action into the record.

Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report:

- Stating that 78 public hearing notices were mailed out on August 27, 2024.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends a continuation to the October 3rd 2024 Platting Board Hearing.

Chair Johnson invited the petitioner/petitioner's representative to give an overview.

The petitioner's representative was not present.

Chair Johnson opened the public hearing for public testimony.

There being no one else to be heard Chair Johnson left the public hearing open and invited the petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative to further discuss and answer any questions from the Board.

The petitioner/petitioner's representative was not present.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Platting Member Traxler made a motion to continue the preliminary plat, Alliance Country Heights to the October 3rd Platting Board Hearing. Platting Member McBride seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

7. PLATTING STAFF & OFFICER COMMENTS

A. Adjudicatory (*if needed*)

B. Upcoming Platting Board Agenda Items

Platting Officer, Fred Wagner informed the board of upcoming items:

- There are 5 cases on October 3rd Platting Board Meeting.
 - Victory Gerwig
 - Katagnik Ranch
 - Glacier Heights Add 1 Lots 11A & 11B
 - Springs West
 - Alliance Country Heights

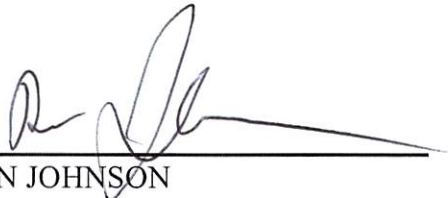
Platting Officer, Fred Wagner addressed the possibilities of the Platting Board being able to do site visits.

BOARD COMMENTS.

- Traxler- The sun is out.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Platting Board, Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 1:23 PM.



RON JOHNSON
Platting Board Chair

ATTEST:



KAYLA KINNEEN
Platting Board Clerk

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PORT COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 10, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

The regular meeting of the Port Commission was held in the DSJ Lower Level Conference Room and called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Port Operations Manager Dave Griffin.

Commission members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Dane Crowley

Mr. Fred Elvsaas

Mr. John Pike

Mr. Christopher Gerteisen

Commission members not present were:

Mr. Bryan Scoresby

Staff in attendance were:

Mr. Dave Griffin, Port Operations Manager

Ms. Valerie Hendrickson, Port Administrative Specialist

Mr. Joe Metzger, Asset Manager

Mr. Gregory Snell, Building Maintenance Specialist

There were no Assembly Members in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. The Port Commission approved the agenda as presented.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. The Port Commission approved the minutes from the following meetings:

- Regular Meeting, January 29, 2024

4. ELECTIONS

A. Chair – Mr. Dane Crowley elected as Chair.

B. Vice Chair – Mr. Fred Elvsaas elected as Vice Chair.

5. AGENCY AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Mr. Dave Griffin, Port Operations Manager

- Discussed nomination of Chair and Vice Chair.
- Outlined purpose and role of Port Commission.
- Discussed requirements for Chair and Vice Chair.
- Discussed length and terms of each Commission member.
- Introductions: New Port Staff

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- Welcomed Mr.Christopher Gerteisen, filling Seat 4 on the Port Commission.
- Presented a PowerPoint presentation of Port MacKenzie to Commissioners.
- Discussed history of Don Young Port rename and proposed State-run Port Authority.
- Considerable discussion among Commissioners about the benefit of a State-run Port Authority.
- Discussion of pros and cons on State and Federal management of Port Authority and whether this is in Port MacKenzie's best interest.
- Mr. Crowley spoke that a Port Authority could weaken our position.
- Mr. Metzger noted it would be in the best interest of the State and could benefit both Ports.
- Mr. Gerteisen mentioned a Port Authority could potentially get the Rail Extension built sooner and the possibility of a third-party company to do the construction.
- Group discussion of the role Unions could play in operation of a Port Authority.
- Mr. Griffin spoke of his presentation to the Transportation Committee? in Juneau during the Legislative session, and our efforts to counter the continuing misinformation still circulating with regard to Port MacKenzie.
- Mr. Griffin brought up ENSTAR's new interest for natural gas at the Port.
- Mr. Griffin pointed out the military has visited the Port fifteen times in the last twelve months and is eager for construction of the Rail Extension.

Commissioner Elvsaas commented about the lack of information on what Port MacKenzie is capable of, and thus should be marketed better.

Discussion followed on increased business, activity brings activity, reaching out to container shippers, other potential users of the port, mass mailings, contact information of potential customers from Commissioners, and starting a Media Campaign to highlight Port MacKenzie's exposure and benefit to the State.

B. Mr. Joe Metzger, Asset Manager

- Stated we have 3 permits and 1 lease in the Port District bringing in roughly \$17,000/month. Colaska has permits for the 2 warehouses, North Star Supply has a permit for 1 acre of the paved 5-acres pad to store salt and Central Alaska Energy (CAE) has a lease for 5-acres.

6. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

Discussion followed on location of the Knik Arm Shoal and how the Port of Anchorage accommodates vessels around the Shoal. Mr. Griffin brought up transportation corridors and proposed access. Commissioner Gerteisen brought up having a corridor to the Skwentna project, as it's gaining momentum, ready to break ground, and the potential to bring resource activity to Port

MacKenzie. Commissioner Pike discussed the pros and cons of trucking containers vs Rail cost and efficiency. Commissioner Gerteisen spoke of the metals potential from the Ambler project and how the Rail extension would allow projects up north to develop, bringing more activity to our Port District.

Chairman Crowley brought up the conveyor on the trestle and the lack of use for the last several years. He explained expanding the dock face out was always part of the plan, and that QAP used the conveyor system, designed to handle five commodities. There was discussion of bringing in another trestle and having a sling conveyor to completely fill the hold, and that it would work well for coal, gravel, wood chips and aggregate.

There was continuing discussion among all Commissioners about the lack of information on what the Port is capable of and that it should be marketed better. Chairman Crowley noted that Matson, for example, was unaware of Port MacKenzie and suggested Matson attend one of our meetings.

Mr. Griffin commented that ENSTAR and the military (DOD) munitions shipments are what's happening now, and that both parties would bring in their own infrastructure and pay for it. QAP plans to bring in cement every other year.

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. ADMINISTRATION AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Griffin gave a brief infrastructure update:

- Work is underway on the pile sleeve project
- Moving forward on acquiring a new crane and monster forklift
- Electrical upgrades
- Port security gates and cameras
- Improved signage
- Barge ramp – design project underway

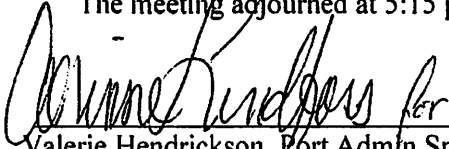
Mr. Griffen further mentioned he received positive feedback on the dock from stevedores and workers. Chairman Crowley spoke of keeping employees such as crane operators and stevedores in house rather than hiring from out of state.

General discussion among Commissioners on defining goals for the Port, one, three, five years out. Permits approved, equipment purchases, and getting grant funding is ongoing.

The Assembly approved a regular full-time position to assist the Port Operations Manager in the FY25 budget.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.



Valerie Hendrickson, Port Admin Specialist
Minutes Approved 10/7/2024


Chairperson, Dane Crowley

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PORT COMMISSION
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 24-001**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PORT COMMISSION
RECOMMENDING STAFF INITIATE A MEDIA CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE PORT
MACKENZIE.

WHEREAS, while Port MacKenzie is just over 20 years old, it
is still a relatively new port in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, there are many misconceptions about what Port
MacKenzie is capable of with some businesses and residents unaware
the port even exists; and

WHEREAS, the Port Operations Manager has been meeting
frequently with various company leaders throughout the State to
promote operations at Port MacKenzie; and

WHEREAS, the Port Operations Manager attends regular
conferences and seminars including the Alaska Association of
Harbormasters and Port Administrators, Alaska Partnership for
Infrastructure Protection (APIP), Resource Development Council
(RDC), the Alaska Alliance Support Industry, Meet Alaska, Cook
Inlet Harbor Safety Committee, among others; and

WHEREAS, the Port MacKenzie website was recently enhanced in
an effort to educate the public and businesses on what we have to
offer and are capable of; and

WHEREAS, a Facebook page devoted to Port MacKenzie was created
in 2023 to further promote the port; and

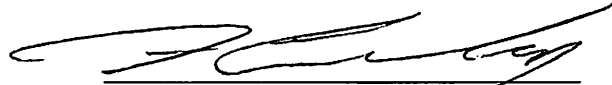
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WHEREAS, a professional media campaign to promote Port MacKenzie could reach the potential customers that our current systems are unable to; promoting economic growth and key critical infrastructure for Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Port Commission fully supports a media campaign to target specific audiences and promote Port MacKenzie.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Port Commission recommends staff initiate a media campaign to promote Port MacKenzie.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Port Commission this seventh day of October, 2024.



Dane Crowley, Chair

ATTEST:



Corinne Lindfors, Asst. Port Operations Manager

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SOUTH COLONY ROAD SERVICE AREA (RSA) 16

Dorothy Swanda Borough Headquarters Building

Clerk's Office Room #203

Meeting Minutes: July 10, 2024

Roll Call and Quorum

A quorum was established, with the following in attendance:

Rhonda Stark, RSA 16 Board Chair

Kelly Gordon, RSA 16 Board Secretary

Doug Sughroue, MSB Public Works O&M Division Road Maintenance Superintendent

Dustin Spidal, MSB Public Works Project Manager

Stephanie Nowers, MSB Assembly Member, District 2 (via telephone)

Call to Order

Attendees were called to order at 2:05pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Respectfully executed by all.

Agenda Review/Revision

The following two motions for change were proposed by Rhonda and seconded by Kelly:

Change the order of the items on the agenda, placing "Roll Call and Quorum" ahead of all other actions.

Add the intersection of Boyd and Palmer Fishhook to New Business.

Kelly moved to accept the changes and Rhonda seconded.

Approval of Minutes

Rhonda moved and Kelly seconded approval of the minutes of the April 10, 2024 meeting.

Persons to be Heard

There were none in attendance.

Staff Reports

Doug Sughroue:

-Reported grading is ongoing; brushing has been completed for the season and will resume in the fall.

-MEA and AK Directional are working on Arabian Lane.

-McKenna is a bit behind since gaining RSA 25; POs will be given once they have caught up with their new responsibilities.

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Dustin Spidal:

-Gave updates status on projects in the RSA

Chanlyut Circle – Project is expected to be completed by the end of this month.

Bel Air Estates – Project is complete.

Crimsonview Subdivision – Currently at 65% design, and moving into 95% design phase; perc tests complete; construction slated for 2025.

Kilkenny, Kildare, & Ravendale Drives, and Highland and Garret Woodson Circles – Design complete; utilities to start relocation once POs are in place (no updates since April meeting).

LeWalter Road, Twig, Tick, & Pace Circles – 65% design is complete; survey is being expanded to address flooding on Gunny Sack by tying in the drainage on Pace; working acquisition of Mr. Van Theil's property in order to advance to 95% design

Gunny Sack Road & Grover Lane – Part of repair now dependent on drainage plan for Pace Circle; ROW acquisitions in the works; 65% design complete; need to have face-to-face with residents affected by drainage easement; \$40K extra for Gunny Sack to Pace drainage.

Lady Slipper Lane – 95% design complete; working permitting with AKDOT&PF;

France Road to PW Hwy – Request for quote (RFQ) docs complete; engineer on board by August-will begin design then; projected 2025 construction dependent on assembly approval.

Hemmer Road Extension – 35% design complete; finishing geotechnical report

Edgerton Parks Road – Project advertised on Bonfire-closes late July for award by Assembly on August 20.

49th State Street – Engineers evaluating failing retaining wall for full impacts; negotiate with DOT before going forward.

Unfinished Business

Sand Storage:

Dustin reported the Borough Manager and Community Development denied the use of the Seldon site because it is too valuable to the core area. Stephanie will speak with people about the reasons this lot was denied. Another lot will need to be sought out and researched – possibly on Bogard across from the bus barn. It may be slated as the home of a new fire station. Another lot TBD.

Traffic Calming:

RSAs 16, 9, and 25 are in need of traffic calming. As this falls under Public Works, traffic calming requests should be incorporated in pre-design and engineering. Requests for traffic calming data need to be submitted before spring each year. The cost of a device that tracks speed as well as counts traffic is \$40K, which includes installation. Stephanie brought up

geofencing which uses cell phones to count traffic, presumably accurately and less expensive. She recommended utilizing Borough site to request traffic calming before submitting letter of resolution to the Assembly.

Flashing Speed Signs:

Dustin pointed out speed carts cost \$17-\$20K. The cost, hence the cart, can be shared by all RSAs. Doug reported two carts will be available as soon as the issue of missing keys is resolved.

New Business

- Congratulations to Dustin on his promotion to Public Works O&M Division Operational Branch Manager!
- Pot hole protocol: Use Problem Reporter or the Road Hotline all year long; inputs go directly to the crews per Doug.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be 2:00pm October 9, 2024.

Board Member Comments or Discussion

None

Adjourn

Rhonda motioned to adjourn, seconded by Kelly. Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.

Rhonda L Stark 10/9/24
CEO Quinn 10/9/2024
Kelly J. Gordon 9 OCT 2024



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Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2024 7:00pm
Upper Susitna Senior & Community Center

Establish Quorum – Ned Sparks, Richard Sayers, Clark Smith, Jessi Leach, Bryan Kirby & Sheena Fort.

- I. Call Meeting to Order – 7:01pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Meeting Agenda
 - a. Motion by: Jessi Leach
 - b. 2nd by: Sheena Fort
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion by: Clark Smith
 - b. 2nd by: Bryan Kirby
- V. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. Checking Account – \$5,240.91
 - b. Savings Account – \$4,229.93

VI. Persons to be Heard (suggested 3 minutes each)
a. Doyle Holmes wanted to thank the community for the support in voting in August.

- VII. Correspondence-
 - a. Marijuana License Renewals
 - b. Brewery License Renewals

VIII. Committee and Governmental Reports
a. Road Service Area (15 & 29) DJ McBride - (RSA15 Chairman)- Road projects in Caswell will end next month. At the next RSA15 meeting they will be discussing the RIP list, construction list and the road contract. Any small area projects ideas are welcome to be brought to the meeting. It will be Monday 14th at 630pm @ Sheep Creek Lodge. There is a Borough program for junk vehicle removal on private property. For questions call 907-861-8601 or request forms can be located on the Borough website.

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- b. Borough, Assembly- N/A
- c. State- State Rep. Kevin McCabe gave an update on the 2024 state legislative session.
- d. Fire District- N/A

IX. Old Business-

- a. Form a committee to develop emergency food procedures as approved in June meeting. (tabled until winter)

X. New Business-

- a. Election Committee- Sheena Fort, Jessi Leach & Ned Sparks seats are up.

Board Comment: N/A

XII. Adjournment- 7:56pm

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Regular Meeting of the Talkeetna Community Council
Monday, May 1, 2023 @ 7pm
Talkeetna Public Library w/ Zoom link
Minutes

1. Call to order at 7:01PM, Jodi R. Establish a quorum: __6__ were in attendance: Jodi R serves as Chair in Jon K's absence; Pam Y, Jeffry H, Maleia G, Krister B, Frannie C
2. __Pam Young__ will take the minutes
3. Approval of agenda – **Motion:** Maleia moves to approve agenda; Jeffry 2nds; discussion; add persons to be heard: Jok Bondurant; Michael Cozad & Richard Shear. **Motion:** Jeffry moves to approve the amended agenda and add persons to be heard. Krister 2nds; no discussion; all approve; motion passes.
4. Approval of Minutes from 4/3/2023 **Motion:** Maleia G moves to approve agenda; Jeffry 2nds, no discussion; all approve; motion passes.
5. Treasurer's Report – Frannie C. – See the Correspondence Packet. In the supplemental report the balance is \$14,027.90.
6. Out-of-Town Guest(s) : Kelsey Anderson, MSB Planner: Borough Comprehensive Plan – A new borough-wide comprehensive plan update entails multiple visits with community councils and key stakeholder groups. Go to: <https://msb-comprehensive-plan-update-msb.hub.arcgis.com/> Talkeetna issues: affordable and workforce housing; industrialized tourism; integrate existing community plans. Talkeetna has multiple community plans that will hopefully be reflected in the MSB borough-wide plan.
7. Correspondence – TCCI Letter supports Library seeking crosswalk from bike path.
8. Announcements: Snowshoe woods Subdivision, comment due by 5/19, Thriving Communities Grant - RurAL CAP closes 6/16, Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan extended to 5/15.
9. Persons to be heard:
Jok Bondurant – A car was implanted in a snowbank across from the Spur road. For safety, a speed step-down, similar to the bridge diversions, is recommended. Set the speed limit at 45 mph at Nichols Drive. Then, step down to 35 mph before the stop sign.

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Michael Cozad & Richard Shear re Comsat Quarry update – A lawsuit is moving through the court system. Plaintiffs dispute DNR's designation and want to close the quarry - it is within the park system. Concerns include contaminated wells and Christiansen Lake, speeding trucks, noise pollution, environmental damage, and poor air quality. Volunteers are needed to help manage documents and the website. Legal fees have cost \$53K. Donations are welcome. See <https://comsat-area-lakes-and-land-alliance-calla.ghost.io/>

10. Fire Dept. Report- Eric C – The fire danger is currently low. Experts expect a similar risk to last year. Talkeetna Fire will seek volunteers at a Moore's Hardware barbecue. Spring/summer/fall programs include making address signs, getting smoke alarm installation signups, and wildfire mitigation and fire-safe home plans. A normal monthly average of 16 calls/month has continued. Ronnie Wingate was promoted to Fire Chief. A general flood watch is in effect. Flood insurance is now more affordable. MSB and Talkeetna Fire partnered to accept a donation of a Zodiac-type boat that will improve the response plan.

11. Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board – No report

Talkeetna Road Service Area Report – John S – See report in Correspondence Packet - Proposed legislation to exempt cubic yards gravel, transportation infrastructure funding to upgrade Yoder Road (not paved, and a possible legislative grant to upgrade uncertified roads were discussed at the April 13 meeting. Calcium Chloride for road application to reduce dust will be purchased. The Beaver road gravel pit extracts est 400 cubic yards. Concerns about a lack of effective management will be shared with MSB.

12. Committee/Board Reports

- a. TPAC – no report
 - b. TRW – Cici S. - The new recycling cup is now available! Two thousand cups were ordered for coffee shops to offer. Cup users receive a discount on beverages. The successful Earth Day event included collecting eWaste. The summer cardboard collection with local businesses has begun. The Valley community for Recycling Solutions (VCRS) 25 year celebration includes music at the ski slope on June 4th.
 - c. Community Assistance Program (CAP) – Maleia has checks to deliver to recipients. An additional \$15345 grant will be added this Fall or next year – see New Business.
 - d. Comsat Quarry – Persons to Be Heard gave a summary report.
 - e. CERT – See the Correspondence Packet
- Technology Committee – Jeffrey - The Zoom invite will be streamlined.

13. Unfinished Business

- a. MSB Gravel Ordinance – re Assembly Ordinance OR 23_033. Ruth Wood attended and testified in support of the substitute resolution 2319 upgrade. The Planning Commission voted to support Resolution 2319 that would enact an advisory

administrative permit. This type of permit lacks the authority of a Conditional Use Permit. TCCI continues to oppose the ordinance. An appeal to the Board of Adjustments could be submitted. Krister offered to attend the May 16 meeting. **Motion** by Frannie: Submit an updated letter. Jeffry seconds; no discussion; motion passes.

- b. MSB Waterbody Set-Back Ordinance, OR-23-002 – Ruth W offered to track for when it comes up on the Assembly agenda.

15. New Business

- a. Supplemental Community Assistance Program (CAP) Fund Disbursement –

The committee will discuss whether to open applications and disburse funds in the fall

or next spring. Funds must be disbursed by the end of 2024.

- b. Chase Community Council Resolution to MSB re: Chase Trailhead Parking –

The

council asked TCCI to support their resolution. Wait to hear from person to be heard.

16. Board Comments

Jodi thanks Kelsey for her presentation. Listen on May 7th to the Blue Tarp and the elementary school's celebration of their collective art project.

Jeffry thanks Michael & Richard on behalf of CALLA and thanks Jodi for chairing tonight's meeting.

Maleia thanks all for coming for recycling report new ideas updates

Frannie thanks for lawsuit update; thank Eric Talkeetna fire important role

Krister thanks folks for stepping up and thanks persons to be heard for updating all on lawsuit.

Pam thanks presenters, persons to be heard, and meeting attendees for their participation and input and thanks Jodi for chairing this meeting.

- 17. Motion: Jeffry moves to adjourn, Maleia seconds, no discussion Adjourn 8:52 PM

Next meeting is June 5th, 7PM at Library.

To add items to the agenda, fill out and submit the Agenda Item Memorandum form.

