

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Abbreviated Plat Hearing was held on August 28, 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. **MEEKINS AIR:** The request is to create four lots from NE ¼ SE ¼ SW ¼ & S ½ SE ¼ SW ¼ SE ¼ & S ½ NW ¼ SE ¼ SE ¼ & S ½ SE ¼ SE ¼ of Sec. 16, T. 20N, R. 11E, SM., AK and NE ¼ NE ¼ & E ½ NW ¼ NE ¼ Sec. 21 T. 20N R. 11E S.M., AK. (Tax ID's 20N11E16DO11 & 20N11E21A008) to be known as **Meekin's Air**, containing 92.43 acres +/- . The property is located directly south of W. Glenn Highway at approximately Mile 115, directly east and west of Glacial Fan Creek; within the SE ¼ Section 16, NE ¼ Section 21, Township 20 North, Range 11 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In Glacier View Community Council and Assembly District #1. (Petitioner/Owner: Michael & Diane Meekin, Staff: Chris Curlin, Case #2024-089)

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

Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 6 public hearing notices were mailed out on August 6, 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 8 conditions. There are 5 findings of fact.

- B. **TEXAS RSB B5 L15&16:** The request is to create one lot from Lots 15 and 16, Block 5, Texas, Plat 63-15, to be known as **LOT 15A**, containing .61 acres +/- . The plat is located directly south of Stepan Lake and directly north of W. Fort Worth Drive, located within the S ½ Section 9, Township 17 North, Range 03 west, Seward Meridian, Alaska. (Petitioner/Owner: Ronald C. Peterson & Sharon L. Hart, Staff: Chris Curlin, Case #2024-091)

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

Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 13 public hearing notices were mailed out on August 6, 2024.

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

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

MOTION: Platting Officer Fred Wagner moved to continue this case to September 18<sup>th</sup> Abbreviated Plat Hearing.

- C. **STRINGFIELD NO 2:** The request is to adjust the common lot line between Lots 1 & 2, Stringfield Subdivision, Plat #2020-96 to be known as **STRINGFIELD NO. 2**, containing 65.61 acres +/- . The property is located north of E. Palmer Wasilla Highway, south of E. Bogard Road, and directly west of N. Trunk Road; within the SE ¼ Section 34, Township 18 North, Range 01 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the South Lakes Community Council and in Assembly District #3. (*Petitioner/Owner: MSB Land & Resource Management Division, Staff: Chris Curlin, Case #2024-092*)

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

Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 18 public hearing notices were mailed out on August 6, 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, Lisa Gray with MSB Land & Resource Management Division, agrees to the conditions.

Discussion moved to the motion.

MOTION: Platting Officer Fred Wagner moved to approve with 7 conditions. There are 8 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.



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FRED WAGNER, PLS  
Platting Officer

ATTEST:



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KAYLA KINNEEN,  
Platting Administrative Specialist

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Abbreviated Plat Hearing was held on September 4, 2024, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Assembly Chambers, 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. **RUMFELT ROOST:** The request is to create one lot from Lots 1 and 2, Block 7, Vance PH 2&3, Plat 81-166, to be known as **RUMFELT ROOST**, containing 2.63 acres +/- . The plat is located directly east of S. Goose Creek Road and north of W. Point MacKenzie, (Tax ID's 2213B07L001 & 2213B07L002) located within the S ¼ Section 36, Township 16 North, Range 04 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Point MacKenzie Community Council and Assembly District #5. (Petitioner/Owner: Hermann & Connie Rumpfelt, Staff: Chris Curlin, Case #2024-095)

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

Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 12 public hearing notices were mailed out on August 12, 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 5 findings of fact.

- B. **125 SUBDIVISION:** The request is to create two lots from the E1/2 SE1/4 of Section 34, Township 17 North, Range 2 East (Tax Parcel D2) to be known as **125 SUBDIVISION**, containing 80.00 acres +/- . The property is located north of Knik River, west of S. Old Glenn Highway, and south of E. Barwood Avenue (Tax ID # 17N02E34D002); within the SE ¼ Section 34, Township 17 North, Range 02 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Butte Community Council and in Assembly District #1. (Petitioner/Owner: Darrin Hamming, Staff: Matthew Goddard, Case #2024-096)

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

Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 41 public hearing notices were mailed out on August 12, 2024.

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

The following persons spoke:

- Kenneth Marshall

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

MOTION: Platting Officer Fred Wagner moved to approve with 9 conditions. There are 9 findings of fact.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Platting Officer, Fred Wagner adjourned the meeting at 8:38 a.m.



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FRED WAGNER, PLS  
Platting Officer

ATTEST:



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KAYLA KINNEEN,  
Platting Administrative Specialist

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Abbreviated Plat Hearing was held on September 11, 2024, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Conference Room 110, located at 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 8:32 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. **BUSH ESTATES:** The request is to create three lots from the S ½ , NW ¼ , lying west of Clark Wolverine Road, Sec 35, T18N R02E, S.M., AK. (Tax ID 18N02E35B015) to be known as **Bush Estates**, containing 49.2 acres +/- . The property is located directly west of E. Clark Wolverine Road, north of N. Old Glenn Highway, and south of E. Shawn Drive; within Section 35, Township 18 North, Range 02 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. (Petitioner/Owner: Nancy McGee, Staff: Chris Curlin, Case #2024-098)

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

Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 30 public hearing notices were mailed out on August 20, 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 8 conditions. There are 6 findings of fact.

- B. **FRANKLIN-VAN ABEL:** The request is to create two lots from Lot 12, Florence Lk Pk Add #1 (Plat#2002-51), Tract A, Florence Pk (Plat#2000-86), and Tax Parcel B2. SEC24 T19N R05W S.M., AK. (Tax ID's 5231000L012, 5038000T00A, & 19N05W24B002) to be known as **Franklin-Van Abel**, containing 27.15 acres +/- . The property is located directly north N. Florence Drive directly west of John Lake; within the NW ¼ Section 24, Township 19 North, Range 05 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. (Petitioner/Owner: James Franklin, Staff: Chris Curlin, Case #2024-100)

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

Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 18 public hearing notices were mailed out on August 20, 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 7 conditions. There are 5 findings of fact.

- C. **POLARIS VIEW:** The request is to create one lot and two tracts from Tax Parcel C3. (Tax ID 17N02W29C003) to be known as **Polaris View**, containing 39.99 acres +/- . The property is located directly north of W. Sunset Avenue and directly west of W. Cormorant Way; within the SW ¼ Section 29, Township 17 North, Range 02 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. (*Petitioner/Owner: Ronald Sheluga, Staff: Chris Curlin, Case #2024-101*)

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

Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 25 public hearing notices were mailed out on August 20, 2024.

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

The following persons spoke:

- Mark Sandland
- Jenny Sandland

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

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

The petitioner Ronald Sheluga spoke.

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

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Platting Officer, Fred Wagner adjourned the meeting at 8:48 a.m.



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FRED WAGNER, PLS  
Platting Officer

ATTEST:



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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 Hofiman (10)
Vice Chair – Stephen Brown (08)	Kim Bergey (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**

**April 17, 2024  
4:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m.

Members present and establishing a quorum were: LaMarr Anderson (arrived at 4:46 p.m.), Stephen Brown, Amanda Salmon, Melanie Glatt, Adam Jenski, Misty O'Connor and Kenneth Hoffman

Members absent and excused: Jozef Slowik

Members absent: Kim Bergey, Thomas Bergey

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

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Agenda approved as presented.

**III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit 3 minutes)**

- Gabe Kitter (Title 23 Parcel): He is struggling with finding financial institutions that will lend. He is looking to learn Ag, as a whole and wants to get involved in the process.
- Rob Wells (Title 13 Parcel): He plans to reach out to his assemblyperson to request this Board bring forth a change for smaller subdivision of parcels. He personally feels this will allow smaller farmers to become involved; suggested 10 ac farm with a home, and that Schedule F be a consideration, but not a sticking issue since some farmers do not do a Schedule F.
- Bev Cutler (Title 13 Parcel): Agrees with Mr. Wells and would like the Board to consider this request and ensure there is zero loss of ag land. She shared that when she acquired the property in 1977 it was woods and they had to clear the land, which gave the Borough a net gain of useable ag land. She further stated that the Board would be seeing a future action for a lot line adjustment which she would like to be approved.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The March 20, 2024 Minutes were approved as presented.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Staff Report (Mr. Metzger)

- He thanked the three Borough Ag parcel owners for their comments and perspectives
- He has handled calls from lenders fielding questions. Mr. Kitter was asked about his funding issues; he stated he was only able to find funding through AK Housing. Mr. Jenski noted that funding options are available through ARLF or ARRC for farmers.
- He made the Board aware that he is aware of a potential subdivision and is awaiting the application. It will go through the Platting Board, and if approved, it will still require Ag Board approval and Assembly approval.
- He made the Board aware of the complexities of the lot line adjustment, mentioned by Ms. Cutler. This will also come to this Board for approval, then to the Assembly.

B. Work Session Follow up – Title Changes

Discussion on potential Covenant changes was added to the notes from previous meetings and is attached. Highlighted items are specific to this meeting.

VI. MEMBER COMMENTS (Limit to 3 minutes)

Everyone expressed that there was good discussion and input during the work session that was very informative with the interaction requested from the three ag parcel owners present.

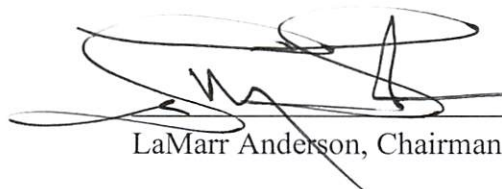
Mr. Brown: Rhodiola is in limited supply in the Lower 48, but very available in Alaska; this is a future market from Alaska.

Ms. Glatt: Feels this Board has a lot of business to address, suggested meeting twice a month. Also, suggested seeing what the State can offer for good ag land without compromising other economic factors.

VII. NEXT MEETING: May 15, 2024

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

  
LaMarr Anderson, Chairman

9/18/24  
DATE

ATTEST:

  
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Margie Cobb  
Department Administrative Specialist

## TITLE CHANGES

### Current Concerns:

- Preserve Ag land now and in the future
- Cannot divide property among more than four heirs.
- Court settlements that do not match covenants
- 79 acres does not allow for any division due to minimum 40 acre requirement
- **Provide incentives for those with large parcels to use for ag purposes**
- There are few 40-100 acre areas available for Borough Ag sale until West Susitna opens.

### Focus Points:

- Possible lot size of 10-20 acres
  - o Balance: Preserve large lots for livestock while addressing need for small Ag
  - o Define rules for subdividing
- Add tax incentives for fam structures
  - Could affect all Title 13, 15 and 23 Ag Land Owners
  - Definitions/designations for lot sizes based on soil composition and watershed
  - Think of future – ensure the right language
    - o Ensure owners can't be sued by neighbors

PROS	CONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any proposed changes should result in zero loss of ag land for properties under Title 13, 15 and 23.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not too small to make income.</li> <li>• Changes may not be approved by Title 23 landowners.</li> <li>• Enforcement difficult if language is too detailed.</li> </ul>

### CURRENT CONCERN: **Provide incentives for those with large parcels to use for ag purposes**

#### Agricultural Tax Incentives:

- **Only kick in if farming and proof provided by property owner (Schedule F or other).**
  - o State SB161;if passed, Borough could ratify. Maybe a resolution to Borough let the State know the Borough supports.
    - 4/18 – this draft does not address the issues of this Board Well
  - o Fairbanks legislation that was adopted.
    - **4/18 – ACTION ITEM** – Review for next meeting (5/15) to identify what can be used for recommendation to present to Assembly
- Tie tax incentives to agriculture production. Tiered approach.
- **Tax incentives not just the land, but the buildings to provide for infrastructure for storage/processing.**
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#### QUESTIONS:

If someone doesn't want to approve any changes to covenants, when property divided, new properties are under new covenants, not the current covenants.

### **OVERALL GOALS:**

Protect and preserve ag land  
 Ensure decisions today do not negatively affect the future.

**Big Lake RSA #21 Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 10, 2024  
Big Lake Lions Center, 6:30pm**

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Primary Supervisor Pat Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. Supervisors Jill Parson, Pat Daniels, Terry Gorlick, Andrew Traxler, and Garland Morrision were present, representing a quorum.

Meeting notice was published timely in the Frontiersman and in the MSB calendar.

Agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes for May 13, 2024, meeting were approved as presented.

**COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATES**

\*Pat was approved by the Mayor as representative on the Transportation Advisory Board. Pat also stated that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is new to the Borough and has plans now being implemented.

**Staff and Guests:**

- \*Three community members were present.
- \*Staff present was Dustin Spidal with Public Works update.
- \*Bill Gamble, Assembly member, was present. Reported the Assembly was looking at a bond package with no match required.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD:**

- \*Mokie Tew reported on the increase in road maintenance costs from \$5400/mile 5 years ago to almost \$14,000/mile today.
- \*Michael Dale asked when calcium chloride applications are to be started.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- \*Terry was voted to be new Board Secretary, although stating he did not want that task
- \*Pat presented the list of maintenance priorities that could be finished in this fiscal year, totaling \$75,000.
- \*2025 RIP list - same as last year with Jolly Creek/Cherrywood top priority.
- \*Jolly Creek/Cherrywood Dr. drainage project has been designed with no land acquisition needed. All on MSB lands/ROW.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- \*New Board zone maps plus other maps distributed to all Supervisors.
- \*Revenue Balanced Budget worksheet reviewed.
- \*Lakes View Loop one-way reduced cost alternative presented.
- \*Meeting schedule set for summer and fall: August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9.

**BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Open Meetings Act (OMA)/Parliamentary Procedures to be offered by the Clerk's Office on June 13@ 6pm (Borough Assembly Chambers in Palmer)

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Andrew moved, per request from Bill Gamble, to remove Garland from the Board. Vote was 4 against, 1 for. Motion did not pass.

Next meeting Monday, August 12, 2024, 6:30pm, Big Lake Lions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted. Pat Daniels, Primary

Date Aug 12, 2024 Jill Parson, Acting Secretary

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**Big Lake RSA #21 Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 12, 2024  
Big Lake Lions Center, 6:30pm**

Primary Supervisor Pat Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Supervisors Jill Parson, Pat Daniels, Terry Gorlick, Andrew Traxler, and Garland Morrison were present, representing a quorum.

Meeting notice was published timely in the Frontiersman and in the MSB calendar.

Agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes for June 10, 2024, meeting were approved as presented.

**COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATES:**

- \*No LRSAAB (Big Board) meeting
- \*TAB (Transportation Advisory Board) meeting cancelled

**Staff and Guests:**

- \*Four community members were present.
- \*Staff present was Dustin Spidal with Public Works projects update.
- \*Bill Gamble, Assembly member, reported Dustin's promotion, TIP24 projects require no match, and W Susitna Access alternatives.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD:**

- \*Michael Dale commented again on issues on his road: grading, no calcium chloride, slowing down traffic with nothing happening.
- \*Suzanne Christiansen questioned how Klutina drainage is being addressed.
- \*Keith Lipse commented on needed Big Lake Road repairs and lack of RSA21 maintenance on Goldstreak.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- \*Pat reported on maintenance priorities that were to be finished in this fiscal year.
- \*2025 RIP list - need to pass next meeting or October at latest.
- \*Jolly Creek/Cherrywood Dr. drainage project needs easements from private parties, now in process.
- Lakes View Loop - is one way roads an option? Discussion followed.
- Status of Victor Road presented by Dustin.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Year end drive around scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 3:00.
- \*RSA Board zones update: zone 1-Garland and Jill, zone 2-Terry Gorlick, Zone 3-Pat Daniels, zone 4-Andrew Traxler

**BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Andrew stated there's no conflict of interest being also on the RSA Board since he is the only sawmill operator in the Valley.

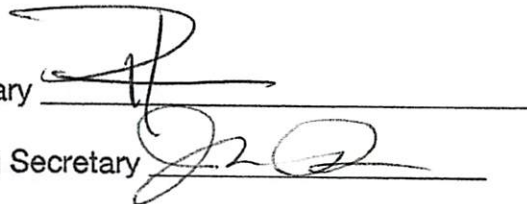
**BOARD COMMENTS:** None

Next regular meeting Monday, September 9, 2024, 6:30pm, Big Lake Lions.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Daniels, Primary

Date 09-20-2024

Jill Parson, Acting Secretary



**Big Lake RSA #21 Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 3, 2024, Drive Around  
Big Lake Lions Center, 3pm**

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Primary Supervisor Pat Daniels called the meeting to order at 3:10pm. Supervisors Jill Parson, Pat Daniels, and Garland Morrison were present, representing a quorum.

Meeting notice was published timely in the Frontiersman and in the MSB calendar.

Proposed schedule of roads to be seen was presented and those seen are listed below.

Staff and Guests:

No Guests. Public Works Staff were Sky LeDoux (Driver) and Dustin Spidal

NEW BUSINESS: Fall drive around viewed roads on list below and comments were exchanged about maintenance to be done or completed.

BOARD COMMENTS: None

Next regular meeting Monday, September 9, 2024, 6:30pm, Big Lake Lions.