Go to: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Li2AxfXIWTdMbz0q_Wviz897YTuZ9OeF/view

Approved by: Jon Korta, Chair Signed Jonathan Korta June 5, 2023

Attested to: Pam Young, Secretary Signed Pam Young

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**Regular Meeting of the Talkeetna Community Council
Monday, June 5, 2023 @ 7pm
Talkeetna Public Library w/ Zoom link
Minutes**

1. **Call to order.** Establish a quorum: __5__ were in attendance: Jon K, Pam Y, Krister B, Jodi R., Jeffrey H. Maleia G. and Frannie C. are both excused
2. __Pam Y__ will take the minutes
3. **Approval of agenda.** Jon K requested adding to New Business: Talkeetna recycling works check signer. **Motion** by Jeffrey H. approve agenda with New Business addition, Pam 2nd, no discussion, all approve, motion passes.
4. **Approval of Minutes** from 5/1/2023 **Motion** by Jodi, Jeffrey 2nd, no discussion, all approve, motion passes
5. **Treasurer's Report** – see Correspondence Packet.
6. **Out-of-Town Guest(s)** : Karrin Parker is the Itinerant Public Health Nurse for State of Alaska and is assigned to the entire MSB. The public health focus is on health promotion and a strategic plan for addressing substance misuse, disease prevention, immunization, maternal child health, and well child exams. In partnership with the Sunshine Clinic, Ms Parker makes referrals and strengthens community outreach with school clinics and senior centers. She invites input for including all community members, such as seasonal workers. Gaps in services, such as transportation and flu shots for elders, are addressed. Narcan kits are help for any opioid addiction and are free and available from the fire department and the clinic. Free training on use of kits is available, too.
7. **Correspondence** – see Correspondence Packet
8. **Announcements** – see Correspondence Packet
9. **Persons to be heard:** Mike Wood, Chase Community Council – Chase Parking
See the Resolution in the Correspondence Packet. Chase Community Council proposed a solution for dealing with abandoned vehicles. Up to 16 abandoned vehicles are in the parking lot and it's hard to find a place to park. A change in permitting and enforcement will help. The new proposed permit applies to a registered vehicle. Removal of abandoned vehicles is already taking place. The Chase Community Council asks TCCI to support their resolution.
10. **Fire Dept. Report** – Eric C – No call re Wildlands; 1 bldng fire, chicken coop, assisted Kaswell w barn fire; will have boat in the water in another month; contacted businesses who built wo fire marshal input; regardless of size must be reviewed by fire marshal, must get access letter fr fire department in case of emergency. new on applications, must have a lock box w set of keys fire dept has code to release lock and access keys. Reminders on bulletins – keep areas accessible. Tourist season is busy. Lower call volume during wet weather. Still short-staffed.

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11. **Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board (TWS)** – Drew, last 2 meetings, Amanda, might be \$4.75 million awarded for Talkeetna Sewer and Water, subject to veto; another meeting later in June or July. See info on KTNA blog. Representative Kevin McCabe – capital budget, approved \$4.75 million in a special session; 1199 people (>1000) qualifies for Safe Water Act funds. Public water point may be installed through DEC. Need to get grants/loans/applications in while funds are available. Provide well-testing, septic problems to Representative McCabe. Need 2 additional members; have 5 Board seats but only 3 members.

12. **Talkeetna Road Service Area (RSA)** – no report

13. **Committee/Board Reports**

- a. **Talkeetna Parks Advisory Committee (TPAC)** – Roger R – next meeting is July 17 at 630PM in Library; Whitney reported Happy Trails is doing work on the Ridge Trail. At least one small loop plus repairs. Keep dogs on leash in parks.
- b. **Recycling (TRW)** – Cici S - see report in Correspondence Packet; new recycled cups or in businesses throughout Talkeetna and help save on landfill waste. User discounts on beverages poured into recycled cups.
- c. **Community Assistance Program (CAP)** – extra application period this fall for disbursement in Spring. Council needs guidance to accept funds; wait on disbursement. Put on agenda to accept the funds.
- d. **Comsat Quarry** – Krister B - no report
- e. **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** – Bill W – see 3 reports in the Correspondence Packet. Stop-The-Bleed-classes were held and reviewed how to apply tourniquets and dressings.
- f. **Technology Committee** – The Zoom link is now more efficient.

14. **Unfinished Business**

- a. **May Day Trees Contract** – TCCI has a \$25,000 grant to remove invasive trees. Needed are lodging and another assistant to replace Kathy Trump. Let the contractor, Alien Species Control LLC, or Jon know.
- b. **Chase Parking Resolution** – see Correspondence Packet. **Motion** by Jeffrey: Support Chase Community Council resolution with the hope that other solutions are available for future consideration. Pam 2nd.
Discussion: It's unfortunate that some are unhappy with the proposed new parking plan. However, it appears that parking improvements are necessary. The Chase Council is open to suggestions and helpful alternatives. The issues of parking and abandoned vehicles are a general problem. There is another parking option near the train station. **Motion** by Pam, Support Chase Community Council resolution with the hope that other solutions are available for future consideration, Jeffrey 2^{nds}, all but Krister approve, Krister abstains, motion passes. **Motion** by Jodi – Suggest an assigned space for some folks. Pam 2nd, no discussion, Jon, Jodi, Jeffrey, Pam, approve, Krister abstains. Motion passes.

15. **New Business**

- a. MSB Capital Improvement Projects – **Motion Pam**, start subcommittee to fine tune the existing list of projects for TCCI approval, Jeffry 2nd, discussion: Pam will contact former subcommittee members, Jeffry will post contact information on the website and advertise the meeting details. All approve, motion passes.
- b. Talkeetna Recycling Works check signers – The Council must approve a new check signer. **Motion Jodi**, Approve Ellwood Lynn who is already a member as a check signer, Jeffry 2nd, no discussion, all approve, motion passes.

16. Board Comments

Krister is glad that the zoom and meeting attendance is working well.

Jeffry thanks Representative McKay and Ms Karrin Parker for helping Talkeetna get the services that we need.

Jodi appreciates everyone attending.

Pam thanks Karrin Parker for her presentation and Representative McKay for updates on water and sewer improvements.

From Representative McKay – legislative updates are available from Shonda Erickson, aid to legislator.

Jon thanks Representative McKay for being sensitive to Talkeetna’s needs and thanks Karrin Parker for partnering with Talkeetna and other communities.

17. **Next meeting** is Monday, July 3rd at 7PM at the Library. **Motion Jeffry**, Adjourn, Pam 2nd, no discussion, all approve, motion passes. Adjourn at 8:37

Approved by: Jon Korta, Chair Signed Jonahan Korta July 3, 2023

Attested to: Pam Young, Secretary Signed Pam Young

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**Regular Meeting of the Talkeetna Community Council
Monday, July 3rd, 2023 @ 7pm
Talkeetna Public Library w/ Zoom link
Minutes**

Preface: With a heavy heart, we have lost Arthur Mannix, a beloved member of our community.

1. **Call to order.** Establish a quorum: 6 were in attendance; Krister B. and Maleia G. on Zoom; Jon K, Pam Y, Frannie C. Absent: Jeffrey H., Jodi
2. Pam Young will take the minutes
3. **Approval of agenda – Motion** Pam Y approve the agenda; Frannie 2nd, no discussion; motion approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes** from 6/5/2023 – **Motion** Jon K approved minutes; Frannie 2nd; no discussion; motion approved.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Frannie C: CAP fund distribution; 3 checks not yet cleared; Maleia follows up via email. See Corresp Packet.
6. **Correspondence** – TCCI Letter to MSB Assembly in support of Chase Community Council parking. See Correspondence Packet.
7. **Announcements:**
New subdivision: Go to [Sculpin MSP](#) about a new subdivision in Talkeetna that just came in after the correspondence packet was put together, public comment due by July 26th). Contact Amy Otto-Buchanan with MSB platting @ 907 861-7872 or amy.otto-buchanan@matsugov.us

Another new subdivision – A condominium complex with an airstrip is near Baldy Lake, per KTNA reporting. See <https://ktna.org/2023/06/new-development-slated-for-baldy-lake/> Although this subdivision is outside the TCCI area, it may have a community impact because it is near Birch Creek. The airstrip crosses two section lines for roads and public use. There is no public comment or review process for proposed condominiums under Title 43. Rep Kevin McCabe will research the issue and get back to TCCI.
8. **Persons to be heard:**
Caitlyn Palmer expressed interest in building the skate park and will present information at a future TCCI meeting.
9. **Fire Dept. Report** – Chief Eric C.: July was a busy month with many calls, eg 5 calls in one day; no wildfire issues. Our crew is doing a great job on emergency responses. Just today, we resuscitated a 1 year old who couldn't breathe but is now ok. Thanks to the public health nurse, the Fire Dept offered Narcan kits and training with Talkeetna and Sunshine businesses.

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10. **Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board (TWS)** – Funds are allotted for new drinking water relocation. Water storage backup discussions are under way. See the KTNA article about moving the water tank and upgrading the storage and data systems. Distribution lines are a lower priority.
11. **Talkeetna Road Service Area (RSA)** – John S - see Correspondence Packet. Post-breakup conditions of yards and summer maintenance were reviewed. Calcium chloride (a road application that reduces dust) is available when needed. No updates on larger projects. Alaska Directional is repairing damage caused by errors in laying cable throughout the community. When new developments come on line, RSA may get a notice and look at easements and access but some issues of concern, eg dust/maintenance, may not be reviewed due to a limited timeline from the developer. RSA can review roadbuilding and may reach out to contractors as soon as they're certified. As new roads are added to the MSB inventory, more funding for maintenance, eg snow removal, is added to the contract.
12. **Committee/Board Reports**
 - a. **Talkeetna Parks Advisory Committee (TPAC)** – Roger R – no June meeting; next meeting is July 17 at 630 at the library. saw trail improvements; Whitney Wolff – phase 2 of trail project; Phase 2 redone; new longer trail flagged, final measurements, adhering to criteria with hiking plan; couldn't accommodate shorter trail; redoing route 12 and longer trail 13 nice views; scrapped shorter trail 16; hopefully get a grant to redo trail 16. We have a good quality contractor. Hopefully will build full project over time.
 - b. **Recycling** – see Correspondence Packet – Cici S – A new cardboard recycling cement pad was completed. Always looking for volunteers.
 - c. **Community Assistance Program (CAP)** – Maleia G – Fund recipients are encouraged to cash their checks. The CAP committee will meet to discuss the next funding round. From Representative McCabe: The governor vetoed a \$30 million general fund appropriation to the state's community assistance fund that will reduce next year's payments to cities and boroughs by one third. The legislature and the Governor funded the rest of the CAP from the supplemental budget.
 - d. **Comsat Quarry** – no report
 - e. **CERT** – see Correspondence Packet
 - f. **Technology Committee** – Zoom is working well. If there are problems with the website, send comments to the contact email and/or TCCI email.
13. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. **Waterbody Setback Ordinance 23-049** – TCCI submitted a letter opposing the plan to reduce the setback from 75' to 25'. The Planning Commission recommended rejecting the setback reduction. Assembly rejected. Next meeting is 18July.
Alex Strawn, MSB Planner, recommends forming a working group. The ordinance has been in place for 50 years. Overview: The 75' setback protects water quality in water bodies. The code requires habitable structures to be 75' back from a water body. Paving is ok all the way down to the lake. Since 1987, 760 homes were built too close to water

body lakes through out the Borough. Noncompliance effects financing and the ability to sell the houses. Related problems are wake-boat shore erosion and septic tank contamination. Under the proposed new code, both habitable and nonhabitable development may be set back 25' but must include a landscaping plan to capture/treat all runoff from any impervious surfaces eg riparian buffer and other features to treat run off habitable and nonhabitable. Without enforcement or land use permits, the code violations have increased.

The proposed working group would review the code and more clearly define conditions and terms eg structures, water body, riparian buffers. The working group may include representatives from the Assembly, Planning Commission, habitat partnerships, State Fish & Wildlife, and members of the public.

Motion, Frannie C submit another letter to the Assembly, keep the 75' setback; Pam 2nd; discussion; all approve; motion passes. Jon K will send the letter to the Assembly. Seek a TCCI representative to testify in person or by phone.

- b. Mayday Tree Mitigation work update – see Correspondence Packet. Take a picture of the work area and email a signed agreement to Tim at Alien Species. Proposed dates: 12 – 14 July, 18 – 21 July, or 14 August.

14. New Business

- a. MSB Community Cleanup Meeting Aug. 8th – Invite community councils to brainstorm on how to clean up communities. There is funding to remove abandoned cars, etc. Council reps and the public will join a round table discussion.

15. Board Comments –

Jon K – We grieve the passing of Arthur Mannix, one of Talkeetna's most loved members. Arthur would want us to remember how strong our community is and be there for each other.

Frannie C - Thanks Alex Strawn for attending and sharing information and thanks everyone for attending and for their participation.

Pam Y – Thanks Representative McCabe and Alex Strawn and everyone for their contributions tonight and expresses deep sadness for Arthur's passing. Our hearts are with the Mannix family.

Maleia G – Thanks Representative McCabe and Alex Strawn for attending tonight.

Krister B – The news about Arthur's passing was shocking and very sad. Arthur is one of the reasons that Talkeetna is Talkeetna.

17. **Motion to Adjourn** by Frannie C., Pam Y 2nd , no discussion, adjourn at 8:32 PM. Next meeting is Aug 7 at 7PM.

Approved by: Jon Korta, Chair Signed Jonathan Korta August 7, 2023

Attested to: Pam Young, Secretary Signed Pam Young

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Regular Meeting of the Talkeetna Community Council

Monday, August 7th, 2023 @ 7pm

Talkeetna Public Library w/ Zoom link

Minutes

1. **Call to order.** Establish a quorum: 5 were in attendance: Krister B, Jodi R, Pam Y, Frannie C, Jon K
2. Pam Y will take the **minutes**
3. **Approval of agenda** – Jon K: add Persons to Be Heard: Brian Robison, MSB Parks; Mike Canfield MSB public works water project; **Motion** by Krister add agenda items, Jodi 2nd, no discussion, motion approved and passed.
Motion by Jodie to add trail for jobs crew to amend agenda, 2nd by Krister, no discussion, all approve, motion passes. See New Business.
4. **Approval of Minutes** from 7/3/2023 – **Motion** by Jodi, Krister 2nd, no discussion, all approve, motion passes.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – see Corresp Packet; Talkeetna Recycling work for concrete pad was completed; PTSA check was received and should be deposited soon.
6. **Out-of-Town Guest(s)**: Jennifer Castro and Josh Craft, Matanuska Electrical Association (MEA) re: proposed Microgrid project for the northern valley - see handout in Correspondence Packet
MEA power costs are lower than the Pacific Northwest average. Hydropower helps keep rates low. The MEA Charitable Foundation grants funds to local communities. For example, Denali Arts Council received \$5,000 for stage lighting. The next application deadline is Sept 30. MEA is purchasing renewable power from the Willow and Houston solar installations that power 400 homes.
Many outages take 3 -4 hours to get back on line. Data analysis indicates that falling trees and/or heavy snow cause the majority of outages. MEA removes dangerous trees for free and encourages the public to notify MEA of any risks to power lines. From reporting to repair takes about 4 weeks. Grid improvements are ongoing, including relocating poles to optimal distances and locations. A micro-grid will help mitigate outages and operates with hydrokinetic devices that obviate the need for dams. MEA believes that undergrounding lines is too costly.
MEA's proposed microgrid project will help modernize the grid and mitigate outages. MEA submitted a preapplication for a \$5 million grant and hopes to apply by mid-October for the actual grant. Ms. Castro and Mr. Craft seek community levels of support.
7. **Correspondence** – DOT letter re proposed Library Crosswalk
8. **Announcements**: MSB Cleanup Meeting 8/8 @ 6pm – problem properties in lower borough; see Correspondence Packet; Jon will attend by Zoom.

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9. **Persons to be heard:** Brian Robison: Village Park plan for replacing village park pit toilet with a full service facility to be located south of the current location.

The Talkeetna community is invited to review the current Village Park plan - including history and past planning documents - and provide feedback and comments on August 11th during Live at 5. Brian and Marnie Sheldon, Talkeetna Chamber of Commerce, will provide information and invite public comments.

Mike Campfield, Engineer, Borough of Public Works – Talkeetna water system project

A nine year old study has been updated and shows the need to relocate Talkeetna's water system and improve storage and pressure. Available funds include federal \$1.15 million and state \$4.5 million. The new federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act makes additional funding available. The preferred new site is on state land near the airport. If permits are approved, construction will begin in 2025. A Summary report will be shared.

10. **Fire Dept. Report** – Chief Eric C – Thirty calls made July the busiest month in quite a while. Responses included major car accidents, 3 fire-related, and 2 search and rescue. Both rescues were due in part to failed communication devices. General advice: Bring functioning communication devices on your outings. The fire dept might have two new volunteers and new volunteers are always welcome.

11. **Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board** – no report

12. **Talkeetna Road Service Area Report** – Robert Gerlach - Meeting held 13 July; report from borough change order for sweeping Main Street 20 July; \$21,000 cost out of capital fund of borough operations; work on Woodpecker Road finalized; \$178,000 from restoration packages; \$250,000 under contract this year for 2 jobs: road service area and dyke repair. Extend the dyke, replace willow sprouts within existing riprap with DNR; RSA is contributing \$100,000; \$10,000 was contributed for design work. Lead in paint to be removed under TIP funding. Eligible for infrastructure funding; reconditioned gravel roads grind rocks to depth of 6"; big rocks are kicked into the ditch. Several roads were named for reconditioning. Barge Road is corduroyed with logs that are popping through the surface and will assess needs for repair. Alaska Directional is repairing damage to downtown roads and culverts. Calcium chloride was applied downtown on July 13th. Discussed Baldy Lake new building units and damage to Birch Creek Road and related costs.

13. **Committee/Board Reports**

- a. **TPAC** – Roger Robinson – see Correspondent Packet; completed ridge trail plan, 2 out of the 3 trails in the plan; completed re-route 12 and new non-motorized Route 13 trail; Route 16 not completed due to lack of funds. New trails are beautiful and user-friendly and multi-use for all 4 seasons. Happy Trails was great to work with. Working with Borough to update signage for trails. See TPAC motion in New Business. Next meeting Sep 18th.
- b. **Recycling** – no report – need more cardboard volunteers, contact Cici; new concrete pad for bailors was completed.
- c. **Community Assistance Program** – no report

- d. **Comsat Quarry** – no report
- e. **CERT** – see Correspondence Packet
- f. **Technology Committee** – no report

14. Unfinished Business

- a. **Formal Acceptance of Supplemental CAP Funds**
Borough released an additional \$15,000 that became available; waiting for feedback on timing for distributing funds; need to sign agreement to accept funds. CAP will notify whether to combine funds or submit new application of funds. General consensus, do one distribution in the Spring.
Motion by Jodi: Accept supplemental CAP funds \$15,345 Krister second, no discussion, all in favor, motion passes.

15. New Business

- a. Remote Log-in Problems for Google email – ongoing problem; per Jeffry there is a solution. When Jeffry returns, Technology Committee can suggest best option. Discuss moving to Google Groups. Change email. Old emails would be forwarded.
- b. From TPAC: **Motion** by Jodi R. As proposed and approved by TPAC, complete construction of non-motorized Trail # 16 by any of 3 options:
 - A. Apply to add trail #16 to MSB trail crew job schedule
 - B. Apply for a Mat Su Parks and Trails grant
 - C. Apply for a MSB general land use permit (this option does not include use of heavy equipment - only chainsaws/hand tools) and include trail # 16 in upcoming Ridge Trail signage update (indicate future trail or cover with sticker until complete); Krister seconded, discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

16. Board Comments

Krister thanks MEA, Brian Robison, and Mike Campfield for their presentations and thanks to all for attending.

Jon thanks all for attending thanks our in-person attendees.

Pam thanks all presenters and all attendees for attending.

Jodi thanks MEA and water systems funds presenters for their information.

- 17. **Motion** by Krister to adjourn, Jodi seconded, no discussion, all in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM. Next meeting will be 05 Sep 2023.

Approved by: Jon Korta, Chair Signed Jonahan Korta Sept. 5, 2023

Attested to: Pam Young, Secretary Signed Pam Young

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Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 @ 7pm
Talkeetna Public Library w/ Zoom link
Minutes

1. Call to order. Establish a quorum: _5___ were in attendance; Krister B., Pam Y, Jon K plus Frannie C & Jodi R. on Zoom
2. ___Pam Y___ will take the minutes
3. Approval of agenda – **Motion** by Krister, Pam seconds, no discussion, all in favor, approved, motion passes.
4. Approval of Minutes from 8/7/2023; **Motion** by Frannie moves, Krister seconds, no discussion; all approve, motion passes.
5. Treasurer’s Report is available on the website – all uploaded for 2023 including tonight’s report.
6. Out-of-Town Guest(s) : George Stanley, Chase Community Council, RR will present plan Oct 2nd to widen trainmen’s walk past the trestle. Water system upgrade info from Mike Campfield, Public Works Engineer, MSB
7. Correspondence – none
8. Announcements: Fire Hydrant Flush on 9/18; AKRR Open House Re: Mile 227.1 Trestle Upgrade Open House on 10/2 @ 4:30-6:30 at the Talkeetna Library
MSB Community Cleanup (follow up mtg) will be Oct. 24th. Trooper Annex office at Su-Valley High School seeks support from school district.
Cleanup issue is about discouraging illegal activities, cleaning up yards, and removing abandoned vehicles. Emergency preparedness training Sep 30 10AM -3PM
9. Persons to be heard: none
10. Fire Dept. Report – none
11. Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board – The first choice for new location for a new Talkeetna water source is near the airport; they expect to conduct testing soon.
12. Talkeetna Road Service Area Report – no meeting; new road superintendent – Seth Hanson (sp); all look forward to working well together.
13. Committee/Board Reports

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- a. TPAC – Roger R ; next meeting is 18Sep at Library at 6:30PM and Zoom
- b. Recycling – Cici S – rainy; recycling is down; need volunteers; next meeting is Sep 14 tentatively. MSB may get a glass crusher – it’s in the early stages. Is Elwood a signer for checks? Jon – yes, Bank needs minutes to approve that. Frannie & Cici will coordinate with the Credit Union at the end of October.
- c. Community Assistance Program -
- d. Comsat Quarry – Krister - State has a deadline to file a motion by Sep 15
- e. CERT – Bill W - see Correspondence Packet
- f. Technology Committee – Jodi R – The committee discussed email issues and activated the approved new email for Google groups. The new address is: connect@TalkeetnaCouncil TCCI will keep contact@ for at least one year and then all emails will migrate to ‘connect@’. Anyone can use ‘connect@’ any time. This only affects how council members communicate. The committee keeps the website updated.

13. Unfinished Business

Construction of New Restrooms in Village Park will take place later this September. See plans in the Correspondence Packet.

14. New Business

- a. Trooper Annex at SVHS – School leadership seeks a TCCI Letter of Support to have an Annex at SVHS. Troopers need a location for an office for their work. The principal encourages this connection with Troopers which fosters a sense of community. Discussion: What is the benefit of having a Trooper at the high school? Rep McCabe is happy to have a trooper come speak to the council. This would be similar to Palmer school district’s occasional presence of Troopers. There is support for having a trooper come to TCCI’s next meeting if there’s no deadline. A portable office may be installed for the Troopers. Fire station property is up there. **Motion** by Frannie - ask for more information from Troopers and High School Principal; Jodi seconds; discussion; all approve; motion passes. Jon will seek more information from the Principal and Troopers before the next meeting.
- b. Chase Community Council Resolutions re: AK RR Mile 227.1 Trestle Upgrade See Correspondence Packet; RR seeks to widen walkway from 47” to 50”. Chase objects to widening and asks TCCI to support their resolution. Chase wants to keep current width and avoid problems associated with widening the trail that would have more traffic, bigger trailers, more trail damage, and noise. Rep McCabe invites George and TCCI to email Rep McCabe about this matter. Megan Clemens, Rep for RR – External Affairs Director – This will be presented and discussed in the open meeting to be held prior to the October TCCI meeting. Detailed plans will be available. Twin goal: protect structural integrity and restrict walkway width to 47”; maintain community access; RR will work with the Chase community. The RR will have an open house from 430 to 7PM prior to the

October TCCI meeting in the Library. Construction will begin in late 2024. George for Chase C Council expressed appreciation for this information. of bridge will be protected with the 47" width. Another open house will be held in Talkeetna in February/March 2024 to make sure that the plan works for the community. Public comments related to the Bridge 227 project can be emailed to: info@arrcbridge227.com

- c. Council Seat Vacancy – According to TCCI bylaws, resignation is effective immediately, Jeffry Hess resigned as a TCCI Councilmember. The next vote is October. The seat can only be filled to the next election which is November ie 1 month time period. Therefore, it's proposed to wait until the November meeting. The Nomination Committee will offer candidates in October. Several seats are up for re-election. TCCI seeks a nomination from any member.

15. Board Comments

Jon thanks Jeffery Hess for 1 year term and most of a 2nd year. We appreciate his valuable tech help and will miss Jeffry. We invite nominations for community council member. Thanks Reb McCabe for his regular reports and frequent attendance. Krister thanks George for attending on behalf of Chase Community Council, thanks Megan and Tyler for attending on behalf of the RR, and Rep McCabe for his attendance.

Jodi thanks all for attending, wishes happy Autumn to everyone, and looks forward to next month's presentation

Frannie thanks all for coming

Pam thanks attendees and Rep McCabe, Tyler, Megan, George for their presentations.

- 16. Adjourn **Motion** by Krister, Pam seconds, no discussion, all approve, motion passes.
Meeting adjourned at 8:16PM
Next meeting is Oct 2nd at 7PM at the library

Approved by: Jon Korta, Chair Signed Jonathan Korta Oct. 2, 2023

Attested to: Pam Young, Secretary Signed Pam Young

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Regular Meeting of the Talkeetna Community Council

Monday, October 2nd 2023 @ 7pm

Talkeetna Public Library w/ Zoom link

Minutes

1. Call to order. Establish a quorum: __Frannie C, Jon K, Pam Y, Krister B, Jodi R, Maleia G were in attendance
2. ___Pam Y___ will take the minutes
3. Approval of agenda – **Motion** to approve agenda, seconded, no discussion, motion approved
4. Approval of Minutes from 9/5/2023 – **Motion** to approve minutes, seconded, no discussion, motion approved
5. Treasurer’s Report – Frannie C: See Correspondence Packet
6. Out-of-Town Guest(s) : RR Tyler Tubbs, Project Manager
The bridge replacement project will safely and securely maintain bridge integrity for the Chase and Talkeetna communities. They will replace floor beams under the truss. The walkway will remain a 47”. Construction time is May – September. Noise constraints will be in effect. Work hours begin at 7AM. Comments to info@arrcbridge227.com are due Nov 1, 2023.
7. Correspondence – TCCI Letter to School supporting Trooper Office
8. Announcements:
 - AK Governor declared a state of emergency re Talkeetna flooding. Hence, more funding may be available and the state and borough can work with USACE.
 - Land at Comsat Storage was reclassified so it can be used as Fire Station 11-1 (currently located downtown). Expect an official notice for public comment.
 - Kathleen Fleming seeks Council Election Volunteers.
Please contact Kathleen Fleming (907) 414-0041
9. Person to be heard: June Okada, Energy Coordinator, Susitna River Coalition – SRC is a small nonprofit coalition in Talkeetna which protects the SR watershed, wildlife, and ecosystem. Energy announcements: Tues Oct 10 6PM REAP will host an Energy Webinar on ways to winterize homes, reduce energy, conduct home assessments, and participate in rebate programs. On Oct 26 at 6PM movie night, the Sheldon Arts Center will feature a Patagonia film on power and energy and other documentaries.

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On Nov 1st 6PM, the public is invited to a webinar on river restoration and mitigation
Go to the SRC website or Facebook page or contact June at june@susitnariver.org
A follow up from TCCI September's MEA microgrid presentation: funding is needed.

10. Fire Dept. Report – Chief Eric Chappel

The Department received 28 calls or about 1/day; 18 calls in September included updates on the river bank erosion issue. Chief Eric regularly submits status updates to MSB's emergency dashboard. The Borough installed several tons of rocks to build up the revetment. Two firefighters attended upper level training. Five trainees are in the Emergency Trauma Technician program and will be instructors beginning in February. Some firefighters are attending an Officer One class. The Department seeks funding to relocate the Fire Station out of the flood zone and into the Comsat Storage area and remain within the requisite five mile circle of the downtown area. Emergency flood update: At the end of the Village Strip, the river took out land and bank shoreline. All the rivers moved so much sand this summer that some areas are no longer accessible. Dike depth is about 42' and the revetment is about 32' deep. Chief Eric regularly monitors the banks during high water events and asks the community to notify him by phone of flooding.

Jon spoke with Taunnie Boothby, Borough Planning Engineer, who works with USACE. This season's flood danger is past. Work continues on the revetment.

11. Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board no report – still need committee members

12. Talkeetna Road Service Area Report – John S

Next meeting is Oct 12 via Zoom; contact John S if you wish to join the meeting. The contractor repaired the culverts that Alaska Directional damaged near the museum.

13. Committee/Board Reports

- a. TPAC – see draft report; next meeting is Nov 20th at Library and on Zoom; volunteers are invited to remove reed canary grass (invasive species); seed pod removal can take place as winter approaches.
- b. Recycling – Cici S. The 'free dump' time was popular; had to close dump early.
- c. Community Assistance Program – no report
- d. Comsat Quarry – no report
- e. CERT – Bill W - see Correspondence Packet reports.
- f. Technology Committee – Jodi R – no meeting; our new 'connect' email is working great.
- g. CIP Committee – Pam Y. – The Committee reviewed existing proposed projects under the Comprehensive Plan. Capital Projects need funding and a project advocate. Please review the criteria that was shared in a previous TCCI meeting.

Talkeetna's Comprehensive Plan is 20 years old. Park plans were mentioned in the Comp plan. The proposed project list will be posted online. The community is invited to review and comment on the list.

14. Unfinished Business

- a. Chase Community Council Resolutions Re: AK RR Mile 227.1 Trestle Upgrade
See Out of Town Guest: Tyler Tubbs, AKRR

Motion by Krister : support Chase resolution, Jodi seconds, discussion: the walkway will remain at 47"; emergency services would like it to be larger to gain access for patient safety; removable bollards were discussed. Representative McCabe raised concerns of a lawsuit for intentionally limiting public access by applying bollards in using federal funds.

Motion support Chase resolution: Five in favor, Frannie abstains. Motion passes.

15. New Business

Nominating Committee Candidate Approval – There are presently 4 open seats and 3 campaigning candidates. A 1 year seat was vacated by Jeffry H. The committee canvassed for new candidates and welcomes Kai (Leddy) Leds to run for the vacant seat. Leddy is a musher in Talkeetna for 5 years looks forward to joining TCCI.

16. Board Comments

Frannie is excited that Leddy is running for council.

Jon thanks Chief Chappel for their services, appreciates how busy they are in addition to the river watch, and is glad for new recruits; thanks Kathleen for running the elections.

Jodi thanks AKRR for their presentations; RR is big part of the community; thanks Chief Chappel; it's exciting to think about the relocation; Halloween is coming up be aware; Krister thanks Rep McCabe for attending and for comments on RR issues.

Pam thanks RR representatives and June Okada for their presentations and for all who attended and for their comments.

17. **Motion** to Adjourn by Jodi R, seconded by Maleia G. No discussion. Motion passed Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM. Next meeting is November 6.

Approved by: Jon Korta, Chair Signed Jonahan Korta Nov. 6th, 2023

Attested to: Pam Young, Secretary Signed Pam Young

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Regular Meeting of the Talkeetna Community Council

Monday, November 6th 2023 @ 7pm

Talkeetna Public Library w/ Zoom link

Draft Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order. Establish a quorum: 4 were in attendance: Jon, Jodi, Frannie, Krister,
2. Jodi will take the minutes
3. Approval of agenda - Jon added Joe Page to Persons to be Heard. Krister moves to approve the agenda with the addition; Frannie second; all approve, motion passes.
4. Approval of Minutes from 10/2/2023 - Jodi moves to approve the 10/2/2023 minutes; Frannie seconds; all approve, motion passes.
5. Treasurer's Report - Frannie. There was a deposit from the borough for an additional round of CAP fund on Oct. 19 for \$15,345.00. Per the Memorandum of Agreement, the fund need to be expended before Dec 2024. These funds will be disbursed in the spring along with the next round of CAP grants.
6. Out-of-Town Guest(s) : Kelsey Anderson/Mike Campbell from MSB re: crosswalk at TKA Library - Mike discussed the project from a conceptual point of view...they have design ideas, but a final has not been nailed down. The crosswalk is part of the MSB Bike & Pedestrian Plan. Peg Voss (Friends of TKA Library) and Maleia (TCCI) met with Mike last week to discuss the plans. Kelsey from the MSB Planning Dep't mentioned that a culvert is needed through the ditch. The whole project needs DOT approval since the Spur is a state road, which adds to the cost. A push-button flashing crosswalk will be needed (due to the high speed limit).

Mike estimates the project will cost from \$60 - \$75K. Funding sources were discussed - if borough-funded, the project will cost more (Davis-Bacon wages); if locally funded, then it could cost less and there would be more flexibility on hiring.

There were many questions about the location of the crossing...due to the hill and high speed limit. The location will impact the cost. DOT will have the final approval. Ideas were discussed including the crosswalk being located south of the driveway. Striping of the Spur is uncertain.

Next steps: Mike will write up a document with projected costs. He will use the document to get grants. DOT permit and permission are needed right away. The

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borough will apply for the permit, but it is unclear who the permit would go to; it depends on where the funding comes from. He will check on the striping and other aspects of the project from the state.

It was mentioned to remember to include maintenance costs in the project price and to ensure it's clear who is responsible for maintaining the crosswalk, path, and (potential) lights.

7. Correspondence - sent with the email and available on the TCCI webpage. Accidentally omitted was the TCCI letter to the AKRR supporting the Chase concerns regarding the Trainman's Walk design and a thank you letter from the family of the man who passed away in the Village Park this past summer. They were incredibly appreciative of the emergency response personnel who responded and the all the support they received from the community in general, and wants to gift an AED to the town park. From their letter, "In grateful appreciation for the help, hard work and compassion of your residents and the visitors to your area, the family and friends of Art Vincent would like to present the Village with a portable Arterial External Defibrillator (AED). Please keep it in a place that is visible, accessible and convenient for everyone, as a token of our appreciation and as a memorial to our loved one. We pray that you will never need to use this gift, but hope that if you ever need it, a life might be saved."
8. Announcements: Mat-Su Transportation Fair will be held on November 9, 3 to 7 pm at the Menard Center; Waterbody Setback Advisory Board
<https://matsugov.us/boards/waterbody-setback-advisory-board>

The borough is stepping up issuing fines for putting snow in roads - for questions, call MSB Permit Center at (907)861-7822.

State of Alaska has grants available for fuel/energy assistance. Applications are available at <https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/hap/default.aspx>. For more information email hss.dpa.offices@alaska.gov.

MSB has put out a competitive bid for a land sale of 17 acres off of S. Red Tail Rd. Information and maps are in the correspondence packet. The land sale is slated to take place in May 2024.

9. Persons to be heard: Joe Page

Joe is speaking on behalf of Denali Arts Council. He is inquiring about (and possibly requesting) getting a DAC building addition added to the Talkeetna capital project list.

The Community Arts Hangar was constructed with plans for additional space on the west side of the building. Art Mannix created the plans for the Hangar, and the original plans include a foyer, kitchen, offices, small performance space, and a green room for production. The plans include all plumbing, heat, and electrical configurations. DAC will launch a fundraising campaign to start this project...there is need for the additional space and DAC has been wanting to do it for a long time.

Jon recommend that DAC writue up the plan with details and projected costs to present to the committee. There is a form to get the project on the Community Improvement Plan (CIP). The request to the borough should come directly from DAC with TCCI support.

10. Fire Dept. Report - Chief Chappel was not available. Jon mentioned that the paperwork regarding the moving of the fire station to the land adjacent to the library has been submitted. Public comment closed on Oct. 24. If folks have questions, or want to discuss the project, they can contact Lisa Gray, Land Management Agent at (907) 861-7848.

11. Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board - no report

12. Talkeetna Road Service Area Report - John Strassenburgh reported that the reconditioning of Yoder and other roads has been completed. There is a new topping for roads called Permazine they are testing on Lower Barge. They will compare the new material with a section of Jean St. that is being treated with calcium carbonate.

Fall grading and brushing is complete. Financing is secured to pave .75 miles of Woodpecker. Yoder Rd appeared on a borough bond list, which was a surprise to the RSA board.

They hope to finalize their road improvement project list at the next RSA meeting this Thursday, Nov. 9th via Zoom.

13. Committee/Board Reports

- a. TPAC - Roger Robinson reported. "We did not meet in October but our next meeting is Monday November 20th via Zoom and in person, to be held at 6:30pm in the Talkeetna library. The agenda will be available by Saturday Nov 18th. For more information contact Roger Robinson at tpac@talkeetnacouncil.org"

- b. Recycling - Cici Schoenberger reported. They met at the end of September and welcomed new committee members and still need a couple more committee members, plus a TCCI council member.

The reusable cup project was a success. They ordered 2000 cups and have 500 left. Some of the vendors selling the cups sold out. Did the reusable cups save on the amount of cup trash generated? Who knows, but the initiative is worth the effort.

Cardboard recycling remains a struggle (lack of volunteers). The entrance to the transfer stie needs to be upgrades to improve flow.

In the works is a community compost pile. They are not sure where or how the compost will be distributed, but are excited for the opportunity.

The borough is slated to purchase a glass pulverizer that will live at and be operated by Valley Community for Recycling Solutions (VCRS). TRW would send glass to VCRS to be pulverized. VCRS would then send the glass sand back to us for use in the community. This pulverized glass can be used as traction sand and is a good mix for the compost and gardening.

Reminder that recycling will not open during cold weather days/events. If it is zero or colder at 11 am at the transfer station, then recycling will not open. People should NOT call the transfer station...Cici will post on Facebook and KTNA whether recycling will be open or not. Geri D. suggested that people could call the library to find out; they are happy to help get the information to community members.

The next TRW meeting is tomorrow, Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 4:30 pm.

- c. Community Assistance Program - meetings will not start up until after the first of the year. The supplemental funds that were recently deposited will be distributed during the spring cycle.
- d. Comsat Quarry - no report
- e. CERT - report was emailed and is in the correspondence packet
- f. Technology Committee - has not met and is down to just Jodi. Both Kirster and Leddy volunteered to step up and help. The email and Google Groups are working great, but everyone would like to see a formal agreement established

with a professional to oversee our website and technology needs.

- g. CIP Committee - add DAC to the list? What is on the list and what needs to be formally moved forward? This committee needs a champion.

14. Unfinished Business - none

15. New Business

- a. Appoint Election Officials for Ballot Counting - Laura Wright, Maureen Gualtieri, and Jon Korta are willing to count ballots at 8 pm tomorrow night.

Frannie moves to appoint Laura, Maureen, and Jon to count votes on Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 8:00 pm. Krister seconds. All approve, the motion carries.

16. Board Comments

17. Adjourn - Frannie moves to adjourn; Krister seconds; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m

Next TCCI meeting is Monday, Dec. 4 at 7:00 pm at the Talkeetna Public Library and on Zoom.

Approved by: Jon Korta, Chair



Jan. 2, 2024

Topic: TCCI Inc.'s Zoom Meeting

Time: Monday, December 4th, 2023

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4503105937?pwd=RIFWbnRseUM3bzMyRzFIUitnb1hodz09>

Meeting ID: 450 310 5937

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CLERKS OFFICE

**Regular Meeting of the Talkeetna Community Council
Monday, December 4th 2023 @ 7pm
Talkeetna Public Library w/ Zoom link
Minutes**

1. Call to order. Establish a quorum: __Pam Y, Frannie C., K. Leddy online; Jon K, Jodi R, Krister B., Maleia G. _7_ were in attendance
2. ___Pam Y___ will take the minutes
3. Approval of agenda – **Motion** by Maleia to approve agenda w addition to hear person to be heard; Krister seconds, no discussion, all approve, motion passes.
4. Election of Officers (Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) – **Motion** by Krister to approve officers: Chair Jon K., Co-Chair Jodi R., Secretary Pam Y., Frannie C, Treasurer, Leddy seconds, no discussion, all approve, motion passes.
5. Approval of Minutes from 11/6/2023 – Motion by Krister, Maleia seconds, Discussion: spell correction and updated email address for John Strassenburgh; all approve, motion passes.
6. Treasurer's Report – Frannie C -- Draft year-end report submitted along with balance statement. Jodi thanks Frannie for great Treasurer reports. Direct link to the TCCI treasurer reports and Year End Reports on the TCCI website. These can also be found by clicking on "Finance" tab on the TCCI website.
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14p66VqBJY65BjzkNNY2_kr2kdPvFK0E4
7. Out-of-Town Guest(s) - none
8. Correspondence - none
9. Announcements: AMCO liquor license renewal Talkeetna Alaska Lodge; see Correspondence Packet
10. Persons to be heard: Forrest Cook, spokesperson for Friends of Benka Lake, presented the most recent events in the ongoing effort to regain public access to Benka Lake. History: In the summer of 2022, private landowners installed a fence that blocked Lake access near Yoder Road. MSB tried to remedy situation but the problem remains and the land owners assert their right to put a fence. In July 2023, Susitna CC approved the formation of the Benka Lake Access Committee. Forest is co-chair. Their goal is to take action to gain lake access. They recently challenged the legality of the fence in a filed lawsuit. They seek TCCI support via

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letters to officials to strengthen their cause. TCCI invites the group to present information for the Council to review. Please use the form from the TCCI website. It will be a new business agenda item. For more information, see the news report at <https://ktna.org/2023/10/friends-of-benka-lake-file-official-complaint/> and visit the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/benkalake/>

11. Fire Dept. Report – Chief Eric Chapel – in Fire Officer class for 3 months 4 days/week; 13 calls; winter slow season; significant call – military convoy that lost control on road; minor fuel spill; blocked road for many hours; uptick in northern valley of people falling off roofs; be safe; 911 outages – didn't work for a couple hours; resolved w posted number that gave a line to Fairbanks dispatch which sent to Wasilla dispatch; working on ways to resolve problem. No direct impacts to Talkeetna area. After 6 rings, the call goes to Eric's cell phone; he answers 24/7. Officer training; fire safety training done with CERT – 20 people in the class. Good response; October was Fire Awareness Month gave presentations with kids at elementary and high schools. Uptick in CO calls. Free CO detector installation available.
12. Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board – no report
13. Talkeetna Road Service Area Report - John Strassenburgh – see Correspondence Packet. At their Nov 9 meeting, RSA passed the road improvement project list: Purchase/application of Calcium Chloride; Woodpecker Road improvements will go out to bid in January and be completed next summer. The next meeting is Jan 11, 2024.
14. Committee/Board Reports
 - a. TPAC – Roger R. - meeting canceled due to power failure; next meeting is Jan 15 at library at 6:30 and on Zoom; Village Park update: crew is working on a new restroom.
 - b. Recycling – Cici S – An informal meeting will be Dec 5; following up on cardboard & cup projects. Pending approval, hoping to resume recycling will hopefully resume at the Post Office. Educating the public to separate office paper from other papers is ongoing. Cici attended an award ceremony - EPA grant to MSB. Expect changes for the Talkeetna Transfer site in April 2024. When outdoor temperatures or windchill is below 0, Recycling closes.
 - c. Community Assistance Program – Maleia G – no activity
 - d. Comsat Quarry – Krister B. – no activity
 - e. CERT – Bill W. – see Correspondence Packet
 - f. Technology Committee – Jodi R – At an informal meeting with Leddy and Jeffry, Google Groups was cleaned up; Jodi and Leddy will make procedure manual. We should have a technology assistant who makes sure reports and packets are updated on the website. Website; grant to TCCI to hire someone for website; still

requires communication monitoring. Should a councilmember have a technology role? Leddy has a list of what needs to be updated/changed on the website. Funds are not restricted. Leddy is invited to submit list to Council members. Should TCCI have social media account? Needs to be monitored. See what other CC's have done. Set up a social media page so that it's informational. Make it a New Business item for future meeting. Request that the Technology Committee bring a formal action item to the next meeting. Address need to review/store archived files and historic documents.

g. CIP Committee – no activity – Pam Y

15. Unfinished Business - none

16. New Business - none

17. Board Comments

Krister B – Thank you to everyone who attended and happy holidays.