Ride Around ended at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Daniels, Primary



Date 09-09-2024 Jill Parson, Acting Secretary



Roads driven:

Victor, Hawk Lane, Tom Parker, Wolf Road, Dawson, Henry Aaron Dr., W Lotus, Shotgun Dr., Burma, West Susitna Pkwy, Sunrise, Halston, Norcross, Krystal PI, Fireweed Dr (very good RAP surface)

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## Butte Community Council Minutes

Butte Community Center

3881 S. Butte Rd.

7:00 PM, May 8th, 2024

**Call to Order**- 7:03 pm by President Ron Johnson

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**-Quorum established-Board members present were Taylor, Ron, Janet and Eileen. Excused members-Michelle, Larry and Linda  
-24 people in attendance-

**Pledge of Allegiance**-Led by Taylor

**Approval of Agenda**-1<sup>st</sup> Gregory, 2<sup>nd</sup> Taylor, no objection

### **Officers Reports**

**Secretary's Report** – Approval of April Minutes 1<sup>st</sup> Gregory, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eileen, no objection

**Treasurer's Report** – Given on reading of April minutes

**Correspondence** – none-Borough says all notifications in Frontiersman/website/mail

**President's Report** -Budget from Assembly- 24-024

### **Special Presentations:**

**Kendra Johnson and Corrine Lindfors**

**Senior Code Compliance Officers**-Will do a ride along with Assembly Member Hale.

Four officials for entire Borough. 684 Cases/Case Load. Has been out to assess Butte Auto Salvage Multiple times/week, Community Clean-up Coordinator.

Asking for 1 more Code Compliance Officer, Position asked for in Budget.

Working on acquiring staging land for junk cars after being crushed.

Report violations to Problem Reporter. [Code.compliance@matsugov.us](mailto:Code.compliance@matsugov.us)

### **Committee Reports** (2 minutes each)

**Neighborhood Watch**-Received 2 Calls. More bike events scheduled.

**Community Patrol**-Notice in Green Store for new members and will have table at Fire Station Open House on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Facebook post and will recruit at Butte Clean-Up.

**Little Angels Playground**-Tom Shipman to do Clean-Up to prepare playground

**Butte Community Sign**-Mitzi volunteered to help Taylor

### **Community Reports** (3 minutes each)

**Butte Fire Department** -Chief Shipton reported evaluations going on now. Seeing great advancement in firefighters stepping up to leadership. 11 calls this week. Get burn permit and watch the wind. Fire station will be staffed 7 days week. FSA Mil rate lowered. Increased funding for staffing.

Road Service (RSA No. 26) Driving roads starting May 10. Call Problem Reporter about sign damage from snowplows. May 16, 7pm RSA meeting at Big Lake Fire Station. Oct 10 next local meeting at BCC Bldg. Sunrise Trails Sub Div 12 lots this summer.

Assembly-Budget May 9 6pm. .3 mil rate increase proposed-on \$370,000 would mean another \$270 taxes. Primarily inflation factor. Citizens advisory committee appointments 6/21. Applications in by Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>. Chickaloon was not awarded policing powers. Tim stated that Sand Storage will be put by transfer station instead of lot on other side of street.

School District-none

Legislature-Email from Delena's staff-available if anyone wants to read it.

### Old Business

Community Cleanup-Beth prepared with signs and prizes for drawings. States she has had much damage to signs that were posted to announce the community clean up.

By Laws -Have been worked on for 2 years. Published on 5 FB pages and at the Green Store. Moved to accept by Tim Hale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eileen. Unanimous.

### New Business

June Picnic-Carol Symonds will help. Beth will donate supplies. Money for supplies and food moved by Gregory 2<sup>nd</sup> Taylor- Unanimous.

Tory Dringenberg-Proposed Pet Memorial on CC property Incorporated in Little Angels Playground. Will work with Little Angels Playground committee on exactly how this will look.

Adjournment- 9:11 PM Moved by Janet

Next Meeting 7:00 PM June 12th, 2024, Butte Community Center

Upcoming Items of Interest:

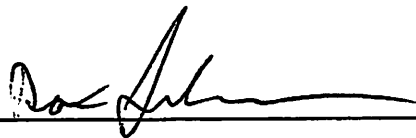
May 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> – Butte Community Cleanup

June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Butte Community Picnic

July – No CC Meeting

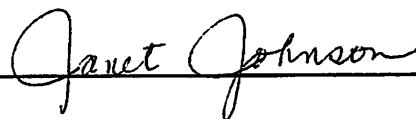
August 16<sup>th</sup> – September 2 – Alaska State Fair

President



June 12, 2024

Secretary



June 12, 2024



# Butte Community Council Meeting Minutes

Butte Community Center  
3881 S. Butte Rd.  
7:00 PM, June 10th, 2024

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**Call to Order**- 7:00pm

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**- Present: Taylor, Janet, Eileen, Larry, Linda, Ron (Michelle excused)  
Quorum met. 17 people present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**-Led by Dave Miller

**Approval of Agenda**- Moved by Gregory, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rod, Passed unanimously

## **Officers Reports**

**Secretary's Report** – Approval of May Minutes-Unanimous

**Treasurer's Report**- no change

**Correspondence**-none

**President's Report**-Deferred to Taylor for report of Butte Clean-up. Dumpster was filled. Good clean-up coverage of Butte Roads.

## **Special Presentations** -

**Jeff Smith MSB Solid Waste Division Manager**-Gave excellent overview of how landfill and transfer stations operate and where funds are allocated. Asked that lithium batteries not be included into regular trash. Paint, batteries and oil will be taken at no charge at transfer station. Raising fee to \$3 per bag. Minimum rate at Landfill to increase to \$15. Offering compost training classes. Gave out excellent printout and brochure explaining updates and services. More info at: <https://solidwaste.matsugov.us>

## **Committee Reports** (2 minutes each)

**Neighborhood Watch**-No calls since last month. Still have Neighborhood Watch signs available.

**Community Patrol**-New people have shown interest

**Little Angels Playground**-Started on driveway. Gave Gregory key to building. Will need \$200 for driveway permit-Moved by Larry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eileen. Passed unanimously. There will be trees available to be salvaged.

**Butte Community Sign**-no report

## **Community Reports** (3 minutes each)

**Butte Fire Department**-None

Road Service (RSA No. 26)-None

Assembly-None

School District-None

Legislature- Senator Hughes gave update from Legislative Session. Energy, Education 1X funding and Bills that were passed

**Old Business-**

Community Picnic- Need another grill and cook. Mike will bring picnic tables

Serving Area – Community Center- Would like input as to what is our vision for Community Center use.

**New Business**-None

**Adjournment**- 8:47 Gregory

**Next Meeting** 7:00 PM August 14th, 2024, Butte Community Center

**Upcoming Items of Interest:**

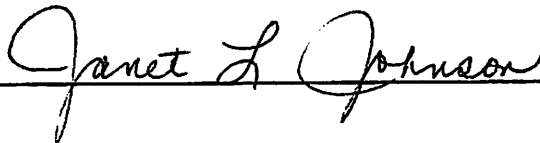
June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Butte Community Picnic

July – No CC Meeting

August 16<sup>th</sup> – September 2 – Alaska State Fair



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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
LIBRARY BOARD**

**Chairperson** – Georga Knazovich - Wasilla  
**Vice Chair** – Susan Pougher - Palmer  
**Secretary** – Mary Fischer – Talkeetna

**Big Lake** – Karen Crandall  
**At Large 1** – Chad Scott  
**Willow** – Adam Jenkins

**Sutton** – Kathy Kysar  
**Trapper Creek** – Virginia Robson  
**At Large 2** – Martha Kincaid

**Meeting Minutes**

**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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 brough 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Thes 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.

Karen Crandall – 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 Kathy Kysar Date: 9-10-24  
Kathy Kysar vice chair

ATTEST:

x Sarah Thomas Date: 9/11/24  
Sarah Thomas - Staff Support

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
LIBRARY CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Chairman—Chad Scott (MBR 7)

Vice Chair—Michelle Dempsey (MBR 2)

MBR1—Nancy Bertels

MBR3—Aaron Malone

MBR4—Dorothy Denison

MBR5—Erik Palin

MBR6—Susan Hillman

ALT1—Camilla (Nan) Potts

ALT2—Sally Pollen



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS AND LIVE STREAMED**  
<https://vimeo.com/showcase/11289539>  
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

**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 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 – Ms. Denison moved to approve minutes, unanimous consent.

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## 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 (Hillman, Denison)
  - 5 votes to remove the book from the libraries (Scott, Dempsey, Bertels, 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

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Chad Scott - Chair

Date: 9-10-24

Attest:

  
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Sarah Thomas - Staff Support

Date approved: 9/11/24

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
LOCAL ROAD SERVICE AREA ADVISORY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING by TELECONFERENCE/TEAMS and IN PERSON

June 20, 2024, 7 PM, at Fire Station 73, 10073 W. Parks Hwy

Conference Call Line Number: Dial 1-907-290-7880, then Conf ID 110-231-940 #

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	Absent
19	Robert Stone
20	Absent
21	Pat Daniels
23	Absent
25	Gary Hessmer
26	Jim Stocker
27	Steve Edwards
28	Jeremy Hongslo                      Harry Zola
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30	Donna Massay
31	David VanCleve

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Public Works:

Tom Adams

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Borough Staff (other than Public Works): None

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Dan Tucker moved amend, Steve second to add under new business road classification RSA responsibility. Dan Moved to approve, DJ McBride seconded. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Dan Tucker moved to approve the minutes from May 16, 2024 and Gary Hessmer second. Motion Carried.