Jodi R – Welcome Leddy and happy holidays.

Maleia G – Happy Holidays and thanks for everyone's comments.

Frannie C – Welcome, Leddy and happy holidays.

Pam Y – Thank you to everyone who attended and happy holidays.

K Leddy – Thank you for this opportunity to serve as your new Councilmember and happy holidays.

Jon K - Thank you for a full attendance and happy holidays.

18. Adjourn Jodi move, maleai 2nd no discussion motion passes adjourn at 8:12 PM

Approved by: Jon Korta, Chair Signed Jonahan Korta Jan. 2, 2024

Attested to: Pam Young, Secretary Signed Pam Young

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Regular Meeting of the Talkeetna Community Council
Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024 @ 7pm
Talkeetna Public Library w/ Zoom link
Minutes

1. Call to order. Establish a quorum: 5 were in attendance: Jon K., Krister B, Pam Y by Zoom, Maleia G, Kai Leddy
2. Krister, then Pam will take the minutes
3. Approval of agenda – **Motion**, Second, no discussion, Agenda Approved.
4. Approval of Minutes from 12/04/2023 – **Motion**, second, no discussion, Minutes approved.
5. Treasurer’s Report – See Correspondence Packet
6. Out-of-Town Guest(s) - none
7. Correspondence - none
8. Announcements: See Correspondence Packet
9. Persons to be heard: none
10. Fire Dept. Report – Eric Chapel – There were 2 chimney fires that had needed cleaning. Reminder: Please clean out the creosote. One major car accident involving teens; no fatalities. 2 Carbon Monoxide calls in Trapper Creek area – one person hospitalized. Reminder: Please get CO detectors. Test them monthly; Two CO alarms were installed this month. For 2023, the Fire Department answered 195 total calls. 2023 was the safest year for Talkeetna Sunshine area. There were 38 fire related calls as well as auto accidents and medical assists. Hiring is in progress and are interviewing candidates. People can also check for Radon via University of Alaska. Go to:

<https://www.uaf.edu/news/free-radon-test-kits-workshops-offered-during-national-radon-action-month.php>
11. Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board – no report; meeting is Jan 3rd at Library at 6PM. Ryan Sheldon is attending.

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12. Talkeetna Road Service Area Report – John S – Didn't meet and no report

13. Committee/Board Reports

- a. TPAC – Roger Robinson - no meeting; will meet Jan 15 in Library and on Zoom at 6:30
- b. Recycling – Cici S – no recycling during sub-freezing temperatures; Tues and Saturday; need more volunteers
- c. Community Assistance Program – no report
- d. Comsat Quarry – oral arguments will be held soon; going to judge in January
- e. CERT – Bill Was - See Correspondence Packet
- f. Technology Committee – no report

14. Unfinished Business - none

15. New Business

- a. Appoint Chair for Technology Committee – **Motion** by Maleia Make Kai Leddy the Technology Chair; Krister seconded; no discussion; all in favor; motion passed. Kai Leddy is the Technology Chair.
Action items for Technology Committee will be discussed in coming meetings.–

Comment: Recommend circulating letters. They're always in the Correspondence Packet. Ask Tech Committee to post letters to the TCCI website and make publicly available via Google drive.

Social media presence discussion: Other community councils have social media accounts. TCCI can share info on our Facebook page.

16. Board Comments

Jon – Happy New Year; we were lucky that the auto accident wasn't more serious; maybe reduce speed limit in that area past the high school.

Krister – Thank you Leddy for Chairing the Tech Committee

Maleia – Thank you for attending; nice to see people.

Pam – Thank you Leddy for being the new Technology chair and thank you for everyone's attendance.

Kai Leddy – Thanks for emergency services, very impressive report.

17. Next meeting is Feb 5

Motion to Adjourn by Maleai , Leddy seconds, no discussion, all approve; meeting adjourned at 7:43PM.

Approved by: Jon Korta, Chair Signed Jonathan Korta Feb. 5, 2024

Attested to: Pam Young, Secretary Signed Pam Young

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CLERKS OFFICE

Regular Meeting of the Talkeetna Community Council
Monday, February 5th, 2024 @ 7pm
Talkeetna Public Library w/ Zoom link
Minutes

1. Call to order at 7:06PM. Establish a quorum: 6 were in attendance: Frannie C, Jon K, Jodi R, Pam Y, Maleia G, Krister B.
We take a moment to honor the passing of a young person who passed away in a car accident.
2. __Pam Y will take the minutes.
3. Approval of agenda- **Motion** to approve by Krister, seconded by Maleia, no discussion, all approve, Motion passes.
4. Approval of Minutes from 1/2/2024 **Motion** to approve by Krister, 2nd Maleia seconded.
Discussion – Please add the names of parties who made and seconded the motions, all in favor, minutes approved, motion passes.
5. Treasurer’s Report – Frannie - See Correspondence Packet. Reimbursement for election of officers, updated year end reports through December. Account balance shows two rounds of CAP funds.
6. Out-of-Town Guest(s)
Taunnie Boothby MSB Flood Plain Coordinator and Carly Lynch US Army Corps of Engineers Erosion Assessment Report See handout in Correspondence Packet

Taunnie:

Talkeetna is in a flood zone and has flooded on several occasions.

https://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Portals/34/docs/civilworks/BEA/Talkeetna_Final%20Report.pdf

In 2020, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a Section 205 CAP Project Fact Sheet, <https://matsugov.us/projects/talkeetna-205-project>

“Flooding caused by river course changes threatens critical infrastructure in Talkeetna ...
The Army Corps of Engineers is studying this flooding...to find engineering solutions that reduces the flood risk to health and safety for the Talkeetna community ...”

During multiple meetings, the community expressed that erosion – not flooding - was a major problem and wanted an assessment and mitigation. The Borough recognized this problem when the river changed course in 2012 and had more of an impact on the Talkeetna side than its historic impact on Trapper Creek. As a result, USACE canceled the 205 project and initiated a planning assistance for state (PAS) project. This gave the Corps an ability to conduct an erosion assessment. The down side is that 205 project funds can lead into project funds that correspond with that authority. PAS does not have corresponding project funds. That means we have to request separate funding. After the recent damage in late August and September, we added repairs to the revetment and asked for Section 14 authority from the Corps which is to repair, enhance, bolster. We don’t know if we’ll be approved for that yet. We can’t get through the selection process until there is a Congressional budget. We also have a separate request to

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Senator Murkowski's office and have not yet heard back. This is the end of the PAS project with the Corps.

Carly Lynch, Merlin Peterson, John Olson, USACE Presentation:

In March 2022, MSB requested technical assistance from USACE which was prepared and executed in October 2022. Over the years, the USACE, the Alaska Railroad, and MSB have variously installed revetments, a dike, and a dike extension. Monitoring and updated assessments of flood risks and erosion continue.

Condition of Improvements 31 December 2019 Talkeetna River, Alaska
<https://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Portals/34/docs/operations/EFC/2019TalkeetnaRiverOverview.pdf?ver=2020-04-30-171810-587>

The Susitna, Talkeetna, and Chulitna River confluence occurs at Talkeetna. As the Susitna changes course, the confluence poses a greater flood and erosion risk to Talkeetna.

In response to significant flooding and erosion this past fall 2023, the MSB Assembly issued a local disaster emergency declaration which extended from September 12, 2023 to October 31, 2023. This declaration authorized an emergency installation of 9 tons of rock to build a revetment at the end of Main Street. This temporary measure will need to be followed with more costly and extensive mitigation. The September 2023 erosion event triggered the Section 14 discussion. The program has a Continuing Authorities Program CAP of \$10 million.

Comment: A reinforced dike may have an unintended consequence of higher water reaching Talkeetna. As a mitigation, consider dredging the channel on the Trapper Creek side because even during normal Talkeetna River flows, the reinforced dike may intensify Susitna River flows that could flood Talkeetna.

Response: Hydrologists don't have a design, only a recommendation based on the current report. Recall, at public meetings, the community favored erosion control, not flood control. Mitigations can only be done in the Talkeetna flood service area and can't be done on the Trapper Creek side. As with the Matanuska River issues, dredging can be done but only by private industry. In that instance, due to so much effluent gravel, no dredging actions were taken because it was too costly.

7. Correspondence – See Corresp. Packet; letters of concern from community members about traffic accidents at the Y; Railroad final design no special accommodations, 47" bollards; Info from Chris Hall re Benka Lake issue; Committee reports; DOT drainage and culvert work; TCCI insurance; Borough comp plan survey results; Community assistance program; Erosion assessment report.

8. Announcements: Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Advisory Board Meeting on 2/14 at 10am
See Corresp Packet

Comment Period on Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan open through March 5, 2024. To review or download an electronic version of the PRD or to submit comments online, visit:

<https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning/mgtplans/susitna-revision/>

Comments can also be emailed to recreationrivers@alaska.gov or mailed to:

Recreation Rivers Management Planning

550 West 7th Ave, Suite 1050

Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3579

9. Persons to be heard: none

10. Fire Dept. Report

Chief Eric Chappel: Thirteen calls, highs and lows; medical save; house fire minimal damage due to quick response; accident with vehicle burned; accident with fatality; installed smoke alarms and CO detectors; Service for Ethan, Fire Department member, who died will be held on Monday at 5 at the K2 hangar. Had several chimney fire calls this month. Avoid chimney fires. To extinguish chimney fires, you can use a Chimfex flare <https://www.orionsignals.com/project/chimfex-chimney-fire-extinguisher/>

– it extinguishes chimney fires – uses chemical to stop fire; costs less than \$50; available at hardware stores. After extinguishing the fire, call 911, check for fires behind sheet rock.

Reclassifying the land to relocate the fire department out of the flood zone; the proposal passed; now seeking grants to pay for relocation and fund building permits. Will make sure that lights and noise don't disturb nearby subdivision. There is a water site at Mile 6.

11. Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board – Ryan Sheldon is a new TCCI appointee

12. Talkeetna Road Service Area Report – John S – no report; no meeting last month; meeting later this month. Road contract expires this year and is being rewritten but MSB Public Works will not share with the committee. Fiscal year begins July 1st. The contract lasts 5 years.

13. Talkeetna Library Report – Geri D. – Library staff are preparing a survey on a couple of programs; Computer Basics class is ongoing; ; 7 classes on first and 3rd Friday; Games Day on Saturdays; baskets were put together for Valentine's Day that you can buy; Books are for sale Feb 8, 9, 10th; Looking for a few volunteers. Have been in the new building almost 8 years. Library is more popular - keeping track of programs and attendance. Use is steadily increasing since Covid shutdown. About 100 attendees each day. Active online Libby use, too. Book banning was discussed. See KTNA story.

14. Committee/Board Reports – See Correspondence Packet

a. TPAC – Roger – Report was sent in but is not in Corresp Packet; during brief meeting discussed the warm storage facility – only one public comment; it went through so fast, little time for community involvement. We lost 5 acres of public recreation land to the warm storage facility; voted by Assembly on Jan 2nd. Still have funding for new signage in the park. We welcome suggestions for park signage. Comment: Suggest new signage for new Fish Lake trailhead at the highway. Next meeting is March 18th at Library at 6:30PM and via Zoom.

b. Recycling – Cici – See Correspondence Packet; Sent out brief questionnaire; recycling diverted over 52 tons of waste from landfill; average 270 visits/month: new advertising and education; plastic that can't be recycled will go to Alaska Plastic Recovery where

they make plastic wood for furnishings. May get another container to collect cardboard in the off days. Elementary school kids have recycling projects and avoid using plastic. Weather has closed recycling more days this year than in past years.

c. Community Assistance Program – Maleia – Supplemental funding in the amount of about \$15,000 will be carried over to the next funding round. The goal is to distribute funds during the 2nd or 3rd week of March and will make announcements via KTNA. The Committee usually hands out checks in April. The Committee will review the memorandum to see what can be done if the organizations need more time to submit their requests. Notify the nonprofits that a double round of funding will be available this year.

d. Comsat Quarry – Krister – no news

e. CERT – Bill W – brief report submitted but not in Corresp Packet.

f. Technology Committee – Leddy – At meeting, discussed ideas for getting information out to the community; making website more user friendly; next meeting will be 5PM on Feb 20th at Latitude.

15. Unfinished Business - none

16. New Business

a. Speed Limit Concerns on Parks Hwy at “Y” – See letters in Corresp Packet. Because of recent accidents, we suggest writing a letter stating our concerns to DOT. The community encourages the Council to contact DOT and voice concern and implement safety measures eg flashing lights or warnings. Maleia **Motion** and seconded by Jodi to write letter expressing concern and request research or a study ½ mile north and ½ mile south from at the Talkeetna Spur and Parks Highway Y junction to determine whether speed limit control is needed. Krister **amended motion** to generally address safety concerns including a school zone and other mitigation efforts; seconded by Maleia, no discussion, all in favor, motion passes. Initiate process with DOT to address our concerns about making traffic safer at the Y, incorporate letter comments, and invite Susitna Council to make it a joint letter.

b. CAP agreement – Need to formally accept funds that came from last month \$15,000 + to go to local nonprofits. Krister makes a **motion** accept CAP agreement from the MatSu Borough for funds distribution, Maleia seconded; no discussion; all approve, motion passes.

c. Benka Lake Access – Chris Hall – Seeks TCCI’s support in advocating to reopen public access to lake. Access now cut off by new landowner. Court case is in process. Friends of Benka Lake have an attorney; see their Facebook page, Friends of Benka Lake. Without public access, it effectively becomes a private lake. Krister makes a **Motion** requesting that TCCI work with the Friends of Benka Lake to draft a letter to Governor Dunleavy to show the importance of the lake to the community and request public access; Maleia seconded. Discussion about lake levels affecting access and emergency access issues; all in favor, motion passes.

d. CAPSIS projects to State of AK - water point and library crosswalk – Senator Shower and Representative McCabe – Talkeetna is eligible to submit a funding request in the amount of \$70,000. There must be some community history of why it’s important. For this year, proposing water point and library crosswalk projects for funding. **Motion** by Jodi – Submit both projects for CAPSIS funding; Krister seconded; Discussion: DOT supports crosswalk, just needs funding; all approve, motion passes.

17. Board Comments –

Krister – Thanks Library staff for all their great work; support efforts to make traffic safer.

Maleia – It’s rewarding to get letters back from people who need funding; looking forward to distributing funds; good luck on Benka Lake.

Jodi – Thanks to Carly and Taunnie for presentations; to Geri for Library report; asking nonprofits to apply for CAP funds.

Jon – Looking forward to making change for the better; appreciate letters and testimonies; thank you to USACE folks – it’s a big issue. We’ll have a community wide meeting in the spring to raise awareness and discuss possible next steps.

Frannie – Thank you, Library staff for all your great work.

Pam - Thank you, Taunnie and Carly, for the presentations. Thank you, Frannie, for putting the correspondence packet together. Thank you, Geri and library staff for a great job and for keeping our library as a wonderful resource.

17. Adjourn – next meeting March 4th at 7PM in the Library and via Zoom. Jon will be absent; motion to nominate someone ; Jodi makes **Motion** to adjourn, Maleia seconded, no discussion, all approve, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 PM.

Approved by: Jon Korta, Chair Signed Jonahan Korta March 4th, 2024

Attested to: Pam Young, Secretary Signed Pam Young

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Regular Meeting of the Talkeetna Community Council
Monday, March 4, 2024 @ 7pm
Talkeetna Public Library w/ Zoom link
Minutes

1. **Call to order.** Establish a quorum: __5__ were in attendance: Maleia G, Frannie C, Pam Y, Kai Leddy, Krister B.
2. Pam_Y will take the minutes
3. **Approval of agenda - Motion** by Leddy, seconded by Krister: Add Benka Lake update to Unfinished Business; no discussion; all approve, Motion passed.
4. **Approval of Minutes** from 2/5/2024 – **Motion** by Krister motion, Leddy seconded: Approve minutes; no discussion; all approve, motion passed.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – See Corresp Packet; payment for Alien Species Control; recycling donations.
6. **Out-of-Town Guest(s)**

Kelsey Anderson, MSB Planning Dept.

Update on Mat-Su Borough new Comprehensive Plan process: How the MSB will use public workshop information to move forward with writing the new plan and share survey results.

The Community Survey Report is available for public review. An overview of public workshops includes issues and proposed solutions. A Forces and Trends Report was handed out. It includes quantitative data that drives the comprehensive plan – shifting demographics, economic trends, where our work force is located, land use, and transportation. Nine total workshops had 160 participants and identified est 200 community issues and discussed est 150 solutions. A first draft plan will be ready to review in the next 2 months. The Assembly will review the adopted draft plan. The public will have 3 opportunities for public testimony and written public comment. The Commission and Assembly will receive updates. Leadership is aware of issues such as land use, historical trail access, congestion, and transportation. Planning commission and public hearings will begin in August.

7. **Correspondence** – Letter TCCI to DOT re Speed limit at the Y
8. **Announcements:** See Corresp Packet – Planning commission Hearing March 18;
Comments due re March 13 Talkeetna Fish re-subdivision
Kathleen can put together an eclipse packet; contact KTNA
OOSIK is March 9th coordinated by the Ski Club and collaborating with MSB groomers.
9. **Persons to Be Heard** - none
10. **Fire Dept. Report** – Chief Eric C.– Interviewed several people. Students are in process in classes and soon will be active Trainees. Two more hires will happen this week. Still looking for more people to hire. Smoke and CO detector installations increased thanks to Council getting the word out. Responded to 14 calls during the past month.
11. **Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board** - none
12. **Talkeetna Road Service Area (RSA) Report** – John S. – See the Corresp Packet. RSA met on Feb 8 and received maintenance and Woodpecker Road paving project reports. The contract for road maintenance is not consistent with previous contracts. It has been restructured for about half of the RSAs. The contract is out for bid for about 1 month. Bids are due Mar 5 for 3 contracts and Mar 6 for another 3 contracts. Bid dates for two other contracts are unknown. Awards and costs may increase the mill rate or shift to another account eg a capital type of account to mitigate a mill rate increase. Not sure how this new contract might affect the level of service. Concerns: Even though this process represents a major change from existing contracts, none of the RSA members were permitted to see the draft contract or offer input

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prior to going out for bid. Talkeetna RSA first saw it on Feb 9 when it went out to bid. MSB eliminated a requirement that the contract contain a performance bond and eliminated the minimum equipment requirement. The contract is performance-based and yet MSB lacks knowledge and experience to effectively monitor and enforce contract terms. In the past, completed road projects via a scoping and voting process was completely separate from the contract. Now, these kinds of projects are incorporated into the contract itself and may cause problems. There are 6 projects in the RSA 29 contract. However, MSB didn't consult with the Board nor learn of priorities or solicit input. The Board members knew nothing about 4 of the projects. MSB provided no information about the purpose, scope, or location of the jobs. Other 2, the Board had rejected last fall because they were not a wise use of taxpayer funds. The other project was on a road improvement project list for reconditioning and would have been fixed anyway. Things might change and it's not known how they'll change. The Board will have a special meeting in a week. The head of Public Works is expected to attend and answer questions and go over issues. Why the change? Don't know. Personnel shifts? Yes, a lot. MSB lost 3 of their most experienced road superintendents who had direct authority – now they're gone. Presently, MSB has inexperienced superintendents. John will share a link to the Zoom meeting to be held at 430 PM on 03/11.

13. **Talkeetna Library Report** – Geri - Daily programs will occur during spring break – games, mini-classes. Starting a Music and Motion program for preschoolers. Teaching rhythm, dancing. Helpers welcome. Gardening group starts meeting on March 5 and meets every other Wed at 5PM. The seed catalogue is nearly ready. Story time Thurs 1115, *Horton Hears A Hoo*; Friday Friends of Talkeetna Library meeting from 1 – 3. New Newsletter is out. March 16 is the 51st birthday party from 1 – 3.
14. **Committee/Board Reports**
 - a. **Talkeetna Parks Advisory Committee (TPAC)** – Roger – No meeting; will meet 18 Mar at 630 Mon at the Library and via Zoom.
 - b. **Recycling** – Cici – See report in Corresp Packet
 - c. **Community Assistance Program (CAP)** – Maleia – New committee members Butchie Fuego, Jeffrey H, Leddy, Jodi R, Barb, Laura, and Bobbi Joe. Have some new applicants; invite others to apply. Go to TCCI website, apply on line or find PDF to complete and submit to Maleia. Announcements on KTNA. Applications due March 15.
 - d. **Comsat Quarry** – Krister – no report.
 - e. **Community Emergency Response (CERT)** – Bill Was – See Corresp Packet.
 - f. **Technology Committee** – Kai Leddy – Committee discussed website, social media, and updates. Website information will be better organized. May start a Facebook page. Feedback is welcome. See survey.
15. **Unfinished Business** – Chris Hall, Benka Lake public access update – Friends of Benka Lake officially joined a lawsuit. The State found the original contract. \$1800 paid out in land credits. Intent was always public access. The State found that the owners were trespassing and will seek a Temporary Restraining Order to remove the fence. After the owners respond, the judge will review all motions. A recent public meeting was well attended with 30 people. It's looking good for restoring public access. Will have parking questions. Updates will be next month.
16. **New Business** - none
17. **Board Comments**

Frannie - Thanks for your patience and input. Thanks, Kelsey, for your presentation and updates.

Pam Y – Thank you, Kelsey, for your presentation, thank you, Frannie, for running the meeting, thank you to all who attended, and thanks for your reports.

Leddy – Thank you everyone for coming; missing Jon; Thanks, Frannie, for stepping up.

Malaeia – Well done, Frannie; thanks everyone for showing up; stay safe out there.

Krister – Thanks, Frannie, for running the meeting and thanks for the reports and presentations.

18. **Adjourn – Motion** by Krister, seconded by Leddy; no discussion, all approved. Motion passed. Adjourn at 7:53PM. Next meeting is Monday April 1st at 7PM in the Library and on Zoom.

Approved by: Jon Korta, Chair Signed Jonahan Korta April 1, 2024

Attested to: Pam Young, Secretary Signed Pam Young

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Regular Meeting of the Talkeetna Community
Council Monday, April 1, 2024 @ 7pm
Talkeetna Public Library w/ Zoom link

Minutes

1. **Call to order.** Establish a quorum: _Jodi R, Krister B, Jon K;S Pam Y on Zoom were in attendance. Absent: Frannie C, Maleia G, Kai L.
2. _____ Pam Y _____ will take the minutes
3. **Approval of agenda:** Add Person To Be Heard: Ruth Wood for the Food Pantry; Add to New Business: Item d: Food Pantry letter, Item e: Approve CAP Fund Disbursement; postpone New Business Item a: TCCI New Budget
Motion by Jodi: Approve agenda with amendments; Krister seconded; no discussion; all approve; motion passes.
4. **Approval of Minutes** from 03/04//2024 **Motion** by Krister: Approve minutes; Jodi seconds; no discussion; all in favor; motion passes.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – see Correspondence Packet; disburse \$15,000 CAP funds; discuss in New Business.
6. **Out-of-Town Guest(s)** Julie Jensen Alaska Railroad and Bottom Line Construction re: Bridge 227.1 construction update
Construction work to rehabilitate the existing 2 span bridge made up of 2–200 foot Thru Truss and replace the current 400 foot walkway with a new walkway at mile post 227.1.
Tyler Tubbs ARRC Project Manager presenting: The contractor is Bottom Line Construction. The work will begin this summer. Project elements: Rehabilitate the bridge, remove the old walkway, and install the new walkway. During the project, sections will go in and out and people will continue to have access with periodic closures. The Trainman's Walkway design will maintain the 47" width. Full size bollards will limit the ATV wheelbase and prevent walkway damage. Updates will be provided on a regular basis. Construction will begin in July 2024 and continue through March 2025.
See presentation: Bridge Rehabilitation Project Update
https://www.alaskarailroad.com/sites/default/files/Communications/2023_FCTSHT_Bridge_227-1_RehabilitationPoster.pdf
7. **Correspondence:** See Correspondence Packet
8. **Announcements:**
 - a. Alaska Long Trail Listening Sessions Wasilla: April 10th 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM | Wasilla Public Library, 500 North Crusey See <https://www.blm.gov/announcement/blm-hosting-public-listening-sessions-alaska-long-trail-national-scenic-trail>
 - b. The Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Advisory Board will meet on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
 - c. DOT Parks Hwy MP 99-163 Drainage and Culvert Improvement Open House, 5-7:30 4/11/24 Trapper Creek Community Center
9. **Persons to be heard:**
 - a. Henrik Wessel – Matanuska Electrical Association, Inc (MEA) Board Candidate
June Okada, (SRC) Susitna River Coalition – Discussed MEA Board members' role and services and introduced Candidate Henrik Wessel.
Henrik has lived in Alaska for 35 years. His experience includes working for an electric company and being an environmental officer in Fairbanks, North Pole, and nearby areas and in Healy. In 2003, he built a battery and was involved in biggest wind farm in Alaska. He has a

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lot of experience in wind, solar, and batteries. He knows how utilities work and hopes for our votes. We can vote online or by mail.

- b. **Brian Okonek and Wendy Battino - Bear Necessities Coalition** – Goal: Keep the town safer from running into bears. Some years ago, the Coalition received a grant to obtain 11 bear-resistant garbage cans. They cost \$700 each, are owned by TCCI, and are contracted out to individual businesses. Two objectives: 1. Use the garbage cans. 2. Conduct public outreach especially to new businesses and residents. The Talkeetna area is along prime bear habitat. We should keep trash, food, seed, chickens, other food sources safe from bears and properly handle fish waste. The Coalition has funds to send a mailing to all residents and businesses and seeks a TCCI endorsement to obtain a mail list. The mailing will explain how to better utilize the cans and keep bears safe.
 - c. **Ruth Wood – Food Pantry** – The Food Pantry has a new ED and a few volunteers and needs a new facility. They meet monthly and are always looking for volunteers and board members. The current facility is too warm in the summer and too cold in the winter. As a Food Pantry Board member, Ruth seeks a letter of support from the community. Grant applications have been submitted. A draft letter explains the support being sought. The Pantry is open Tues and Fri.
- 10. Fire Dept. Report** – Chief Eric Chapel – The fire season has begun. Fires bigger than 2X2 foot require a burn permit. A burn barrel and pallets require burn permits. Permits are good for 2 years. Applications are available from the Fire Department and online. The month's call volume was up - 19 calls included highway and snow machine accidents and medical calls, including an ambulance transport.
- 11. Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board** – Ryan Sheldon – The Village restroom may be operational soon. The Board met with Senator Murkowski and approved \$5.1 million for water upgrade. Rep. McCabe appropriated \$4.4 million for the upgrade and for new test sites for a larger well. Total estimate is \$10 million. Will submit bid for quote. Per test well is \$150,000. Will make sure not to go overbudget. Priority, check sewer system. Hope to test well sites by Fall 2024. Need to account for hookups and identify defective units. Unsure who bears the cost. The Board has 1 vacancy. Go to: <https://matsugov.us/tsw#Sewer%20&%20Water%20Board>
- 12. Talkeetna Road Service Area Report** – John S - See report in Corresp. Packet – A special meeting was held this month for contractors, road service staff, and the leadership. They reviewed the results of restructured road maintenance agreements. The low bid from Alaska Resource Group at \$8600/mile was about a 20% increase over past costs. One recommended change was to have a no-berm policy. The contractor advocated for this and it's subject to manager approval. Bids were generally high. The highest low bid was \$28,000/mile and may be canceled. Two bids were canceled and will go out for rebid. Two bidders were for our area.
- 13. Talkeetna Library Report** – Geri D. – Two new programs: 1. Musicians for kids included dancing and singing and was very popular. 2. Large print audio books was less popular and may not continue. Adding a preschool story time beginning Fall 2024. Community events took place. The Summer reading program will be open to everyone. Last year, they read almost 8,000 hours. The Assembly will vote on a new ordinance to establish a committee for reviewing any challenged books. Many people will attend and testify.
- 14. Committee/Board Reports**
- a. **TPAC (Talkeetna Park Advisory Committee)** – Roger R. - see Corresp Packet; next meeting is May 20 at Library and on zoom; trails are in break up stage; enjoy paved bike path. MSB will move outhouse to Whigmi and may enlarge the parking lot to the west. Design will be available for review.
 - b. **Recycling** – Always looking for volunteers.

- c. **Community Assistance Program (CAP)** – Jodi - See Correspondence Packet. The 7 member Committee received applications and invited applicants to speak about their project but it's not required. The committee reviewed the applications and allocated funds based on availability. A review list is under New Business.
- d. **Comsat Quarry** – no report
- e. **CERT** – See report in Corresp Packet
- f. **Technology Committee** – Jodi – Leddy upgraded the website, fixed links, and updated announcements. They may create a TCCI Facebook page.

15. Unfinished Business

- a. **Motion by Krister:** Write a TCCI letter in support of restoring public access to Benka Lake; Jodi seconded; no discussion; all approved; motion passed.

16. New Business

- a. Postpone TCCI budget approval
- b. TCCI Talkeetna Recycling Works Budget Approval – Total expenses \$5,900; Total funds - \$11,000. **Motion by Jodi:** Approve Recycling budget; Krister seconded, no discussion, all approve, motion passes.
- c. Bear Necessities public information campaign – Seeking TCCI endorsement for MSB clerk to provide a mailing list for residents. Brian will report on needed details.
- d. Food Pantry letter of support sought for new facility. **Motion by Jodi:** Approve letter to Denali Commission and blanket resolution of support for Food Pantry; and, write a TCCI general letter in support of future grants for a new facility. Krister seconded; Discussion: The nearest other food pantry is Willow which expanded and is connected with the church. The need for food pantry services is growing. Wasilla has a good food pantry, too. Summer workers depend on the local Food Pantry. All approve; motion passes.
- e. CAP Funding approval – **Motion by Krister:** Approve CAP funding for disbursement. Recipients include Denali Education Center, Sunshine Station Childcare, Historical Society, Food Pantry, KTNA, Ski Club, Sunshine Transit, PTSA, Denali Arts, SRC. Per final approval, \$31,070 will go to nonprofits. **Motion by Krister:** Approve CAP funds disbursement, Jodi seconded. Discussion: The committee had more funds and prioritized requests based on need. For example, the Sandwich Station serves over 100 sandwiches per day. All approve, motion passes.

17. Board Comments

Krister – Appreciates Henrik Wessel running for MEA board and electricity for giant dome.
 Jon – Shout out to high school basketball, 4th at state; played tough games, lost in overtime.
 Huge achievement: Dallas Seavey won his 6th Iditarod. Thanks, everyone for coming to tonight's meeting.

Jodi – Thanks Henrik Wessel for running for MEA Board. April 20th is Earth Day. Learn about local nonprofits and volunteer opportunities at DEC. There will be great presentations; electronic recycling includes used batteries.

Pam – Thank you for the presentations and for everyone's attendance.

- 18. **Adjourn** **Motion by Krister:** Adjourn; Jodi seconded; no discussion; all approve; motion passes. Adjourned 9PM. Next meeting is Monday May 6th at Library at 7PM and on Zoom.

Approved by: Jon Korta, Chair Signed Jonahan Korta May 6, 2024

Attested to: Pam Young, Secretary Signed Pam Young

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Regular Meeting of the Talkeetna Community
Council Monday, May 6th, 2024 @ 7pm
Talkeetna Public Library w/ Zoom link
Minutes

1. Call to order. Establish a quorum: 5 were in attendance: Jon K, Jodi R, Frannie C, K. Leddy, Pam Y on Zoom; Absent: Krister B.; Maleia G may arrive later.
2. Pam Young will take the minutes.
3. Approval of agenda: **Motion** by Jodi, Leddy seconded, no discussion, approved; motion passed.
4. Approval of April 2024 Minutes – **Motion** by Jodi, Leddy seconded, discussion: Approve with edits to the Food Pantry section, all approve, motion passes.
5. Treasurer’s Report – Frannie C – We’re waiting for fiscal year 2024 deposits; additional funds were combined with what is being distributed. Once entered in the check register, they’ll be included. We now have a debit card for monthly website fee, yearly subscription, savings.
6. Out-of-Town Guest(s), Casey Ressler, Mat Su CVB, President CEO Mat Su Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) and Marnie Sheldon, Talkeetna Chamber of Commerce - Bed Tax & General Operations & Services
Casey Ressler, CVB: Has been with CVB for 7 ½ years. CVB in operation for 38 years and is a C6 nonprofit – not tax deductible. The Bed tax, introduced in 1986, taxed visitors on their transient accommodations such as hotels, B&Bs. The funds were invested in destination marketing and generated revenue for local communities. After 2020 Covid, visitor activity dropped and so did the bed tax. So, MSB and Mayor provided a flat budget of \$750,000/yr that totaled 1.5 million for 2 years – not tied to the bed tax. This amount was 65% of the pre-covid bed tax. In 2022, the funds ran out. Today, CVB funds are not tied to the bed tax at all. The other 35% can be applied for from a tourism infrastructure grant program as long as the grant benefits communities. This year, MSB might provide \$1.8 million from the bed tax. CVB’s percentage from the bed tax is now 42% - diminishing funding model. CVB currently is funded by a grant but would like their funds to be tied to the bed tax to invest in destination marketing. Annually, CVB produces and distributes 75,000 visitor guides to tourists and Alaskans. CVB’s website and digital marketing are its largest marketing investment: <https://www.alaskavisit.com/> Search engine marketing entails actively buying terms for destination marketing; familiarization tours; site inspection of lodges and B&Bs, showcasing Talkeetna to events in tour packages; working a lot with travel writers, eg Travel Magazine - which sold 6 million copies; working with meeting planners, smaller conventions. CVB has 265 members, 60 from the Talkeetna area. One initiative focus is on sustainability; manage growth for residents and tourism. Conduct data research on who visits, how much time they spend, how much they’re spending. The goal is to market to visitors who stay longer and spend more money; not attract more visitors. CVB has a staff of 4 and represents the entire MSB including Hatcher Pass, Denali State Park. Pinchpoints in Talkeetna – sustainability, housing, infrastructure, services for seasonal workers - have been analyzed. CVB will share this report.
Marnie Sheldon, President, Talkeetna Chamber of Commerce – In Year 2 of 3 year Presidential term. The Chamber has Board members and supports local business. The Board meets every other month and with members every other month. <https://www.talkeetnachamber.org/> The Chamber has its own Visitors Guide. Post-Covid they sell advertisements. All businesses are represented in a walk-around map. They Chamber wants to work together to keep Talkeetna beautiful. They have 98 members who pay a member fee of \$100/year. They want to grow the Chamber and participate in the community. On April 18, the Chamber and CVB held a joint luncheon to work on a building a successful Talkeetna visitor and community program . Chamber seasonally hosted networking events and will launch a new website and new logo soon. *Live at 5* is coming up and are seeking sponsors; bands getting more expensive. The Chamber raises funds for bands/insurance/MC/cleanup and invites funding ideas. The Chamber welcomes a partnership with TCCI. Tourism has benefits and costs for Talkeetna. The Board will share its plans with TCCI later this fall.

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7. Correspondence – See Correspondence Packet: Letters in support of Food Pantry, Benka Lake access, Safety at the Y; letter clarifying work on Trainman’s Walk
8. Announcements: See Correspondence Packet – Grant writing workshop May 30; MSB budget meeting - Jon attended, discussed the Library crosswalk issue, and encourages in person attendance. New CIP program for FY 26; Denali National Park - 90 projects; Su Valley Safety Fair; The Long Trail newsletter proposed a route change – expect meetings this fall when funding becomes available. See: <https://www.alaska-trails.org/alaska-long-trail>; Open Meetings training at the Assembly chambers on June 13th at 1:30PM.
9. Persons to be heard: Caitlin Palmer, Skate Park
Caitlin reached out to schools to engage interest in the Skate Park. There is still a lot of interest; will need to get a new permit. Safety Issue: monitoring ground water; still finding fuel in the ground; trying to find source; reached out to other skate park coordinators. Want to form a committee and need a Board member. Recommend advertising on the TCCI web, contact Caitlin. Invite back to TCCI with updates.
10. Fire Dept. Report – Chief Eric Chapel – New procedure for on-call shifts; 2 – 3 people will be at the station for about 8 hours & be ready for a call; doing this twice/week; quicker response is hoped; invite folks to stop by on regular basis. Call volume about steady - expect it to go up. Burn permits required since April 1st. Permit required for any burn bigger than 3X3: burn barrel or fresh pile require permits. Available at Fire Station or download application from state forestry site; permit is good for 2 years. See: <https://dnr.alaska.gov/burn>
11. Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board – Ryan Sheldon – Met and passed resolution asking for information to bring everyone up to date; exploring drilling testing wells to find non-arsenic water so can discontinue ongoing treatment for arsenic in the water. Near Chase Trail; passed a resolution to go deeper on existing well to new level aquifer; if cleaner water, then there is a cost-savings. Senator Murkowski’s office re-appropriated more than \$5 million for Talkeetna specifically for water and sewer upgrades. Rep Kevin McCabe’s office has \$4.75 toward water sewer upgrades. Trying to get Talkeetna re-designated as a village so can qualify for water assistance funding. Downtown sewer lines will be inspected, scrubbed, patched, etc beginning in two weeks. It’s a loud and busy process for a few days. Then, will submit an RFQ (Request For Quotes) for repairs and then water reconstruction. Annual operating budget is \$1.4 million from taxes and other sources.
12. Talkeetna Road Service Area Report – John S – See Correspondence Packet. Now have a permanent Road Service Supervisor. The process for scoping and getting quotes for road remediation had dramatically changed. It remains to be seen how the new process will work out. Woodpecker Road work is progressing and should be completed this summer. Mercedes Road residents sought a letter of support for their cul-de-sac but the terrain is a challenge.
13. Talkeetna Library Report – Geri D. – Music and motion for young kids every Tuesday morning and story time, too. Young adult activities include summer reading programs with prizes and awards. May 30 at noon the entire community is invited to the adult summer reading program launch on Thursdays. The seed catalogue is available and the community garden has begun. The puzzle table is available with lots of puzzles and games. Data activity will be on Wednesdays. Birds, reptiles, magician is among the special presentations. "Alaska's Fiddling Poet" Ken Waldman will lead a workshop on May 13 at 5PM. Annual staff training May 21st.
14. Committee/Board Reports
 - a. TPAC – Roger R – Next meeting is May 20 at 6:30 the Library and on Zoom. Trails are soft; please avoid until dry.
 - b. Recycling – Cici S – Need a Board member on the committee. Will meet in September or October. Met April 30. Odd plastics will be recycled soon. E-Waste collection went well during the Earth Day event. Getting more volunteers.
 - c. Community Assistance Program – Funds will be distributed soon.
 - d. Comsat Quarry – no report
 - e. CERT – Bill W – See Correspondence Packet

f. Technology Committee – K. Leddy – Met April 24; decluttered the website; updating and making it more reliable. Encourages committee leaders to provide updates.

15. Unfinished Business - none

16. New Business

a. Approval of TCCI Budget – **Motion** by Jodi Approve new budget; Leddy seconded; Discussion: Overview – expenditures are consistent with 2022 and 2023. All approve; motion passes.

17. Board Comments

Jon appreciates everyone coming. We applied for a \$10,000 grant again to remove the invasive Mayday species.

Frannie thanks everyone for all the things that everyone is working on.

Leddy thanks Casey and Marnie for their presentations and for attending our meeting

Jodi thanks Casey and Marnie for coming to our meeting and for explaining the bed tax and to Cici for all your work on recycling and thanks for everyone’s help. We have a good community.

18. Adjourn – **Motion** by Jodi to adjourn at 9:22PM; Leddy seconded; no discussion; all approve; motion passes. Next meeting is June 3 at 7PM at the Library and on Zoom.