**TRAINING:** None

**STAFF REPORTS**

- a. **O&M/Public Works** Tom reported Matt Garner departed. Some interviews have taken place for the O&M Division Manager. No one hired at this point. TIP 23 passed by voters last fall required a 50% match. Is on back burner until match is found. Possible bond proposition this fall for charter schools and transportation infrastructure. Board members asked various questions.
- b. **Other Staff Reports.** Status of Automated Maintenance Equipment Tracking. Kenneth Kleewein provided a demonstration of the new system. Board members asked various questions.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

- A. TAB.** Pat reported there were two TAB meetings since the last Big Board meeting. Next meeting is August 9. Discussion on annual budget for the MPO.
- B. Municipal Planning Organization (MPO).** Dan Tucker stated the organization is still in process of forming and making progress. Some discussion ensued.
- C. Other Board Reports.** None.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS.** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Road Classification RSA responsibility.** Dan Tucker reported road classification issues have existed for a long time. The cost of maintaining level 1 maintained roads is high and

not adequately shared between residents that use them. Dan will bring a resolution to the next meeting for discussion. Add to new business for next meeting.

B. July meeting. DJ moved to cancel the July meeting. Rhonda second. No objection, motion passed

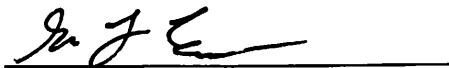
PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (Requires 14 Days Advance Notice. If No Advance Notice Is Given, Persons Wishing to Speak May Do So Under The Audience Participation Section Of The Agenda.) None

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:

OTHER BUSINESS:

BOARD COMMENTS: Jim Stocker commended McKenna Brothers dust control operations were efficient and effective. Jim also commended Jennifer for her support. Dan Tucker thanked the board for listening on level 1 maintained roads. Pat Daniels also thanked Jennifer.

ADJOURNMENT Dan Tucker moved to adjourn at 8:28 PM. Motion passed. Next Meeting: August 15, 2024, at 7PM (In-person mixed w/ Teams at Fire Sta. 73)



Stephen Edwards, Board Chair



Terry Dolan, Board Secretary

## Meeting Minutes March 13, 2024

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## Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc.

## Minutes of March 13, 2024

◆ 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 at the on Zoom and in Person at Meadow Lake Seniors  
Recorded live and posted on Facebook after the meeting

**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:** President Yehle announced that a quorum was achieved.

**Board Reports:**

**Gaming:** Ariel Cannon reported the gaming event in February sold over \$500 in Split the Pot tickets. The next event is March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Palmer Train Depot. A separate gaming activity under discussion is a possible contract with Floaters in Big Lake for a Pull Tab concession. We have also received a request to sell tickets this summer at Mat-Su Soft Ball Association games.

**Secretary:** Patti Fisher reported that the Mat-Su Assembly passed a resolution to support a coal powered plant in the Valley. The Resolution also included support for the West Susitna Access Road.

**Announcement:** Kelcey Allrich of the Susitna River Coalition made an announcement endorsing Hendrick Wessel of Talkeetna for the Matanuska Electric Association Board. There was a discussion of the ways to vote in the election.

**Presentation: Meadow Lakes Park Projects 2024.** Ariel Cannon, President of Meadow Lakes Community Development, gave a presentation of the various activities underway in the Park: Orchard, Trail System, Lighting to the parking lot, Upgrade of the storage shed, Field surface upgrade.

**Treasurer's Report:** Patti Fisher presented the Treasurer's Report for February.

**Business:**

**ByLaws Vote:** Camden presented the bylaw changes. The changes had been discussed at the February meeting, and were emailed to members after the meeting. One comment, regarding "delayed votes", was received after the bylaws were emailed out. The issue was discussed. Ariel Cannon made a motion to accept the bylaw changes without amendment. A second was made by Steve Edwards. There was no objection to the motion, the motion passed, the bylaw changes were approved.

**Appointment of a Nomination Committee:** President Yehle asked for volunteered to serve on the nominations committee. The following members volunteered and were appointed: Ariel Cannon, Camden Yehle, and Patti Fisher.

**Road Service Report:** Steve Edwards reported on the issue of road contract changes. A major change is the cost of clearing the entrance to driveways. The contract as bid by Northern Asphalt has a cost for No Berms. The options available are: No berm (cost, as in the contract is approximately \$126 per year), a 12-inch berm (cost \$95 per year, a \$30 savings), or an unlimited berm left at the discretion of the contractor (a

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savings of \$126) . There are approximately 3300 driveways in the district. Whatever the choice that is made it is for the entire district, not individual driveways.  
Steve asked for an advisory vote on the height of the snow berm to be left at the entrance to driveways. The informal poll by members in attendance recommended a berm height of 12 inches.

**Correspondence:** The correspondence was presented. No action was taken.

### Agency Reports

**Senator David Wilson:** the Senator gave an update on activities at the legislature. They are working on getting the Community Assistance funds approved. The request for federal STIP funds, which was previously denied, was resubmitted and approval is expected. The Senator commented on the Assembly Resolution regarding Coal. He said that the State had no money to fund a coal plant. The focus now is on LNG, and then on renewables. Coal is pretty low on the list. The clean coal technology is still in the "promising" category.

**West Lakes Fire: Kirk Gibbs, Assistant Chief.** Gibbs gave an update on activities in the fire district. They are in the planning process for the Wildlife Preparedness Day at Station 73, May 4<sup>th</sup>. West Lake will install smoke/CO2 alarms, and he asked that resident call with requests for the monitors.

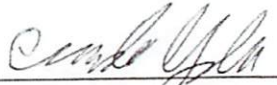
Camden reported that we heard from the Army Corp of Engineers that they have made no decision on the Island Lake Float Plane project.

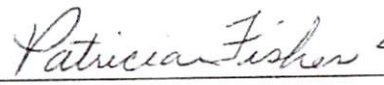
### Persons to be Heard:

Barant Strandburg, advised the group about a mining fund that is available.  
Camden showed pictures on the helical piles being installed at the bridge sites in the new trail area.

**Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, April 10th at 7 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

 4/19/24  
Camden Yehle, President      Date

 4/21/24  
Patricia Fisher, Secretary      Date

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## Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc.

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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 at the on Zoom and in Person at Meadow Lake Seniors  
Recorded live and posted on Facebook after the meeting

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Camden Yehle.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited.

**Determination of a Quorum:** President Camden Yehle announced that a quorum was achieved.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda:** Camden add to the agenda a discussion of the date for Community Cleanup and a possible change to the starting time of the Council meeting. A motion was made to approve the agenda and the agenda passed without opposition.

**Board Reports:**

**Safety:** Chair Chad Scott reported that West Lake Fire has a lot of smoke and CO2 detectors which they could install in resident's homes. He reminded members to be careful as there is still ice on the roads.

**Gaming:** Chair Ariel Cannon reported the gaming event in March sold \$300 in Split the Pot tickets. The next event is April 26 at the Palmer Train Depot. Other gaming opportunities are being pursued.

**Parks & Recreation:** Chair Lorie Benner recommended staying off wet trails currently, so as not to destroy the surface. Creeks and streams are probably not safe to cross at this time.

**Vice President:** Steve Edwards reported on the plans for road construction for the summer. He also reported that the road maintenance contract for Road Service Area 27 with Northern Asphalt was renegotiated for a lower price, and the 12-inch driveway berm was included in the contract. This brings the contract price to approximately \$14,000 per mile.

**Secretary:** Patti Fisher asked that Dewey Bitler report on a public engagement meeting of the Long Trail Committee which was held in Wasilla, on April 10. The Long Trail runs from Seward to Fairbanks. Dewey attended the meeting gave the Committee maps of the Visnaw trail on which we work here in Meadow Lakes.

**Council Coordinator:** Tim Swezey gave a report on the reservation system we are using for Park reservations.

**President:** Camden announced that the Borough is offering a \$25 coupon for trash disposal. You must apply for the coupon on the Borough website. She reported that the DOT's Seldon Road Extension project is now scheduled to begin in 2026.

**Treasurer's Report:** Trish Jacob presented the Treasurer's Report for March.

**Presentation:** Matanuska Electric Association: Eklutna Hydro Electric Project, Jennifer Castro, Communications Manager, MEA, and Tony Zellers, MEA Chief Operations Officer. A detailed reports was presented on the project and its effect on the Eklutna River.