Approved by: Jon Korta, Chair Signed Jonahan Korta 6/3/2024

Attested to: Pam Young, Secretary Signed Pam Young

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**Regular Meeting of the Talkeetna Community
Council Monday, June 3rd, 2024 @ 7pm
Talkeetna Public Library w/ Zoom link
Minutes**

1. **Call to order.** Establish a quorum: _Leddy, Jon, Jodi, Pam, Krister on Zoom_ were in attendance
2. ___Pam Y___ will take the minutes. Meeting begun at 7:03PM
3. **Approval of agenda:** Add Persons to be Heard: Tam Boeve, Kevin McCabe, Sheena Fort, Jok Bondurant **Motion** by Jodi to add to agenda; Leddy second.
4. **Approval of Minutes** from 05/06/2024; Jodi motion approve, Leddy 2nd
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Most of CAP funds have been disbursed; balance is now less.
6. **Out-of-Town Guest(s):** Jody Serrano, Resource & Development Coordinator and Deb Lundy, Director, Nine Star Education and Employment Services
<https://ninestar.org/>

Deb Lundy, Director: Nine Star Education and Employment Services is a nonprofit organization that operates with grant funds and has offices in Anchorage, Homer, and Wasilla. Their mission to improve the quality of life for communities via education, social justice, and building career pathways is partially funded by the Denali Commission with the mandate to reach out to nearby communities, such as Talkeetna. Deb Lundy is a lifelong educator who moved to Alaska in 2000, lived in the Tok area, and has been in Mat-Su Valley for 7 years. Nine Star helps individuals overcome barriers, earn their high school diplomas, and get training for their chosen careers. 2023 data shows that median income increases as education increases. They help overcome barriers to education and job advancement by providing transportation, correspondence courses, career counseling, and help with finding housing. For example, Alaska needs 2,000 truckers; Nine Star helps prepare candidates to earn certifications for trucking careers. Readiness classes and partnerships with Valley agencies are among the services that Nine Star provides for help with homelessness, addiction, and child care needs. They offer classes beyond high school equivalency diplomas via IET (Integrated Education & Training). This education model combines skills training with adult education, eg educational paraprofessional training, health care terminology & science, child care provider training, intro to veterinary assistant. They help the immigrant population learn English; one in 5 Alaskans is a refugee or immigrant. Outreach includes rural areas, such as Sutton, Talkeetna, Chickaloon and beyond. Workers learn technical skills and classes taught with Northstar Digital Literacy. Labor Unions require national readiness skills; Nine Star provides National Career Readiness Certification (NCRC). They help people score higher on WorkKeys tests for certification and offer remediation in reading, writing, math for those seeking college degrees. The program is free for those who can't pay. They also train those already in the workforce to help in career advancement. High school guidance counselors offer various career paths and job shadowing. Nine Star also teaches financial literacy, IT, health care, and public safety and continually seeks part-time volunteer instructors. Please take their survey of community interests: <https://ninestar.org/> Please return completed surveys to: debl@ninestar.org

7. **Correspondence** – See Correspondence Packet
8. **Announcements:** See Correspondence Packet
9. **Persons to be heard:** RUTH WOOD – There is a public hearing June 17th on Assembly ordinance to remove code over regulating vacant lots. Need volunteers to help count votes in November. Assemblymember Rob Yundt sponsored a resolution

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asking Mat Su Foundation to allow members to vote for Board directors – no public hearing; attempt to limit Mat-Su Health Foundation. See article:
https://www.frontiersman.com/news/borough-assembly-weighs-in-on-mat-su-health-foundation/article_c717dc70-23a6-11ef-93fa-b76af7b1b572.html?utm_source=second-street&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=June52&emailmd5=100435118349F5A6357AE99698863227&emailsha1=18815616493369724248121240972463210515823164158160202&emailsha256=e13a200c776e3caf46ab66478f4bdf01496812e65252c2d77fc1f084bcf87d0b

The Foundation election process is fair. It's inappropriate for the Assembly to tell the Foundation how to run their board elections. Asking TCCI to speak at June 4th Assembly meeting and support the Mat-Su Health Foundation which is very important to our community. Board members have the expertise to operate and manage rules and regs. Urge support of Mat-Su Health Foundation. **Motion** by Jodi - amend agenda in New Business re write TCCI letter of support, Leddy seconded; no discussion; all approve; motion passes;

TAM BOEVE: Seeking election workers for paid position, several hundred \$ for a few hours work; see online application for November election. Go to:

<https://www.elections.alaska.gov/election-workers/>

REP KEVIN MCCABE: \$70,000 for Talkeetna for crosswalk; seeking \$700,000 for new fire station; legislature recognizes that the population is moving north and needs services; will help with traffic safety at the Y intersection; bill passed that allows Sunshine Health to offer primary care throughout Alaska; majority of health care costs covered; coverage will cost \$100/month; this is a huge benefit to Sunshine Clinic and patients; HB114 increases the service for village safe water; to qualify, have a census-designated community and a financial supporter. As a census-designated community, Talkeetna qualifies. School education needs funding outside the formula eg school maintenance; creative funding ideas sought for energy heating ; contact Kevin if want/need more info; rail spur \$58million bonding authority for rail extension is on hold; Port MacKenzie to Houston rail extension – need to make it a viable port.

JOK BONDURANT: 1. Add and improve Talkeetna welcome signs. 2. Doesn't it make sense to put sprinkler systems in historical buildings?

SHEENA FORT, Cantwell: Is running for our District Assembly seat. Please reach out if you have questions; Sheena Fort (907) 521-3856 sheenafortlmt@yahoo.com
Fire Dept. Report – Eric Chapel – Had 15 calls last month; getting busier; anything bigger than 2X2 camp fire must have a burn permit; available at fire station and online <https://dnr.alaska.gov/burn/fireareas/mat-su/permitform> ; picked up a boat for river and lake rescues in northern Susitna valley; 115 hp trailer privately donated – seeking approved access ramps; will train at Benka Lake. Got second save with drone; found someone who was lost off-road; found and rescued lost camper; have 15 responders; still recruiting; a lot of training for different skills.

10. **Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board** – no report

11. **Talkeetna Road Service Area Report** – John S – see report in Corresp Packet; Board meeting held May 9. High priority: Road failure on specific roads - bad spots, mud; upcoming construction along several road improvements – see Report. Woodpecker paving project is on track.

12. **Talkeetna Library Report** – no report

13. **Committee/Board Reports**

- a. **TPAC** – see Corresp Packet – Roger R – 20 May meeting highlights: Parks report -150 groomed trail days; total users Talkeetna Lakes Park was 33,000 –

busier than last year. Ridge Trail crew will work on Ridge Trail Park connector July-August. New Village Park bathroom open for 2 months; old one will go to Whigmy. Permit fees can no longer be waived and will take extra time to get permits, eg Live at Five. Dogs must be leashed throughout MSB especially in parks; will add more signs re dogs leashed. Ridge Trail signs are ongoing; discussed native names; next meeting is July 15th.

- b. **Recycling** – no report
- c. **Community Assistance Program** – Jodi – MOUs being collected. Funds being distributed. Return forms and MOUs in a timely manner.
- d. **Comsat Quarry** – Krister – See <https://ktna.org/2024/04/state-loses-comsat-quarry-case/> The State ruled in favor of CALLA (Comsat Area Lakes and Land Alliance) and is making a motion for reconsideration. CALLA welcomes new members and community input on next steps eg review possible new zoning and designation for local projects.
- e. **CERT** – see Corresp Packet
Technology Committee – Ledy – Welcomes feedback on improved website and invites updates. See <https://www.talkeetnacouncil.org/>

14. Unfinished Business - none

15. New Business

- a. Recycling Committee Grant Application to JSCF – seeking permission to move forward with grant application. **Motion** by Jodi to permit Recycling Committee to apply for the grant; Ledy seconded; Discussion – Jody Fitzgerald and Lori Moerbitz – Overview: Talkeetna Mobile Recycling is a volunteer mobile recycling pilot program that seeks funds for vehicle fuel, tools, phone, equipment, and gloves to pick up and transport recyclables to Palmer Recycling. Will work out how to compensate volunteers. This service promotes sustainability, provides meaningful employment, and bridges the gap for those who want to recycle but can't get to the transfer station. They help recycle cardboard with the elementary school, the Borough, and businesses incl cans, paper, cardboard storage until it's transported. Similar services include Green Valley Recycling who offers mobile recycling pickup for a fee. This grant will improve the services and outreach. Need a fiscal sponsor. Mostly funded out of pocket, they seek a community grant to work through Aug 2024. Funds will help analyze feasibility data to assess business viability. End discussion. All approve; motion passes.
- b. Lack of District 7 Members on MSB Library Citizens Advisory Committee – The Borough has a new committee for reviewing library books. Palmer and Wasilla are city libraries and are represented on the committee; Talkeetna, Trapper Creek, Willow, Sutton, Big Lake, others are not represented. No one from the Assembly nor the Mayor reached out to the 7 applicants. The reason for disregarding the applicants was shocking. Recommend that we write a letter about having several qualified Talkeetna members and expanding criteria for considering applicants. **Motion** by Ledy write letter to Mayor, Assemblyperson, and entire Assembly; Jodi second; Discussion: Ruth W was one of the applicants who was not contacted. All Talkeetna applicants were rejected. Several from Talkeetna attended the meeting and felt that the committee wasn't necessary. Attendees heard complaints that the committee is not banning books fast enough. Rural libraries are not represented. Palmer and Wasilla library reps are making decisions that affect Talkeetna Library. District 7 has 3 libraries and no representation on this committee. End Discussion. All approve. Motion passes.

c. Brad Hughes - Proposal for Community Tennis/Pickleball/Ping Pong Courts - **Motion** by Jodi form committee to explore the proposal, Leddy seconded; discussion: Brad Hughes – It would be cool to have tennis courts, pickleball courts, and outdoor pingpong tables for community use and outdoor recreation; have several letters of support. The site is the property at the Library; small footprint occupying about ½ acre; cost – earthquakes and flooding at issue – Library site is most viable but will consider other sites. Hockey rink – basketball hoops funding for summer; this would be in the way of existing activities at Hockey Rink. Should they be at the schools? Some feel that such activities belong in city not in rural areas. Very popular in AK cities. Seek grant funds to take this on. Concern: noise factor – pervasive and annoying. Mitigate the noise? Pickleball is about 70 dcbs – normal conversation is 50 dcbs. Pickleball is noisier than tennis. Sound barriers can be added to fencing; use silent paddles. A lot of community interest. An idea worth pursuing. Look at all options. Ask for several proposals. Investigate other sites such as near a school. Avoid clear cutting trees to build courts. Conduct a tree count. How many trees would be removed? Harvest for firewood. Transplant a greenbelt facility for sound insulation. Interpretive trail as a boundary. Library and surrounds should be quiet. Library is good where folks could check out paddles and balls, etc. Committee of 6 available to be formed, just need council rep. All approve; motion passes.

d. TCCI Letter to Assembly in support of Mat Su Health Foundation.

Motion by Jodi: write letter in support of foundation to MSB tomorrow; Leddy seconded; discussion: Jodi will write letter - re foundation supports many nonprofits – will attend and speak in support of the foundation to the Assembly; all approve, motion passes.

16. Board Comments –

Jon thanks Rep McCabe for attending; welcome back Pam.

Jodi thanks everyone for being part of a very involved community and council; disappointed in lack of assembly representation; encourages member support of the health foundation.

Leddy thanks all in-person and online attendees; thanks everyone for their input and involvement in community issues.

Krister thanks Frannie for doing a great job and we'll miss her; thanks to presenters for particularly relevant information.

Pam thanks presenters and volunteers and thanks everyone for attending.

17. Adjourn Motion by Jodi, Leddy seconded, no discussion, all approve, motion passes.

Adjourn 9:21 PM. Next Meeting: July 1 at 7PM at the Library & via Zoom.

Approved by: Jon Korta, Chair Signed Jonahan Korta July 1, 2024

Attested to: Pam Young, Secretary Signed Pam Young

Regular Meeting of the Talkeetna Community Council
Monday, July 1st, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Talkeetna Public Library w/ Zoom link
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1. Call to order. Establish a quorum: 6 were in attendance Jon, Pam, Krister, Jodi, Leddy in attendance
2. Pam Young will take the minutes
3. Approval of agenda; add Pickleball Committee report; Jon Motion to approve amending agenda; no discussion; all approve, motion passes
4. Approval of Minutes from 06/03/2024 All approve minutes
5. Treasurer's Report – no report
6. Out-of-Town Guest(s) - none
7. Correspondence – see correspondence packet; 2 letters of support and 1 letter re Library Committee issue; 2 AMCO alcohol license renewal applications; Pickleball letters of support; Long Trail new info; Capital Improvement Program; committee reports; RFC Correira Estates
Comments: Kathleen – concern about visitors and fire risks – letter to Chamber of Commerce, cc TCCI; recommend notify Eric Chapel.
: RFC Correira Estates involves 60' right of way – big complex questions re access, possible trail connection, contact DNR and review. Next steps: Hope for public review
8. Announcements: See Item 7; Rep McCabe investigate sign request: *Welcome to Talkeetna* sign near top of hill; cost is about \$4,000. Can invite public input and review at future Council meeting. High fire risk, 4th of July risk; Denali park is closed due to fire; guests diverted to other areas; Talkeetna 4th July parade will be at noon and will go down Main Street.
9. Persons to be heard: none
10. Fire Dept. Report – no report
11. Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board – no report
12. Talkeetna Road Service Area Report – no report
13. Talkeetna Library Report – no report
14. Committee/Board Reports
 - a. TPAC – Robinson - see Corresp Packet; Next Meeting is July 15 at 630PM at Library and via Zoom; Old Lake Road is in poor condition and may raise fire risk. Will notify Chief Chapel.
 - b. Recycling – Schoenberger – See Corresp Packet – Mobile recycling pilot program is going well; submitted grant application. EWaste pickup on July 20 & 21 at the Senior Center; welcomes volunteer help.
 - c. Community Assistance Program (CAP) – no report
 - d. Comsat Quarry – no report
 - e. CERT – Was – See Corresp Packet
 - f. Technology Committee – Leddy – encouraging committee chairs to keep information updated; collecting all minutes and packets.
 - g. Pickleball Committee – Hughes - Talkeetna Paddle and Racket Committee; Have formal committee; first meeting later this month; first grant from US Tennis Assoc; notify Leddy for website.
15. Unfinished Business - none
16. New Business - none
17. Board Comments
Jon thanks everyone for attending and for their participation.
Krister thanks to Kathleen re fire safety and for all who attended.

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Jodi good to see participation, thank you Kathleen and Rep McCabe for attending;
be careful re fires, rain due soon.

Leddy thanks John on Road Service Committee activity and for attendees

Pam thanks Rep Kevin McCabe for report and for attending tonight's meeting and

Thankyou Kathleen for letter re fire concerns to Chamber of Commerce for
everyone's attendance and input. May not have a quorum for August meeting.

18. Adjourn No objections, all approve adjourn at 706PM Happy almost July 4th;

Approved by: Jon Korta, Chair Signed Jonahan Korta Sept. 3, 2024

Attested to: Pam Young, Secretary Signed Pam Young

Regular Meeting of the Talkeetna Community Council
Monday, October 7th, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Talkeetna Public Library w/ Zoom link

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1. Call to order at 7:04pm. Establish a quorum: 4 were in attendance: Jon Korta, Krister Bowman (Zoom), Frannie Christensen (Zoom), Kai Leddy (Zoom). Absent: Pam, Maleia, Jodi.
2. Kai Leddy will take the minutes.
3. Approval of agenda **Motion:** Frannie moves to approve agenda; Krister seconds; discussion; add Trisha Costello and Doyle Holmes as persons to be heard. No discussion, approved.
4. Approval of Minutes from 09/03/2024 **Motion:** Frannie moves to approve minutes; Krister seconds, no discussion, approved.
5. Treasurer's Report: Frannie C. See the Correspondence Packet for Treasurer's Report. Frannie commented on a minor price increase in our website host (Squarespace) of \$4/mo.
6. Out-of-Town Guest(s) – Susanne DiPietro and Judge John Cagle w/ Alaska Judicial Council - Presented on how the judicial process and judges themselves are not always well known in communities. The Alaska Judicial Council is aware sometimes voters are unfamiliar with judges on the ballot and recommends voters vote to retain judges. The applicant pool is small and seated judges are peer-reviewed and assessed. Judge Cagle spoke of his experience as a judge and the large effort the judges put into the judicial process.
7. Correspondence
8. Announcements: Wild Su Feast 10/13, Take Back the Town Party/DAC Annual Meeting 10/19, AKRR Trestle/Trainman's walk update - Schedule of closures posted at trailhead, KTNA will also announce updates, and posted at the fire station. Those using the bridge to access the Chase area should stay aware of scheduled closures.
9. Persons to be heard:

Doyle Holmes - candidate in upcoming election, thank you to voters, spoke about crime and housing issues in the area and intention to pursue an investigatory only branch of local law enforcement.

Trisha Costello - now officially Su Valley Voice producer, this week they start up live weekly shows (during election season) they will have various candidates (Sheena Fort, Kevin McCabe and Doyle Holmes) on the show. This Thursday's show (10/10) will feature the area community councils. Schedule and information can be found on KTNA website.

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10. Fire Dept. Report - Apologies for being absent the past few months, "normal" summer for the fire department, no big events. Average 24-28 calls/month. New boat was used for 2 calls this summer. This is fire safety month, make sure you have smoke alarms installed in your home and batteries are tested. Seven new members added to the fire department, all came with experience from elsewhere. However, they are still recruiting - they now have 18 responders but would like to increase to 25.

11. Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board - no report

12. Talkeetna Road Service Area Report - no report, next meeting this Thursday (10/10) via Zoom (link on MSB website)

13. Talkeetna Library Report - Mentor reading program received an award from Alaska Reads, various book clubs and community groups are meeting throughout the year - lots of fun and engaging activities at the library, more info can be found at their website: <https://libraries.matsugov.us/pages/talkeetna-public-library>

14. Committee/Board Reports

a. TPAC (Talkeetna Parks Advisory Committee) - report in Corr. Packet, discussion later in New Business. Next meeting mid-December (see TCCI website calendar).

b. Recycling - report in Corr. Packet, discussion item under New Business

c. Community Assistance Program - no report

d. Comsat Quarry - no report

e. CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) - no report

f. Technology Committee - contact Leddy@talkeetnacouncil.org with any questions/comments for the website

G. Paddle and Racket Committee - next meeting Oct 24th, 6pm at library. Working on secondary location and design, more info will come after the next meeting.

H. Skatepark Committee - no report

I. Nominating committee - Whitney spoke: 6 open positions, 3 incumbents sent in declaration of candidacy as well as 3 new candidates submit declaration.

15. Unfinished Business

16. New Business

a. Update on MSB Res 24-078 A Resolution Adopting Processes For Community Councils To Develop A Community Comprehensive Plan Or Special Land Use District - resolution voted down by assembly.

b. Resolution for Waiver of Sovereign Immunity for DCCED Grant (Library Crosswalk) **Motion** by Krister to complete paperwork in order to receive grant funds, seconded by Frannie. No discussion, motion passes.

- c. Resolution to Accept New TPAC Core Members Nate Bryan and Mark Burcar - **Motion** by Frannie to approve Nate Bryan and Mark Burcar as new core members of TPAC, seconded by Krister. No discussion, motion passes.
- d. Candidates for TCCI Election and Polling Place info **Motion** by Frannie to accept Jon Korta, Kai Leddy, Jodi Rodwell, Kara Walker, Brad Hughes as nominees for November 5th election - seconded by Krister. **Polling place** will be at the library - early in-person voting starts Monday, October 21st during library hours (11am-6pm) and goes until election day. On election day (Tuesday, Nov 5th) from 7am-8pm.
- e. Talkeetna Recycling Works Revised Budget - Frannie **Motion** to accept revised TRW budget, seconded by Krister. No discussion, motion passes.

17. Board Comments

Frannie - thanks to Leddy for picking up secretary duties and taking minutes. Thanks to Whitney and Krister for running the nominating committee.

Krister - thank you to Whitney Wolfe on nominating committee

Leddy - apologies for being late! Eric it is good to see and hear from you again, thank you and all your people for the work you do. In a recent neighborhood emergency, TKA Fire Dept's fast and expert response was much appreciated.

Jon - Wanted to appreciate the members of TCCI board that are moving on (Frannie, Maleia, and Pam) and thank you for their work. We are looking for one more candidate who can still apply as a write-in candidate (sooner better than later for early voters to have option to vote for). Thank you to Alaska Judicial Council for informing us on the process tonight. Thank you everyone who showed up in person and those who attended via Zoom.

18. Next Meeting is November 4th, 2024 at 7pm at Talkeetna Public Library and online via Zoom.

19. **Motion** by Krister to adjourn, Frannie seconds. No opposition to Meeting adjourning, meeting is adjourned at 8:55pm

If you're not on our correspondence email list, please send a note to connect@talkeetnacouncil.org

Approved by: Jon Korta, Chair Signed  _____ Date: 11-4-24 _____

Attested to: Kai Leddy, Secretary Signed  _____ Date: 11-4-24 _____

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES Aug 27, 2024

LOCATION: Sleepy Hollow golf course at 2721 E. Sleepy Hollow Cir and/or Zoom meeting ID: 898 6138 3709 or telephone 346-248-7799

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03PM AKST

ATTENDEES: Corine Hickey, Rachel Lund, Mary Ravetta, Will Hastings

Guests: State Senator David Wilson
Mat-Su Assembly member, Dmitri Fonov
Mat-Su Jason Ortiz's assistant, Austin Havin

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES & AGENDA

Motion 1 to approve agenda as written by Corine.
Motion by Rachel Lund to 2nd motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Will reported \$75,042.

GUEST SPEAKER #1 Senator Wilson

- This is the season to meet with him.
- Moved dirt for project.
- 3 governor's bills passed:
- 45 days to get squatters out, wants to work on this issue.
- It takes a long time, a house in Willow that burned down 3 times.

Question/Comments from a public attender:

- What legal advice can we get.
- Can state get/create stiffer laws for Alaska?
- Going before Judge, can public attend?
- What is needed to deter repeat issues on Heather Way?

Fonov said,

- Heather Way has 2 tax payments unpaid.
- Heather Way property goes through foreclosure process.

Mandy Lambert has part time job doing derelict properties
Next meeting is at Menard Center, 24 September, 7pm

OLD BUSINESS:

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Corinne Hickey
[Signature]

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- Not sure how much clean up (hired out) Hazmat would be more expensive and more difficult.
- Clean up or clean up and enduring process sustained.

Ideas from community during discussion with Assemblyman Fonov of Health Way:

- Ask judge for a late spring time frame. Must be specific.
- 10 days to 2 weeks after meeting with judge
- Follow-ups are necessary
- Borough has some funds too, including demolish house.
- June 1, 2024 date, permission, gives us the winter time to get estimate.
- Once cleaning is finished/completed the Jersey boulders and/or a cop car.
- AST, Alaska State Troopers
- Hearing vote on donating money to help Fonov with Attorney meeting per Heather Way.
- \$10K? Funding to take to hearing.
- We'll look at estimate and then come up with money to show our commitment.
- 3 things, Access, Enduring process, and estimate.
- We'll get an estimate

GUEST SPEAKER #2 Mat-Su Borough Assembly Member, Dmtri Fonov:

- Funds available to remove up to \$75 for 3 junk vehicles available, plus an additional amount for more severe case.
- 300 to 400 vehicles to remove.
- Accept vehicle hauler at the corner of Vine and Parks Hwy
- Heather Way – ask court late Sept early Oct to go to court. Participating in this property plus other severely trashed properties.
- Owner of Heather Way will allow 5 or 6, 5 to 10 vehicles to go, finished online.
- Before and after photos, borough will provide trash cans and volunteers.

Corine:

- These are things we'd like to bring to the borough's attention in the next months

Will:

- 5 July 2024 Fonov, Ortiz and Will met with Borough attorney regarding Heather Way.
- Everyone gets use to dumping the junk on Heather Way property.
- We need measures to deter folks from dumping.

GUEST SPEAKER #3 Austin Havin for Jason Ortiz:

- 3 car junk removal
- Barriers on Shushanna
- Co-compliance Case
- Junk and trash
- DNR
- Burrowood
- Property on Raven near Schrock working it. A Heather Way on a smaller scale.
- Schrock leaking cars Co-compliance

Our next Community meeting is last Tuesday of the month September 24th, 2024



**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
WATERBODY SETBACK ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING

5:00 P.M.

October 2, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The Waterbody Setback Advisory Board's regular meeting was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The chair called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Members present; #7 – Bill Kendig, C.J. Koan, Tim Alley, Bill Klebesadel, Bill Haller, Matthew LaCroix, Jeanette Perdue @5:01, Kendra Zamzow @5:05

Members absent/excused; #1 – Carl Brent

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bill Haller moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by CJ Koan
The agenda is approved without objection.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting: September 4, September 17

Bill Haller moved to approve the minutes. Bill Klebesadel seconds

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jean Holt
Rod Hansen, North Lakes Community Council
Audience participation closed without objection.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- A. Draft Ordinance – A DRAFT ORDINANCE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY AMENDING MSB 17.55 TO ALLOW STRUCTURES TO BE CONSTRUCTED WITHIN 75 FEET OF A WATERBODY, SO LONG AS CERTAIN ENGINEERING STANDARDS TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY ARE APPLIED**

Bill Haller moved to adopt the language in 17.55.030 section A(1) The motion was seconded by Tim Alley.

Matt Lacroix objected.

Motion passed with Matt LaCroix and Kendra Zamzow opposed.

Matthew LaCroix moved to delete 17.55.025 from the table of contents. The motion was seconded by Bill Haller.
Motion passed with no objection.

Matthew LaCroix moved to add a definition for Hazardous substances. The motion was seconded by Bill Haller.
Motion passed with no objection.

Matthew Lacroix moved to add 17.55.016 section C. The motion is seconded by Kendra Zamzow.

Discussion ensued.

Bill Haller moved a primary amendment to change 75 feet to 25 feet. The motion was seconded by Tim Alley.

Discussion ensued.

The amendment passed without objection.

CJ Koan moved a primary amendment to add language to require stormwater runoff mitigation from the paved parking area. The amendment was seconded by Kendra Zamzow.

Tim Alley moved a secondary amendment to remove “parking.” The motion was seconded by CJ Koan.

The secondary amendment passed without objection.

Bill Haller moved to reconsider. The motion was seconded by Bill Klebesadel.

The motion to reconsider passed without objection.

Tim Alley withdrew his secondary amendment

The primary amendment passed without objection.

Discussion on the main motion ensued.

The main motion passed as amended without objection.

Matthew LaCroix moved to approve the language in 17.02.035 section A 1-3. The motion was seconded by Kendra Zamzow.

Discussion ensued.

Bill Haller moved an amendment to change 20 percent to 50 percent. The motion was seconded by Bill Kendig.

Discussion ensued.

CJ Koan objected.

The amendment failed with Bill Haller and Bill Kendig in favor.

Tim Alley moved a primary amendment to add “Impervious surface may exceed 20 percent if the requirements of MSB 17.02.035(B) are met.” The motion was seconded by Matthew LaCroix.

The amendment passed without objection.

The main motion passed as amended without objection.

Matt LaCroix moved to approve 17.02.035 section B. The motion was seconded by Bill Haller.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed without objection.

CJ Koan moved to change the title for section 17.02.035 to “Standards for existing or new development within 75 feet of a waterbody.” The motion was seconded by Bill Haller.

Matt LaCroix moved to adopt the language in 17.02.035 Section B(1). The motion was seconded by Tim Alley.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed without objection.

Matt LaCroix moved to adopt the edits made in 17.02.035 section B(1) c. The motion was seconded by Tim Alley.

Motion passed without objection.

Matt LaCroix moved to approve 17.02.035 Section B(1) d, as represented in Matts edits. The motion was seconded by Tim Alley.

Matt LaCroix moved to adopt 17.02.035 sections B2 (a)(b)(c)(d) and (e). The motion was seconded by Tim Alley.

Bill Haller moved a primary amendment to change “may” to “shall”. The motion was seconded by CJ Koan.

The amendment failed with Bill Haller and Bill Kendig in favor.

Motion passed with no objection.

Matt LaCroix moved to adopt paragraph B3 as proposed. The motion was seconded by Tim Alley.

Bill Klebesadel moved an amendment to change supervision to oversight. The motion was seconded by Bill Haller.

The amendment passed without objection.

The main motion passed as amended without objection.

Matt LaCroix moved to adopt 17.02.035 paragraphs (B) 4, 5, and 6 as proposed. The motion was seconded by Bill Klebesadel.

Bill Klebesadel moved an amendment to remove the word proposed. The motion was seconded by CJ Koan.

The amendment passed with no objection.

The main motion passed with no objection.

- B. Draft Resolution - A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH WATERBODY SETBACK ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING CHANGES TO MSB 17.55 – SETBACK AND SCREENING EASEMENTS, MSB 17.02 – MANDATORY LAND USE PERMIT, AND MSB 17.65 - VARIANCES.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Start at section 17.02.035 next meeting.

Bill Klebesadel – No Comment

Tim Alley – Good meeting, got through a lot.

Matt Lacroix – Getting close. Appreciate the discussion

Bill Haller – Making headway


Jeanette Perdue – No Comment

CJ Koan – Loving it.

Bill Kendig – No Comment

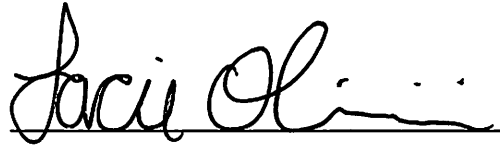
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Bill Kendig, Chair

ATTEST:



Lacie Olivieri, Clerk

Date Approved: 10/14/24

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Cindy Michaelson, Chair
Randy Newcomb, Vice Chair
Cathi Kramer
Jedediah Cox

DISTRICT CHIEF

Tawyna Hightower

Minutes

Regular Meeting

Monday, Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
Public Safety Building, West Lakes Fires, Station 7-3

I. CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting of the West Lakes Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 pm by Cindy Michaelson on September 9th, 2024.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Board members establish quorum:

West Lakes Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors

Chair: Cindy Michaelson present, **Vice-Chair:** Randy Newcomb present, **Members:** Cathi Kramer and Jedediah Cox present

Present from West Lakes Fire Department

Tawnya Hightower, Chief
Mary Hauge, Admin Assistant

Also Present: Brain Davis, Deputy Director of Fire and Bill Gamble, Borough Assemblyman

One

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IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Jedediah Cox moved to approve the agenda

Randy Newcomb – 2nd the motion

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: Jedediah Cox moved to approve the minutes

Randy Newcomb – 2nd the motion

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Lakes Fire will be participating with the American Legion located off Machen Road on Wednesday, September 11th, at 6:00 PM for the 9/11 ceremony. You do not need to be a member to attend. Central announced theirs for Wednesday 5:30 am at Station 61.

VII. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief's Report – Tawnya Hightower – WLFS

August 75 Calls

MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	20	26.67%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	29	38.67%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	9	12%
Service Call	4	5.33%
Good Intent Call	6	8%
False Alarm & False Call	7	9.33%
TOTAL	75	100%

YTD 527 calls

7 Structure Fires: 5 in WLFD area and 2 in CMSFD area

38 YTD structure fires

39% of our calls are EMS or EMS related and includes Rescue calls

Our Smoke alarm program scored another win. We had a Smoke Alarm call for a man with mobility needs in a 3-level home. He was alerted by his Smoke Alarm/CO detector and he called

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911 right away. Because his smoke alarm worked, he was able to get out of the home. West Lakes crews installed the smoke alarms last year. Smoke alarms save lives.

Cathi Kramer, Horseshoe Lake Firewise, has advocated and applied for grants thru the Big Lake Community Council for smoke and CO alarms. We install them for anybody that calls.

In September we interviewed for the new Health and Safety Officer position. We had 6 applicants, 2 were from out of state but did not meet the minimum requirements. 2 were qualified within our department and 2 were outside, we interviewed all four. I can't share with you who will get the position until we have the official notification from HR.

TRAINING:

FADO & Rescue Tech is complete.

Fire Officer II class continues.

Firefighter I Class began Sept. 3rd.

We are very busy on training. This picture was shared on our Face Book page. This is Engineer Cecily Rogers; she did a great job on the knock down of the fire. This is why we train, so when we get there, we know what to do. A lot of people don't understand that they face this sort of situation.



FADO: Firefighter Apparatus Driver Operator Class

We revamped this class in a way to capture more students by using a task book and weeklong classes over the summer. This made it easier on the students schedule and they all did a great job. We should hear back soon on their state testing.

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2024 FADO Class – Lisa Jaeger sent me this picture. These are the Fire Fighter Driver Operators and instructors.



COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION:

Installed: 6 Smoke Alarms, Replaced 8 Batteries

Installed: 5 CO Alarms

We worked two days at the Alaska State Fair where crews talked with fairgoers about home safety, smoke alarms and common household fire hazards.

This month's Fire Prevention Safety message is Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you!
Teaching, education, and prevention is how we will save lives.

APPARATUS UPDATES:

Truck 73 Annual ladder inspection passed. Leak near the drain valve found on last inspection, work order submitted and waiting for that repair.

PT 73 discharge cable replaced.

Truck 81 sent to surplus and sold for \$9,000.

New Pumper Tender 81: We are still waiting for the pump to be delivered in September.

ISO (Insurance Services Office)

Visit on September 6th

Estimated 300 personnel hours spent on paperwork information.

ISO representative was a former Fire Chief in California and familiar with our terminology.

She took a tour of our station and was very impressed.

We should hear back from her in February.

Currently we are a "4", looking to see what it takes to be a "3"

We are interested in ISO's mapping and we will get copies when they are done.

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Talkeetna, Houston, West Lakes, Central and Sutton had their ISO visits last week.

Chief Hightower:

(Page comes in for EMS)

With the medics staying here we added their pages to our alert system, we hear EMS calls along with our Fire Calls.

The medics are staying here as our guests until their building gets remodeled, they plan to be out the end of October or early November.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill Gambell:

- Revenue and property values went up

This years property values went up an average of 5.5% across the valley

Road Service Areas received an increase in their Mill rate, due to new road service contracts.

We are trying to keep the Mill rates where they are or even lower.

When you are making your budget, be very conservative.

Any change in mill rate did it go up or down, how did the reduction impact you?

Brian Davis:

Every service area did see the increase in revenue, no service area saw a decrease

We got 4% up to 8-9% for the smaller departments.

Gambell: That's good, we didn't know that because we didn't know what the overall revenue was going to be for the Borough, the whole Mill rate would be for the valley.

Chief Hightower:

4.18% was projected for West Lakes with lower Mill rate and increased property value

Prices and repairs are above 4.18%, the Standard of 5% was the average

Inflation. For us, inflation is much higher, and it will impact us in the future.

Brian Davis:

Assured that the message is and will continue to be conveyed.

We're not asking for any increases; we are still operating even with inflation.

Chief Hightower:

We retired the Fairbanks truck, talking about ISO ratings.

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ISO counts apparatus that is closest to the nearest 3-story building
We have 93 square miles of service area for 5 stations, we have one aerial truck.
An Aerial pre-covid was almost a million dollars.
For us, we have to concentrate on infrastructure.
Making sure our stations are maintained, to paint a Fire Station is over \$40,000
Roads need attention.
Smoke alarms are very important.

Brian Davis:

We will advocate continuously for adequate funding for the service area.
Keep delivering your message all the way up through the chain.
What you present to us we will keep passing that message along.
When you feel that message is not being conveyed then the board also has the ability to talk to the assembly.

IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Jedediah Cox:

In the future will we get a list of structures, apparatus, and maintenance?

Chief Hightower:

I will make up a list of priorities for structures, apparatus, and maintenance. It's in our 5-year plan, so we have that.

Randy Newcomb:

Why is the Hose Tower not fixed?

Chief Hightower:

We are being patient and drying hose on the ground, a temporary solution until we can get the tower fixed. The choice is to buy a 15,000-hose dryer and make modifications to the building to accommodate that or use 15,000 in repairing the Hose Tower.
We adapt with the resources we have and do our best to keep our eyes focused on the emergency response to the community.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion about keeping a physical list of maintenance repairs for the stations
The Hose Tower was built with the station and has some problems. It's on the CIP budget list due to an increase in price and engineering costs
Reserve account of approximately 2 million, nothing is being deferred.

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Water and water supply growth are most important.
Roads need service and repair, Big Lake Road, and West Susitna Parkway delays to our response in getting apparatus down the roads is challenging. Could take longer for the 83-water site due to development delays and increase in prices.
Our priority is always going to be response and then growth, we try to balance it all
No delays because of money but lack of time to do the project.

XI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

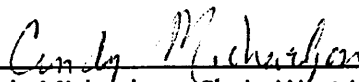
- Brian Davis:
- Closing out FY24.
- We are focusing on the November election, watching Caswell consolidation with Willow.
- Starting the process of FY26 budget, requests and submitting projects.
- The price received for the old ladder truck was \$9,000.00
- Cindy Michaelson:
- Next meeting is a joint mtg with Central at Station 61, Swanson Ave. at 6:00 PM.

XII. ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Jedediah Cox 1st motion to adjourn.

Cathi Kramer 2nd the motion to adjourn.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm



Cindy Michaelson, Chair, West Lakes FSA B.O.S.

ATTEST: 

Mary Hauge - Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on 10/14/24

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WILLOW AREA COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION MONTHLY MEETING

DATE 08/07/2024 7:00 p.m.

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

Board & Community quorums were established.

Board members present: Tryg Erickson, Greg Jones, Maura Shea, Sophia Boufidou, Rodney McCambridge, Talon Boeve, Linda Oxley, Barbara Ensley, Matt Elkins

Pledge of allegiance led by Rodney McCambridge.

5/1/24 MEETING and 6/5/24 MEETING Minutes were approved

Agenda approved.

BOARD REPORTS

- A. **Chair:** Motion to approve Matt Elkins as At-Large Representative 2 was approved.
- B. **Vice Chair:** Met with Borough for issues regarding landscaping, heating, leaks and they said will take care of these issues. He has also attended meetings regarding the Land sale and the Houston Airport proposal.
 State Transportation Board has funds to improve the Parks hwy and side roads.
- C. **Treasurer:** July Statement of Financial Position:

Willow Area Community Organization
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	JUN 2024	JUL 2024
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
10000 Cash	85,298.44	86,058.88
10010 General Account	8,340.28	8,438.54
10040 Gaming Account	8,537.79	8,008.81
10050 Youth Forum	78,056.81	86,408.47
10060 Willow Trails Committee	4,887.70	4,887.70
10090 Recycle Committee	3,068.88	3,068.88
10100 CERT	194,991.02	193,848.96
Total 10000 Cash	\$194,991.02	\$193,848.96
Total Bank Accounts	\$194,991.02	\$193,848.96
Fixed Assets		
15001 Land	1,448.04	1,448.04
15050 Land Improvements	83,026.13	83,026.13
16001 Equipment	13,348.00	13,348.00
16050 Construction in Progress	0.00	0.00
17001 Accumulated Depreciation - Equipment	-13,348.00	-13,348.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$81,472.17	\$84,472.17
TOTAL ASSETS	\$276,463.19	\$278,321.13
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Equity	\$788.00	\$0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$276,463.19	\$278,321.13

July Statement of activity:

Willow Area Community Organization

Statement of Activity

July 2024

	MUSEUM	OPERATIONS	WILLOW TRAILS COMMITTEE	YOUTH FORUM	TOTAL
Revenue					
40000 Contributions		500.00	10,353.69		\$10,853.69
42000 Sales Revenue		1,344.65			\$1,344.65
43000 Rental Revenue		7,468.10			\$7,468.10
49000 Other Revenue		43.23	4.77	0.39	\$48.39
Total Revenue	\$0.00	\$9,355.98	\$10,358.46	\$0.39	\$18,714.82
GROSS PROFIT	\$0.00	\$9,355.98	\$10,358.46	\$0.39	\$18,714.82
Expenditures					
50000 Payroll Expenses		2,055.74			\$2,055.74
63000 Insurance	220.25	557.12			\$777.37
64000 Office Expenses		271.16			\$271.16
65000 Gaming Expense		1,389.20			\$1,389.20
67000 Repairs & Maintenance		4,005.00		1,510.00	\$5,515.00
68000 Occupancy	297.14	690.21		27.50	\$1,014.85
70000 Special Event Expenses		1,248.46			\$1,248.46
Total Expenditures	\$517.39	\$10,216.89	\$0.00	\$1,537.50	\$12,271.78
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$-517.39	\$-860.91	\$10,358.46	\$-1,537.12	\$7,443.04
NET REVENUE	\$-517.39	\$-860.91	\$10,358.46	\$-1,537.12	\$7,443.04

Budget vs Actuals:

Willow Area Community Organization

Budget vs. Actuals: FY2025 Budget

July 2024 - June 2025

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Revenue			
40000 Contributions	500.00	23,990.00	-23,490.00
41000 Contracts		15,000.00	-15,000.00
42000 Sales Revenue	1,344.65	19,170.00	-17,825.35
43000 Rental Revenue	7,468.10	17,420.00	-9,951.90
44000 Gaming Revenue		28,390.00	-28,390.00
45000 Special Event Revenue		6,500.00	-6,500.00
49000 Other Revenue	43.23	1,100.00	-1,056.77
Total Revenue	\$9,355.98	\$111,570.00	\$-102,214.02
GROSS PROFIT	\$9,355.98	\$111,570.00	\$-102,214.02
Expenditures			
50000 Payroll Expenses	2,055.74	21,570.00	-19,514.26
60000 Advertising & Marketing		2,650.00	-2,650.00
63000 Insurance	777.37	8,390.00	-7,612.63
64000 Office Expenses	271.16	4,820.00	-4,548.84
65000 Gaming Expense	1,389.20	22,200.00	-20,810.80
66000 Contract & Professional Fees		980.00	-980.00
67000 Repairs & Maintenance	4,005.00	8,840.00	-4,835.00
68000 Occupancy	887.35	51,910.00	-50,922.65
69000 Other Expenses		0.00	0.00
70000 Special Event Expenses	1,248.46	13,200.00	-11,951.54
71000 Awards & Grants to Others		1,000.00	-1,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$10,734.28	\$136,680.00	\$-124,828.72
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$-1,378.30	\$-25,090.00	\$22,611.70
NET REVENUE	\$-1,378.30	\$-25,090.00	\$22,611.70

\$4K in Repairs & Maintenance was spent on window repair and cleaning.
 \$1,248 in Special Event Expenses were spent on supplies for July 4th picnic.

NEW BUSINESS

- D. Motion to appoint Matt Elkins as At-Large Representative 2 was approved.
- E. **Houston Airport south of Willow:** this project is at the very early phases of developing a plan, Tryg has appointed Brian Grenier to monitor and report. A letter to the Mayor of Houston has been drafted on the topic.