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### Business:

**MLCC Election of Officers:** Camden presented the list of Board offices which are open in 2024. She asked for volunteers for any open position. Holly Grant added her name to run for the office of Membership Chair. The final slate was read. Vice President – Steve Edwards, Treasurer – Trish Jacob, Council Coordinator – Tim Swezey, Bylaws Chair – Terry Boyle, Parks and Recreation Chair – Lori Benner, Membership Chair – Holly Grant.

Steve Edwards made a motion to approve the slate; a second was made by Bob Coffin. The slate was approved with No Objections.

**Date of Cleanup:** Tish Link asked that the Council move the date of Cleanup to a date after school is out, so that there can be more participation by children. She suggested that we schedule the event for Friday May 31 and Saturday May 1. Chad offered storage at his church facility for bagged trash that people collect earlier than the arrival of the dumpster. An information notice will be sent to members early in May.

**Change of Meeting Time:** Camden suggested that we move the start of the meeting time from 7:00pm to 6:30pm. There was brief discuss of the issue, and Camden stated that we would have further discussion at the June meeting.

**Correspondence:** The correspondence was presented. No action was taken.

### Agency Reports:

**West Lakes Fire:** Chief Tawyna Hightower presented a report of activities at the Fire Department.

**Senator David Wilson:** Camden read a statement sent by the Senator regarding Church Road. Resurfacing of the Church and Big Lake roads is now scheduled in 2025. Maintenance of pot holes will occur as needed.

### Persons to be Heard:

Debra McGhan made a statement from residents of Bruce Lake Sub-Division about squatters taking up residence in vacant homes in the subdivision, and other subdivisions of the Valley. She reported that Troopers and MSB officials do not have authority under the law to evict these persons. State legislators have been advised on the situation, and have advised that they will take up the topic in 2025. Debra asked members to call the Troopers Non-Emergency line and MSB Compliance to report squatting incidents. Other residents joined Debra in speaking about this issue: Penny (unknown last name), Tim Grady, and Bob Nelson spoke.

Patti Fisher made a motion to extend the meeting for 10 minutes, with a second by Chad Scott. No objections were heard.

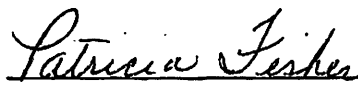
Chad Scott reported he was appointed to the MSB Library Board, and is preparing a report on library issues (successes and challenges). He asked for comments from members within the next month.

Camden reported that the Quarterly MLCC Board meeting will be held Wednesday April 17 at 6:30pm on Zoom. The meeting is listed on the Borough calendar.

**Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, May 8th at 7 pm.  
The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

 5/28/24

Camden Yehle, President Date

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Patricia Fisher, Secretary Date

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### Minutes of May 08, 2024

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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 at the on Zoom and in Person at Meadow Lake Seniors  
Recorded live and posted on Facebook after the meeting

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Camden Yehle.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited.

**Determination of a Quorum:** The Membership Chair announced that a quorum was achieved.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda:** Camden add to the agenda a discussion of the date for Community Cleanup and a possible change to the starting time of the Council meetings. A motion was made by Patti Fisher, and seconded by Terry Boyle, to approve the agenda. The motion passed without opposition.

#### Board Reports:

**Gaming:** Chair Ariel Cannon reported on gaming activities.

**Vice President:** Steve Edwards, District 27 Road Board Chair, reported that the number one project for our district in Meadow Lakes is paving Meadow Lakes Loop from the Holiday Station to Meadow Lakes Drive. Steve asked that anyone have a new project under \$25,000 contact him with that recommendation. Steve has a lead for an electrician to do the parking lot lighting project.

**Secretary:** Patti Fisher reported as Chair of the Election Committee. She advised that anyone physically present who had not previously voted could be given a paper ballot to vote at this time. People on line could vote in the chat. Patti will put the slate up on Chat. Those needing to vote were given until 7:30 to vote. She also reported on a recycle competition focusing on Valley students and funded by the Mat-Su Health Foundation. The project asked students to come up with ideas for new uses for recycled material.

**President:** Camden asked everyone to be careful with burning refuge from winter cleanup. There is currently a high danger of wild fire. She also reported that the Park reservation system is working seamlessly now.

**Treasurer's Report:** Trish Jacob presented the Treasurer's Report for April.

**Presentation:** Mat-Su Softball Association: Greg D'Armand and Molly Fortunado made a presentation on the operation of the Association's softball fields. They have 4 softball fields with infields of dirt, not grass. Greg described the operation of the fields. Molly discussed her plans to start a girls' softball league (Polar) in 2025 with two teams, one age 12 and one age 14. The ultimate goal is for the league to cover ages 10 to 16.

#### Business:

**Election Results:** Secretary Fisher announced that the slate of officers as presented was elected.

**Gaming Fund Distribution:** Ariel Cannon made a motion recommending that our gaming proceeds for

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2023 in the amount of \$500.00 be awarded to the Wasilla group Kids Kupboard. Steve Edwards made a second to the motion. The motion passed with no objections.

**Correspondence:** The correspondence was presented. No action was taken.

**Agency Reports:**

**Senator David Wilson:** Senator Wilson spoke about the wrapping up of the legislative session, and reported on open issues still under discussion. The PFD amount was yet to be determined. Dewey Bitler passed along an idea that the abandoned oil platforms in Cook Inlet be turned into Wind Farms. Senator Wilson reported that Community Assistance will be fully funded. Steve Edwards asked if there will be a review by the legislature of the issues concerning the trustees of the PFD fund. The Senator said that the legislature tries to stay out of the operation of the PFD.

**West Lakes Fire:** Chief Tawyna Hightower presented a report of activities at the Fire Department. She reported that they will hold a Chipping Day on June 1<sup>st</sup> at Station 7-3, 11am to 3pm.

**Persons to be Heard:** Secretary Fisher reminded everyone about Community Clean Up activities. She also reported on the Meadow Lake Bloomers Plant Sale on Memorial weekend.

**Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, June 12th at 7 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Camden Yehle 8/30/24

Camden Yehle, President    Date

Patricia Fisher 8/30/24

Patricia Fisher, Secretary    Date

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## Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc.

### Minutes of June 12, 2024

◆ 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

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**Meeting Quorum = Yes**

Meeting conducted at the on Zoom and in Person at Meadow Lake Seniors  
Recorded live and posted on Facebook after the meeting

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Camden Yehle.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited.

**Determination of a Quorum:** The Membership Chair announced that a quorum was achieved.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda:** Camden proposed to add to the agenda a discussion of 1) a platting request, and 2) a resolution before the Planning Committee regarding the Borough's mobile home park ordinance. A motion was made by Sherri Rusher, and seconded by Patti Fisher, to amend the agenda. The motion passed without opposition.

#### Board Reports:

**Council Coordinator:** Tim Swezey reported that park reservations were moving well.

**CIP:** Chair Kim Kalmbach reported that the Borough is accepting CIP applications for 2025. We will resubmit the Bald Mountain Trail Head project that was applied for in 2024 but was not funded. Kim listed the Borough criteria for CIP projects.

**Treasurer's report:** Secretary Patti Fisher gave an overview of the Treasurer's Report.

**Gaming:** Chair Ariel Cannon reported that Gaming activities will resume in October.

**Vice President:** VP Steve Edwards, District 27 Road Board Chair, gave a report of Road construction activities for the summer season.

**President:** Camden reminded everyone that the July meeting will be held in the pavilion in the park. Cam would like to conduct a membership drive that includes outreach in social media and mail.

**Presentation:** Ariel introduced the Director of Kids Kupboard, Milena Sevigny. Milena reported on the history of the non-profit Kids Kupboard and their current activities. She described the 43 acres down Fishhook which were obtained through donations from the Mat-Su Health Foundation and Rasmuson Foundation. The acreage will be used to grow and provide food to supplement the lunch program that Kids Kupboard provides to needy kids. They have 32 sites, including the mobile sites, at which they distribute food.

**Presentation:** Alex Strawn, Planning Director for the MS Borough, discussed activities of the Waterbody Setback Advisory Board. He gave a history of the Borough's waterbody setback ordinance. The issue today is the approximately 700 homes built since 1987 which are in violation of the 75-foot setback. The problem was presented to the Planning Commission to come up with a solution for those homes that are in violation. The Board has met 6 times starting in December 2023.

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The Board has agreed that new homes should not be built within 75 feet unless. They are also working to find a solution for those homes in violation to be allowed to obtain a permit for their variance by building waterfront projections.

### **Business:**

**Report on Meadow Lakes Cleanup:** Secretary Fisher gave a report on the community cleanup.

**Platting notice:** Camden reported on a platting change for Little Susitna Flats. She recommended that we submit a letter of non-objection to the Platting Board. A motion was made by Sherri Rusher to support the request by Little Susitna Flats. The motion was seconded by Steve Edwards. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed.