Houston's comprehensive plan does not include this. The need for it is questionable given the existing Willow and Big Lake airports, as well as multiple private airports and lakes. Houston council mtg is tomorrow at 6pm. Willow residents are invited to attend and voice their opinions. The Wasilla mayor is also opposed to it. It is doubtful this will be allowed to proceed as it's pursued outside the formal and approved processes. Concerns were voiced that if it goes to the State legislature and then to the Borough, we would not necessarily be consulted.

When suggested to come to talk to Willow/Waco, Houston mayor said that they do not want to do that, only need to talk to the State of AK.

This airport is not part of Houston's comprehensive plan; however, it was brought up that a comprehensive plan is a wish list more or less, they don't have to follow it, they only have to consider it. State Representative McCabe (represented by his wife) invited Willow residents to communicate their position to him.

State Parks Commission has not been approached as far as we know even though this would encroach on Nancy Lake State Park.

OLD BUSINESS

- F. **Alcohol sales:** we are pursuing this. A meeting to review this policy is scheduled for Saturday 9am at the Comm. center, all are invited to attend.
- G. **Long Lake area land sale:** This land shares 1.5 miles border with Nancy Lake rec area. Sale has been postponed for a year and the borough is suggesting we raise money to buy it. We have asked for a letter of intent for the sale potential and the Borough refused to provide it. Willow residents are asked to formally support a statement from the borough stating the intent to not sell without consulting us and allowing us to make a move.
- H. **Museum inclusion as rental:** Matt Elkins contributed that the Museum Committee has said no to this (although he has no official capacity on the matter). Decision made to leave off for now.
- I. **Additional procedures for review: Finance, Gaming and Grants & Scholarships.** Maura requesting support by reviewing and providing feedback, Goal is to have them all reviewed/approved by the end of the year.

WACO GROUP REPORTS

- J. **Fire service area:** 238 calls, 2 new hires have been added. The current staff total is 30 but would like to increase it by 10 more in the next 10 years. The combination of Willow and Caswell fire depts will be up for vote in Nov., residents of Willow and Caswell can vote on it.

- K. **Library:** The reading program has had 125 kids, up to 75 arrived on designated days for activities and lunch. Education on Recycling was very educational and fun ... 300 books were offered and many Recycling stickers handed during the July 4th Parade

- L. **Pickleball** 44 people played in June and 53 in July collecting total dues of \$1465, WACO received half of that amount.

- M. **Mushers Association:** no news this month

- N. **PTA:** no news this month.

- O. **Farmer's market** is going very well, even on rainy days there is good attendance. Vendors are also very happy.


ANNOUNCEMENTS/PERSONS TO BE HEARD

- P. **Aug 31st** will be the second **Yard Sale**, there will be spaces inside and outside. Contact Rodney (907-917-7771) to reserve space. Set up 8-9am, yard sale 9-3.
- Q. Talon Boeve mentioned there is a disaster preparedness class in Wasilla on Aug 9th and 10th, class is free and there are no prerequisites.
- R. Brenda McCain mentioned the upcoming free CERT training in Willow for Disaster Preparedness.

Adjourn 8:16 pm



WACO Chair 10/2/24
Date



WACO Secretary 10/2/24
Date

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WILLOW AREA COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION MONTHLY MEETING

DATE 09/04/2024 7:00 p.m.

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

Board quorum was established. Community quorum was not established.

Board members present: Tryg Erickson, Greg Jones, Maura Shea, Sophia Boufidou, Rodney McCambridge, Talon Boeve, Barbara Ensley, Matt Elkins.

Board members absent: Linda Oxley

Pledge of allegiance led by Rodney McCambridge.

8/7/24 Meeting Minutes not approved due to board and community members not having reviewed. WACO Secretary will ensure meeting minutes pending approval will be distributed with future Meeting Agendas.

Agenda approved.

BOARD REPORTS

- A. **Chair:** Sid Bertz is concerned with our deteriorating financial situation; the creation of a special use district may be a good solution. As a reminder from previous discussion on the subject, a vote by the Willow residents required for this to happen due to taxes involved.
- B. **Vice Chair:** reiterated that some action is needed to address the WACO financial issues; among other things, we are in danger of losing this facility. There is no timeframe currently for action on this.
- C. **Treasurer:** on the topic of WACO's financial issues she also contributed the fact that just in the last year, the loss of cash is noticeable.
August Statement of Financial Position:

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Total 10000 Cash	183,233.47	180,422.75
Total Bank Accounts	\$183,233.47	\$180,422.75
Total Current Assets	\$183,233.47	\$180,422.75
Fixed Assets	\$1,448.04	\$1,448.04
TOTAL ASSETS	\$184,679.51	\$181,868.79
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities	0.00	1,100.00
20020 Deferred Revenue	80.00	\$1,100.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	80.00	\$1,100.00
Total Current Liabilities	80.00	\$1,100.00
Total Liabilities	80.00	\$1,100.00
Equity		
Opening balance equity	257,736.56	257,736.56
Retained Earnings	-80,386.36	-80,386.36
Net Revenue	7,329.31	3,418.59
Total Equity	\$184,679.51	\$181,868.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$184,679.51	\$181,868.79

Not many changes on pages 1 and 2 from last month. Budget vs actual, nothing of note. Last year's final statement has been submitted for tax prep.

- D. **At-Large-Representative-1:** \$690 rev from August yard sale. Working on another event for November, details coming soon. The audience contributed that it was more than a yard sale, it was a community gathering and people had a good time, thank you Rodney!
- E. **At-Large-Representative-4:** Reminder to board members not to "reply all" when replying to Secretary
- F. **Linda Oxley** was unable to attend and provide consent agenda input; Chair read her contribution:

Youth Forum, want to thank Jen & Rodney Boudreux for the donation and installation of 2 picnic tables in the dog park!! Good spot for the humans to sit a minute....

Also, many have noted that the main gate into the dog park was stolen a few nights ago. Anyone with information is asked to call Linda... We are awaiting a quote from Alaska Farm Supply... but will be replacing it. Dog park is still quite useable as the interior gates are intact.

We were delighted to see the Cogdill/Neuharth wedding in the park last weekend and glad to have such a facility for the memorial service the weekend before for Thomas Theiner.... Thanks to Steve Charles for facilitating the rough ground work

to extend the walking trail 4000 from Shem Pete onto the permitted borough land adjacent to Newman Park.

Carnival, Jan 31-Feb 2 with the possibility of single events on the days/weekends before and after! SuDog 300 will launch on the afternoon of Jan 25 with Bingo that night. We are exploring serving beer at bingo but no promises yet. And rounding out the 2 weeks of fun with tentatively the Fire & Ice Family Dance on Feb 8. Hard deadline for events to commit of Nov 15 with the goal of the schedule being used as place mats for the Holiday dinner on Dec 6 and improve the ability to advertise our wonderful event. Vendor prices reduced to improve local vendor attendance: \$25 for indoor tables and \$15 for outdoor tables. We are exploring a speaker system that would allow indoor and outdoor broadcasting. Many thanks to all the volunteers stepping up to run the different events and tasks. It takes a village!

Marketing Strategies Group – no meetings to report

NEW BUSINESS

G. Oil and Gas Exploration in the Susitna Valley

June Okada from the Susitna River Coalition provided an overview of the proposed project: Full representation of June's Talking points can be found in Appendix 1.

In Summary: DNR put notice for oil/gas exploration, same map as in 2017. They are asking for public comments due Oct 7, by 5pm. There was also another proposal in 2022 to which we replied; both times WACO wrote a letter asking to exclude area in Willow area, including Nancy Lake park and Willow residential areas. Asking if we want to send a similar letter. Concerns are impacts to water, pollution, noise. Brenda talked about her personal communications with the proposers, sticky point is defining "unincumbered" land and boils down that everyone's land can be subject to exploration.

Rodney McCambridge is concerned about how roads and property owners will be compensated from the damages due to grilling. The proposers will need to come to us and answer these questions.

State Representative McCabe voiced the opposing position, stating we are running out of Natural Gas statewide, and if we need to import it will be double the price. NG is up to Houston now it could be in Willow soon if we request it; given how it can lower heating costs. MEA (as well as Chugiak Electric) also use NG to generate electricity – as a result both heating costs and electricity prices have the potential of rising significantly if new sources of NG as not identified.

Motion to send a letter similar to the ones sent in 2017/2022 was passed unanimously. A copy of the 2022 letter can be found in Appendix 2.

OLD BUSINESS :

- H. **Alcohol Sales:** no update to the Alcohol Sales policy other than we are working on the rental form to incorporate language related to it. There is a wedding in October at which alcohol will be served and we'll comply with the MatSu Borough application requirements.
- I. **Update on the status of the Borough's Long Lake Road 360 acre land disposal:** the administration refused to sign a non-binding Letter of Intent (LOI) which said that they would sell

the land if a conservation fund made them an acceptable offer. They did not respond in writing, only in a one-on-one conversation. The next step may be to go to the Assembly to get them to direct the Manager to execute the LOI. Looking for ideas.

- J. **Houston Airport south of Willow:** Brian Grenier was under the weather, Brenda McCain provided an update on his behalf: he attended Airport related meetings in Houston. Although they are proceeding, the sense is that it will take enormous regulatory effort and financial resources to overcome present obstacles. Rep. McCabe said he will support what the community supports. He is not working any deals nor is he working with the Mayor of Houston. A project of this scope will require money that the state is unlikely to allocate.

WACO COMMUNITY GROUP/CLUB REPORTS

- K. **Fire service area:** slowest month this year, hired one more responder. EMS has 700K in hand from the borough, will proceed with design accordingly - 3M tied to a bill which has not passed yet. Regarding the question of housing State Troopers in fire stations: Willow Chief is in support but the how to accomplish this is not clear yet. Focus is on EMS enhancements for the community right now
- L. **Library:** fall activities starting per library announcements, see Library website.
- M. **Pickleball** still playing outside, looking at appr. \$600 to split with WACO.
- N. **Mushers Association:** Annual mtg is coming up, looking for 3 board members. Still working on Iditarod signage – all welcome to attend monthly mtgs
- O. **PTA:** no news this month.
- P. **Garden club:** Oct 24 will host a Harvest Dinner, RSVP needed to attend. Look at the blog for details.
- Q. **Farmer's market** this Friday is the last one as we are heading into Fall already.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PERSONS TO BE HEARD

- R. Linda Ball from Alaska and Alaska Highway magazine, which is an annual publication, in print and digital, said that Willow is not in the magazine and would like to change that. Invited business to place advertisements, there are some promotions currently. Matt said that maybe WACO could advertise, Marketing committee is the correct contact.
- S. State Rep. McCabe said that the money allocation to public safety is not an attempt to "buy votes".
- T. Last person out leaving the community center should always lock and turn lights out.
- U. Talon reminded the audience about the 16th Annual Emergency Preparedness Expo, Sat. Sept. 28/10-3 at the Menard Sport Center.

Adjourn 8:17 pm

WACO Chair

10/2/24

Date

WACO Secretary

10/2/24

Date

Appendix 1



Public Comments are Needed for:

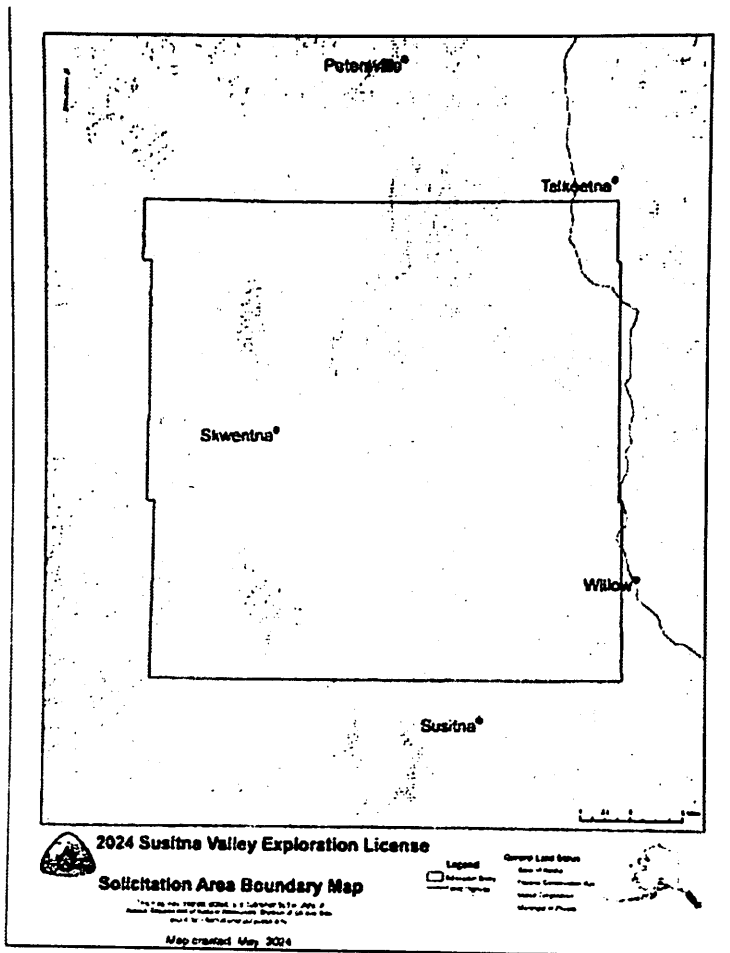
DNR, Division of Oil and Gas (DO&G) Notice of Intent to Evaluate Gas Only Exploration License Proposal, Request for Additional Proposals, and Request for Comments on Exploration within Solicitation Area

What We Know So Far:

A public notice from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas (DO&G), for a gas exploration license proposal in the Susitna Valley came out on August 7th, 2024. DO&G is currently calling for competing development proposals as well as accepting public comments at the same time. The comment period was extended by 30 days to **October 7, 2024 at 5pm.**

The map they shared of the solicitation area is expanded to obscure the actual boundaries of this new proposal. They will be releasing information on any prospective proposals and the details of the licenses and applicant(s) in the Preliminary Finding (release date TBD). In the meantime, DNR is asking for public comments on gas exploration in the area in preparation for the drafting of this Preliminary Finding. Any information we have of the area that we want them to include, and why exploring here would NOT be in the state's best interest as well as mitigation measures to consider is to be included in our comments. **The license holder will have free range to explore any and all of the licensed area for up to 10 years.**

The proposed area for exploration extends west beyond Skwentna and east nearly to Willow. Talkeetna lies just outside the northern boundary. The area surrounds portions of the Yentna River and the Susitna River that feed salmon into Cook Inlet. (This is exactly the same as the solicitation area from 2017, 1.5 million acres.)



Background:

This notice is identical to a 2017 DNR public notice for exploration with the same exact map boundaries except that this time it is "Gas Only". Eventually, in December of 2021, a Preliminary Written Finding of the Director came out (for 2 licenses from the same applicant - Alaska Natural Gas Corporation for Coal Bed Methane drilling). A Final Written Findings of the Director came out in June of 2022.

SRC commented both in 2017 and 2022. In 2017, 92% of the commenters, including Community Councils, felt that the licenses were NOT in the state's best interest due to the potential impacts on the values of the region to support tourism, recreation, subsistence, habitat, personal property values and quality of life issues i.e. the reasons why people live here and visit here.

Here is an article from the Anchorage Daily News from 2017 for additional background information:
<https://www.adn.com/business-economy/energy/2017/05/29/state-considers-opening-land-near-talkeetna-willow-for-oil-and-gas-exploration/>

Comments are due October 7th, 2024 by 5pm.

How to Comment:

Send written comments to:

Best Interest Findings

500 W. 7th Ave., Suite 1100, Anchorage, AK 99501

Or

Email to:

dog.bif@alaska.gov

Clearly mark submittal(s) as "Comment on Exploration in the Susitna Valley Solicitation Area", or "Agency Information on Exploration within the Susitna Valley Solicitation Area".

Possible Talking Points to Consider in Your Comments

- There needs to be baseline data on fish, wildlife, pollutants and groundwater in the area before any licenses to explore can be approved, as we do not know the damage that will be caused without extensive surveying. **We need better data to ensure the health and safety of human and environmental health.**
- **The license area includes wetlands, streams and rivers essential to both fish and wildlife habitat.** The waterways here are imperative for our anadromous fish species, including all five species of salmon, which are major contributors to the Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery, as well as important resident fish. Many areas within the license areas are legislatively designated for protection of recreation. At the very least the state must identify no drill zones for sensitive or biologically rich areas.
 - Portions of two significantly popular recreational areas, **Nancy Lakes State Recreation Area** and **Willow Creek State Recreation area**, are within and on the boundaries of the solicited area.
 - Development in this area does not align with **The Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan**, which protects areas legislatively designated for recreation and habitat. These portions of the Recreation Rivers are in this area: **Dashka River, Lake Creek, Talachulitna River and Alexander Creek.**
 - This area also contains fall and winter moose range and large **black and brown bear** concentrations during the summer and fall fish runs. **Bald eagles and trumpeter swans** nest throughout the area.
- There should be protections in place for property owners whose land or businesses may be negatively impacted by this industrial activity. A portion of the land in the proposed

licensing areas is private or municipal property. **Will the state or the company compensate for any loss in property value or damage to the land? Were property owners even informed about this proposed intrusion on their property and lives?**

- **Why risk destroying this unique area through industrialization when there are already two companies (Bluecrest and HEX) currently trying to drill in Cook Inlet where there is almost guaranteed natural gas with already existing infrastructure? The state should give these small producers the tax break they need to proceed.**
- **There are currently 4 large-scale projects being proposed in this area. West Susitna Industrial Access Corridor, Donlin Right of Way, Susitna Coal and Carbon Capture project, and Little Mt. Susitna wind project. Simultaneously, DNR is accepting comments for updates and revisions to the Susitna Basin Recreational Rivers Plan. All of these proposed major developments and changes together create a cumulative impact on vast swaths of state land that would be irreversible and permanently damaging.**

Recommendation for WACO:

Submit comments to DNR to exclude land within the WACO boundaries as pointed out in the 2017 WACO letter.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact June Okada, SRC Energy Coordinator at june@susitnarivercoalition.org.

Appendix 2



February 5, 2022

State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil and Gas
Best Interest Findings
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1100
Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: Comment on Susitna Valley Gas Exploration License; Preliminary Written Finding.

Whomever It May Concern,

The Willow Area Community Organization (WACO), a community council recognized by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB), would like to respond to the State's request for comment regarding proposed Coal Bed Methane (CBM) exploration in the Susitna Valley. Because the area being considered for exploration includes a significant portion of our residential and recreational community, we have special interest in such development and the impacts it may have.

In response to the 2017 solicitation on exploration for oil and gas in the Susitna Valley Solicitation Area, WACO requested the lands within our community council area be excluded from exploration. After WACO's further consideration of the December 10, 2022 Preliminary Written Findings, in two public meetings, our request remains the same. We believe that the intensive industrial activities associated CBM development would have severe adverse effect on private property, businesses, local roads, recreation opportunities, and wildlife habitat within our community. Of grave concern is the effect of CBM activities on salmon habitat.

Our 2017 letter explained that land use within WACO boundaries is addressed by the Willow Comprehensive Plan and many land use plans which overlap with the exploration area. The 2017 letter also includes legislatively designated areas that are managed for public recreation and habitat protection. Please include this letter as part of our current comments.

According to the Preliminary Written Findings on pages 8-11, development of CBM would, among other things:

- Require 10 to 20 CMB wells at densities of 40, 80 or 160 acres
- Result in large development of roads, well pads, pipelines, fuel tanks.
- Produce and dispose of huge quantities of water containing trace amounts of toxic metals.

This intense industrial development and possible adverse consequences even with mitigation measures simply has no place within our community. Indeed, 92% of the comments to the 2017 solicitation were opposed to the exploration due to impacts to property values, tourism, recreation and habitat. Bringing any such development within an Alaskan community without their general consent and contrary to community plans and the Southeast Susitna Area Plan is not in the best interest of the State.

The licensee, Alaska Natural Gas Corporation, does not appear to have the resources or experience necessary to complete the work commitment established, \$3,000,000 and \$3,300,000 for each license, in Section 1-4 of the Preliminary Written Findings. How is it in the best interest of the State of Alaska to grant licenses to an entity with no demonstrated ability to meet the work requirements especially considering the importance and value of the surface land uses and considering the risk to salmon.

The License Areas include populated areas within the WACO boundaries. Why not limit the licenses to State owned property while the feasibility of extracting methane is determined? Individual property owners and local businesses will likely be first impacted by exploration activities due to their proximity to the road system. These individual property owners have not been notified directly about the issuance of the licenses. Why not?

Due to public concerns over CBM development in 2004, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough passed Ordinance MSB 04-175(AM) which established MSB 17.62 in Borough code, which requires CBM development to follow the Conditional Use Permit process. The ordinance further addresses issues such as setbacks from waterbodies and public facilities, land use regulations, noise and many other concerns. WACO requests the State would recognize and require these mitigation measures in regards to any CBM development.

Because the WACO area is such a small portion of the total exploratory area, has a high residential population with a high level of public recreation use due to its pristine natural environment, CBM development would conflict with the Willow Comprehensive Plan and that there are alternative areas for exploration, we find CBM exploration within the WACO boundaries is not in the best interest of the State. We are therefore requesting the land within WACO's boundaries be excluded from exploration for Coal Bed Methane.

Sincerely,

Linda Oxley, Chair
Willow Area Community Organization