**Resolution 24-13 regarding the MSB Mobile Home Park code 17.48:** There is an ordinance before the Assembly to repeal 17.48. Camden asked if the membership would like to submit a letter to the Planning Commission commenting on the Resolution. Alex Strawn answered Council questions regarding the proposed Resolution. He reported that the Multi-family Code 17.73 would partially apply to mobile home parks if 17.48 were repealed, however there are differences between the two codes. Ariel Cannon commented that a letter to the Commission should list differences between the two codes. Steve Edwards made a motion to send a letter of opposition to the Commission. The motion was seconded by Ariel; a voice vote was taken. The motion passed. A letter of submission was drafted.

**Meeting time change:** Camden asked for comments on a time change. She suggested that we might want to keep the same start time but try to streamline the meeting to be completed by 8:30. The meeting start time was left unchanged.

### **Agency Reports:**

**Senator David Wilson office:** Sharon Johnson spoke as a representative of the Senator, and gave an update on the state budget.

**West Lakes Fire:** Chief Tawyna Hightower presented a report of activities at the Fire Department. She thanked for our participation in the Wild Fire Preparedness Day.

Secretary Fisher made a motion to extend the meeting by ten minutes. The motion passed with no objections.

Ariel Cannon announced that there will be a Field Work Day on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10am to 4pm.

**Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, July 10th at 7 pm in the Park Pavilion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Camden Yehle 8/30/24

Camden Yehle, President Date

Patricia Fisher 8/30/24

Patricia Fisher, Secretary Date

## Meeting Minutes July 10, 2024

## Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc.

## Minutes of July 10, 2024

◆ 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 the Pavilion in the Meadow Lake Community Park.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Camden Yehle.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited.

**Determination of a Quorum:** A quorum was achieved at about 7:30pm.

**Board Reports:**

**CIP:** Chair Kim Kalmbach reported on the status of MLCC's CIP application, Bald Mountain Trail Head.

**Council Coordinator:** Tim Swezey reported that park reservations were moving well.

**Secretary:** Patti Fisher gave an update on the actions of the Waterbody Setback Advisory Board. The Board is nearing the deadline to report back to the Assembly and is working on the draft ordinance.

**Parks and Recreation:** Lorie Benner-Hanson gave an update on the Visnaw Trail.

**President:** Camden reported that the period for comments on the West Susitna access road will be open from July 23 to August 23. The project has been modified to extend only 15 miles with a bridge over the Susitna River.

The MLCC/MLCD Board meeting will be held July 17 at 6:30pm on Zoom.

The Planning Commission at their meeting on June 17 voted unanimously in opposition to the Assembly ordinance to repeal from Borough Code the regulations regarding Mobile Home Parks. They cited the comments in MLCC's letter in their preparation of a response back to the Assembly on their decision.

**Presentation:** Tam Boeve, Director, Valley Community for Recycling Solutions, gave a report on Recycling activity in the Borough, and the upcoming E-Waste event.

**Business:**

President Yehle reported on two Platting Board actions: Kalmbach Lake and Gunflint Rd. She recommended that the Council support the requests. A motion was made by Patti Fisher to send a letter to the Platting Board supporting the requests, with a second by Bob Coffin. The motion passed.

**Agency Reports:**

**Senator David Wilson:** Senator Wilson gave a report on the recent Governor vetoes and state budget.

**Representative David Eastman:** Representative Eastman reported on the 2024 legislative session.

**Persons to be Heard:** Candidate campaign reports were made by State Senator Wilson, State Representative Eastman, and Sheena Fort who is running for District 7 Assembly seat.

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**Next Council Meeting:** President Yehle announced that the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature a presentation by MEA on the status of the new Transmission line.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

C. Yehle      8/31/24

Camden Yehle, President      Date

Patricia Fisher      8/31/2024

Patricia Fisher, Secretary      Date

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission  
Regular Meeting: July 2, 2024  
DSJ Building, Assembly Chambers/TEAMS  
Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Andy Couch called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present:

Andy Couch

Howard Delo

Bill Gamble

Kendra Zamzow

Jim Sykes

Larry Engel – arrived at 4:27 PM

Gabriel Kitter – left at 6:15 PM

Absent:

Pete Probasco

Tim Hale

Quorum was established.

III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

KZ read the land acknowledgement:

*"We acknowledge that we are meeting on traditional lands of the Dena'ina and Ahtna Dene people, and we are grateful for their continued stewardship of the land, fish, and wildlife throughout time immemorial."*

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**HD moved to approve the agenda; seconded by GK.**

**No objection, motion passed unanimously.**

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**HD moved to approve the May 9<sup>th</sup> minutes; seconded by GK.**

**No objection, motion passed unanimously.**

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**HD moved to approve the June 6<sup>th</sup> minutes; seconded by GK.  
No objection, motion passed unanimously.**

**VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Stephanie Nowers – MSB Assembly  
Angela Stephyl – Chief of Staff to Rep. McCabe  
Chennery Fife – Trout Unlimited  
Marc Lamoreaux – Native Village of Eklutna  
Margaret Stern – Susitna River Coalition  
Rodney Fodge – MSB Planner  
Alex Strawn – Planning Director

**VIII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

Staff Report – Maija DiSalvo  
Chair’s Report – AC

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Waterbody Setback Advisory Board Update**

Alex Strawn, MSB Planning Director provided an update on the progress of the Waterbody Setback Advisory Board and held a question and answer session with the FWC. The FWC expressed opposition to allowing a path to compliance for current violations. There was additional discussion on lakes vs streams/rivers and the way they are identified in the ORD currently, MSB staffing plans and utilizing relationships with law enforcement to help support compliance, coordination with lenders, additional MSB engineering reviews and signoffs, viewshed violations, and following state standards for consistency.

**B. Legislative Budget Updates – Jim Sykes, FWC**

\$2.5M request from MSB was vetoed from state capital budget.

**i. Funding of MSB Salmon Studies – Larry Engel, FWC**

Discussion of budget timing and implications to ADF&G project staffing; genetic study, two weirs, and Anchor Point test fishery did not receive funding and/or staffing for this season.

**C. Endangered Species Act – Chinook 90-Day Finding**

Discussed agenda item G (Stocks of Yield Concern) simultaneously.

**JS moved to extend the meeting to 6:15 PM; seconded by KZ.  
No objection, motion passed unanimously.**

GK departed at 6:15 PM.

**KZ moved to extend the meeting to 6:30 PM; seconded by HD.  
No objection, motion passed unanimously.**

**HD moved to authorize a work group to submit an agenda change request (ACR) to ADF&G for the upcoming board cycle, requesting a Stock of Concern designation for king salmon in the Susitna Drainage (justified due to the pending Golf of Alaska ESA designation); seconded by BG.**

**Amendment: (KZ) additionally, work group will draft a comment letter regarding ESA designation, explaining the Stock of Concern ACR and preference for state management, and also acknowledging that if the ACR fails, the FWC would support the ESA listing.**

**No objection, amendment passed unanimously.**

**Main Motion: No objection, motion passed unanimously as amended.  
*Work group consists of: AC, HD, LE.***

**D. Updates Re: Management of EEZ**

Discussion on number of deliveries (72) in relation to drift permits (500+).

**E. MSB CAPSIS Request**

Work group will present a draft to FWC at next meeting.

**F. House Bill 169 – Fisheries Rehabilitation Permit**

**HD moves to show opposition to HB 169; LE second.**

**Amendment: (JS) cannot support as currently written, some concepts with oversight and knowledge that could be useful and supported in the future.**

**No objection, motion passed as amended.**

***JS will communicate this message to DeLena Johnson's office.***

G. Stocks of Yield Concern

Discussed with item C above.

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

KZ – Thank you for the feedback and direction for Waterbody Setback Advisory Board.

LE – Apologize for being late.

HD – Good discussion, appreciate KZ's devotion to Waterbody Setback Advisory Board.

AC – No comment.

BG – No comment.

JS – No comment.

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE: Regular Meeting - September 26, 2024 @ 4:00 PM

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

**HD moved to adjourn; seconded by LE.**

**No objection, motion passed unanimously.**

*Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.*



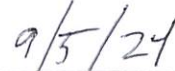
Andy Couch, FWC Chair



Maija DiSalvo, Planning Division Staff



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Meeting Minutes May 30, 2024

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**A. CALL TO ORDER** - Called to order at 7 pm by Rod Hanson, President.

**B. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS** - completed.

**C. CONFIRM QUORUM**

1. Board Member Quorum established with 5 members present.
2. Membership Quorum established with 9 other members present and two non-members. .

**D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - led by D.Willequer.

**E. AGENDA DISCUSSION / APPROVAL**

1. Reviewed agenda with audience & Board: Noted that John Miller is unable to attend and address item J.6 Road Service Area 25 update. Replace with Seward Meridian Project Update by F. Conaway.
2. Approval of agenda: R. Greenberg moved to approve as amended. L. Calandri seconded. / No objections / approved.

**F. PRIOR MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

1. Identify any necessary revisions: D. Willequer noted that it was J. Miller who spoke under Audience Participation item M.1.
2. Approval of minutes as corrected: L. Calandri moved / R. Greenberg seconded / No objections / approved.

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Review & Discuss any recent Correspondence (Board & Committees)
  - a. Received a Letter from the Borough regarding Planning Commission Mtg notice and members were encouraged to attend.
  - b. Received various letters from the Borough and the Corp of Engineers for projects not needing our input or projects not in our area, no action needed.
  - c. Received an invoice for PO Box for \$192. Treasurer will pay invoice.
2. Identify any follow-up Action Items required: See above.

**H. OFFICER / COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. President's Report: R. Hanson had the opportunity to attend two NLCC committee meetings; Finance Committee and Road & Traffic Safety Committee. He was impressed with the commitment and dedication of committee members and the progress being made. Website is being maintained and current

information is on the front page with tabs to connect to additional information.. Members were asked to view the website and submit comments or suggestions.

2. Treasurer's Report: J. Coleman, Treasurer reported \$ 67,453.39 in checking and savings accounts, including \$25,038.39 in a CD. \$10,000 has been budgeted for Community Grant awards. Questions were answered and Treasurer reports were made available.
3. Finance Committee: L. Calandri, Chair reported a meeting was held May 13, 2024. Grant applications were scored and a recommendation was developed to make partial awards to the top 3 submittals. Membership approval is scheduled later on tonight's agenda. Minutes were made available.
4. Bylaws Committee: P. Purcell, Chair. no meeting held last month and none planned at this time..
5. Road & Traffic Safety Committee: R. Greenberg, Chair reported the Committee met May 19th. Locations were identified for deployment of radar speed signs (Engstrom, Lakeview, and Serendipity Loop). R. Hanson and J. Miller will deploy the signs once approved by the MSB. Significant work was completed to finalize a draft NLCC Resolution presenting recommendations to State and Borough officials on the Bogard-Seldon Road Corridor Upgrades. Approval of the resolution is slated later on tonight's agenda. T

#### **I. PRESENTATIONS / SPEAKERS**

1. Legislative Update / Q&A:
  - a. Clark Bickford from Representative Jesse Sumner's Office gave an update on bills passed. Session is now over and Legislators are available for questions or concerns.
  - b. Sharon Johnson with Senator David Wilson's office also reported on several bills that were passed.
  - c. Anyone wishing further information on the bills and projects funded may contact the Representatives and Senators offices or go to the website for the State of Alaska Legislature.

#### **J. ONGOING / UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. 2024 Community Grant Program.
  - a. Report and recommendations from the Finance Committee; L Caladri summarized the process and recommendation of the committee to award partial funding to the top three organizations based on the scoring. Specifically: **Mat Su**
    - i. ~~Aleanta~~ Disc Golf Association - \$4,000 for new concrete disc golf tee boxes.
    - ii. Mat-Su Valley Rebuild - \$4,000 for a community garden shed.
    - iii. Big Lake Trails - \$2,000 for snowmachine grooming drag materials.
  - b. Decisions Motion/Second/Vote: Motion by L. Calandri to approve the 3 applications as recommended by the Finance Committee, seconded by P. Purcell. Discussion followed regarding the merits of the various

applications and concerns about awarding to entities outside of the North Lakes area. Clarification was provided that the NLCC can choose to award outside of our area as long as there is a benefit to residents in our area. The scoring system was explained and deemed robust. R. Hanson asked if there were any objections at the end of discussion. Hearing none, the motion passed via unanimous consent.

2. Membership Outreach Actions
  - a. Next Steps for Targeted Advertising July 1, 2024 Launch: R. Hanson relayed that J. Klapperich has indicated he will present the streaming ads for Board approval at the June 27th NLCC meeting. NLCC Business cards were handed out for members to pass to friends and neighbors to encourage involvement.
  - b. NLCC BBQ Planning/Annual MSB mailout content: J. Coleman spoke about her plans and discussion followed about what is needed and volunteer help at the event. BBQ will be held July 27, 2024 from 11 am-4 pm at the Boys & Girls Club. A sample of the BBQ notification mailout card was available and R. Hanson will get the mailout to the Borough.
3. Welcome to North Lakes signs:
  - a. R. Hanson, President reported: Signs purchased: 20 signs purchased at just over \$1500.
  - b. Installation quote exceeds budget of \$8,000: Of the RFP's that went out we only got one back at just over \$15,000. A request will be made to the Borough for assistance with installation. There are some State roads that will need approval to place the signs and that is still being coordinated.
4. Bogard Corridor Safety - Resolution:
  - a. Copies of the proposed Resolution were presented to members by the Road and Traffic Safety Committee. R. Greenberg spoke about what is recommended in the Resolution. Motion by R. Greenberg to approve the Resolution as presented; seconded by L. Calandri. R. Hanson, President moved an amendment that NLCC present resolution with minor changes by the Committee Chair, R. Greenberg. Amendment seconded by L. Calandri, amended motion approved unanimously. Copies of the Resolution will be distributed to Legislative Representatives; State and Borough officials; the new MPO/MVP Organization; and other key stakeholders. R. Hanson will attend future Assembly, Planning Commission, and MPO/MVP meetings to speak to the Resolution.
5. NLCC process for input to MSB CIP (Capital Improvement Program):
  - a. R. Greenberg explained that the Road & Traffic Safety Committee is working on various ideas for the NLCC to submit into the CIP. Unlikely that we will have meaningful input this year, but momentum will continue so we can provide more substantive input in future years.
6. Seward Meridian Update:
  - a. F. Conaway passed along information he had received by attending a recent project presentation by the contractor. There was a suggestion to add links to project status updates to our NLCC website, but no action was decided at this time.

**K. NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2024 Budget Revision:

- a. R. Hanson, President reported that a budget gap might not exist if we can partner with the Borough on the cost of signs. Will review at next meeting.

2. Action Planning - Additional Actions on our priorities?

- Membership Engagement
- Bogard Corridor Road Safety
- Waterbody Setbacks Initiative
- MSB Comprehensive Plan

- a. No additional actions identified at this time.


**L. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - Ideas, questions, comments:**

- 1. D. Willequer asked about contact with the MSB engineer to express traffic concerns in areas we do not have speed radar signs. R. Hanson indicated he would discuss this with the MSB engineer.
- 2. N. LaFleur pointed out the May 31 deadline for households to apply online for a MSB \$25 dump coupon.

**M. ANY ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS? None**

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

- 1. Initial motion by P. Purcell (prior to 8 pm) to extend the meeting from 8 pm to 9 pm, seconded by R. Greenberg, motion approved unanimously.
- 2. Rod Hanson, President adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Signed by: 

Date Signed: 6/27/24

Attested by: Pat Purcell,  
*Secretary*

Date Signed: 6/27/24

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Meeting Minutes 6/27/24

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**A. CALL TO ORDER** - Called to order at 7:02 pm by R. Hanson

**B. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS** - Board members and attendees.

**C. CONFIRM QUORUM**

- Board Member Quorum: Board Member Quorum established, all members present. (Hanson, Greenberg, Purcell, Coleman, Conaway).
- Membership Quorum (minimum of 10% total membership) confirmed.

**D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - led by F. Conaway.

**E. AGENDA DISCUSSION / APPROVAL**

- Two amendments proposed by R. Hanson.
  - Item J.2 Membership Outreach: No action needed for approval of digital advertising as this was taken care of by the Board & status will be provided.
  - Item K New Business: add 3rd item Proposed Winter Rose Phase 2 Subdivision.
- Approval as amended: Motion: by L Calandri Second: J. Miller. Vote: No objections; approved.

**F. PRIOR MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

- Change identified by J. Coleman. Under J. Ongoing/Unfinished Business Item 1.a.i: Alcantra Disc Golf Association should be Mat-Su Disc Golf Association.
- Approval as amended: Motion: L Calandri Second: D. Willeguer. Vote: No objections; approved.
- Approved Minutes will be posted to the website.

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A summary of correspondence is available on the website and included on pages 7 & 8 in the meeting packet. The summary contains an outline of all the incoming & outgoing correspondence. Included were requests for input from the MSB on 3 subdivision preliminary plats.
- Follow-up Action required: Action required on the three subdivision plat RFPs. On the agenda for further discussion tonight.
- We've seen some "unsubscribes" by our Mailchimp audience. Reasons stated were concerns about SPAM. We will reduce "reminder" type emails to help avoid continued "unsubscribes".

**H. OFFICER / COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- President's Report: Rod Hanson reported that most of his focus has been on preparing materials for the upcoming community BBQ and attending several Borough meetings to represent and provide NLCC feedback.



- Road & Traffic Safety Committee: <sup>Williger</sup> D Williger reported on behalf of Rachel Greenberg, Committee Chair, who had to leave the zoom call earlier tonight:
  - Items discussed at June meeting were an update on Bogard-Seldon Resolution, The Capital Improvement Program, Radar Speed Signs, MSB Design Standards for Residential Streets and New Road Project - Engstrom to Trunk.
  - Draft Minutes of the June 23rd meeting were provided and will be posted on the website once approved.
- Treasurer's Report: J. Coleman, Treasurer reported:
  - Bank account balance: Checking, savings and Cert. of Deposit total \$64,826.85.
  - Total budget for welcome signs was \$8,000 and \$1540 has been spent so far to procure the signs.
  - Treasurer reports were made available & will be posted to the website.
  - Treasurer answered questions from J. Klapperich and F. Conaway clarifying items in the budget report. It was explained that we can adjust / reallocate the budget during the year when necessary but a budget is an estimate of costs and differences are explained throughout the year. Overall goal is to keep annual spending within the approved budget.
- Finance Committee: No meeting in May
- Bylaws Committee: No meeting in May.

## **I. PRESENTATIONS / SPEAKERS**

- Legislative Updates: Senator David Wilson provided an update on the State budget status. He also reported that funds for Community Councils are included in proposed budgets.

## **J. ONGOING UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Bogard-Seldon Corridor Resolution:
  - a. Distribution Status reported by R. Greenburg. Resolution has been sent to the MPO/MVP and to all assembly members. Plan is to send it to the State and DOT and to continue distribution locally. Copy was made available and is attached in tonight's meeting packet.
  - b. Public Testimony Summary/feedback by R. Hanson: We have been encouraged to attend meetings and R. Hanson attended the MPO/ MVP Policy Board Meeting to describe our motivation and what we are asking.
  - c. Next Steps: In July R. Hanson will attend Planning Commission and Assembly meetings.
  - d. Tom Adams, MSB Public Works Director provided project updates of interest to the NLCC and offered continued participation by Public Works and the Planning Department to stay engaged with NLCC. He referenced ongoing efforts on planning for Bogard-Seldon Corridor Access Management Plan and MSB Planner Julie Spackman was at tonight's meeting.

- e. Chris Bentz and Adam Bradway from the State DOT provided updates on NLCC area projects and encouraged / offered continued engagement with the NLCC. They referenced a new focused project on Bogard that pulls together several smaller scopes of work into a broader package. They offered to brief us on that effort at a future meeting.

## 2. Membership Outreach Actions

- Digital Advertising is on track to start July 1, 2024 and will continue through August 31, 2024. J. Klapperach assured us that we should see an increase in members and attendance.
- Welcome to North Lakes Signs were purchased. It was discovered that our website can not be on the signs so a simple vinyl sticker solution is underway. We are continuing to work with the contractor (Northwest Barriers) to reduce scope to fit this year's budget for installation. The MSB was asked about assistance in placement and they are not able to do that. We will focus on DOT locations first and manage within the approved budget. Completion of MSB street locations will need to be included in the 2025 budget.
- NLCC BBQ Planning - Status & Action Requests: J. Coleman is continuing to work on planning. There is no meeting scheduled for July, but the BBQ will be a chance to meet and greet as well as provide information to members and potential members.

## 3. NLCC Process for input to MSB CIP - Update

- R, Hanson reported that the deadline for comments is August 1,2024. We are planning to submit input.

## 4. Waterbody Setback Board - Status Update

- No update but R. Hanson will continue to attend meetings. Meeting are scheduled in July and August.

## 5. Radar Speed Sign Deployment - Status Update

- Currently placed on Serendipity, Lakeview and Engstrom with data being gathered. Locations may be modified.

## 6. Road Service Area 25 Update

- J. Miller was able to present the resolution to the Parks and Road Service Board and mentioned a couple other issues with roads such as cars broken down or potholes. He feels they are very cooperative and listen to concerns.

## **K. NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Proposed Springs West Subdivision:

- 40 New lots and 1 tract proposed:
- South of Wolf lake/Hart Subdivisions:
- New roads tie in to residential streets
- Determine NLCC response (ACTION)

2. Proposed Stone Creek Phase 7 Subdivision
  - MSB Preliminary Plat Request for Comment
  - Information was sent to members.
  - 15 new lots and one tract proposed
  - Provides new MSB ROW supporting a tie from Engstrom to Trunk
  
3. Proposed Winter Rose Phase 2
  
4. Determine NLCC Response to Borough ACTION):
  - R. Hanson reported that he provided information in the meeting packet (pages 19 - 34) regarding these 3 subdivisions. The NLCC Discussion of Proposed Subdivisions June 27, 2024 (starting on page 31) summarizes facts gathered, communications to area residents, a summary of concerns and feedback received so far, and the proposed nature of NLCC comments to the MSB. This same information has been posted on our website and various neighborhood facebook groups.
  - Discussion ensued amongst meeting participants. There were no objections stated to the proposed nature of NLCC comments.
  - The next step will be for the NLCC Board to submit specific written comments to the MSB on each of the three proposed subdivisions. An NLCC representative will also attend Platting Board meetings to provide verbal testimony consistent with the written input.

**L. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - Ideas, questions, comments.**

- Borough representatives offered to meet with our Road & Traffic Safety Committee and will be in touch with the Chair of the committee.
- J. Miller mentioned that the Borough will pay \$200 to anyone that wants to be a ballot counter. There will be a training meeting and applications are available.

**M. ADJOURNMENT:**

- Initial motion (prior to 8:00 pm) to extend meeting from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm: L. Calandri Second: J. Miller. Vote: No objections; approved.
- L. Calandri moved to extend the meeting to 9:15 pm seconded by Sharon Johnson. Vote: No objections; approved.
- Final motion for adjournment: L. Calandri. Second: J. Coleman. Vote: No objections; approved. Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Signed by:  Date Signed: 8/29/24

Attested by:  Date Signed: 8/29/24

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD**

**Chairperson** – James Jones – At Large 1  
**Vice Chair** – Ruth Wood - District 7  
Pat Owens – District 1  
Vacant – At Large 2

Kimberly Waychoff - 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

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Lower Level Conference Room**

**August 26, 2024**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - A. Called to order at 6:03 pm
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
  - A. Present: James Jones, Ruth Wood, Pat Owens, Roy Wahl, Michael Rovito, Harry Hillman, Jill Martinson, Kenni Linden
  - B. Absent: Kimberly Waychoff
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
  - A. Mr. Rovito moved to approve, passed unanimously.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance conducted
- V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
  - A. JUNE 24, 2024 – Mr. Rovito moved to approve, passed unanimously.
- VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT
  - A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager – Mr. Leslie encouraged the Board to follow the West Su access project from DOT. Let the Board know the Borough is looking for new campground reservation software. Discussed Settler's Bay Coastal Park parking lot, J Nolfi Park playground, last year vs this numbers at the trailheads that have kiosks, the trees that may be topped at the Mat-Su River Park and CIP nominations. Ms. Wood suggested the trees to be cut be flagged.
- 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 updates.
  - B. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation
    - i. No updates, still in legal review.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Trailhead placards with GPS coordinates

- i. Mr. Leslie will look for correspondence from Mr. Hillman's contact regarding the software for this.

B. Nominate SCA for special commendation for their work on the trails.

- i. The board will send thank you cards to the SCA crew when Sarah gets the information from Alan McClain.

X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

A. None.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. None.

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Mr. Jones – asked if anyone cannot make a meeting, please let staff know ahead of time.

B. Ms. Wood – Asked who is responsible for Ridge Trail, trees down.

C. Mr. Wahl – Board membership expires in November, thanked the board.

D. Mr. Rovito – Lazy Mtn was super slippery, but great condition.

E. Mr. Hillman – Thanked staff for newsletter.

F. Ms. Martinson – Unavailable on Sept 23.

G. Ms. Linden – Thanked Mr. Leslie for the Alaska Public Media interview.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

September 23, 2024 – Rescheduled to September 16, 2024, Mr. Jones moved to change the date, Mr. Hillman 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jones, Wood, Owens, Wahl, Rovito, Hillman, Martinson, Linden – approved

Waychoff – opposed.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Mr. Rovito moved the meeting be adjourned, passed unanimously at 6:53 pm.

X   
James Jones - Chair

Date: 16 September 2024

ATTEST:

X   
Sarah Thomas - Staff Support

Date: 9/16/24

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Platting Board was held on August 15, 2024, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough 350 E Dahlia Ave, Palmer, Alaska. Alaska. Chair Johnson called the Meeting to order at 1:02 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. Eric Koan, District Seat #3, Vice Chair
- Ms. Michelle Traxler, District Seat #5
- Ms. Karla McBride, Alternate A

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Platting Board members absent and excused were:

- Mr. Dan Bush, District Seat #4
- Mr. Robert Hallford, Alternate B
- Mr. Sidney Bertz, District seat #7

Platting Board members absent were:

- Mr. Brian Goodman, District Seat #2
- Ms. Sandra Kreger, District Seat #6

Staff in attendance:

- Mr. Alex Strawn, Planning Director
- 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 McBride led the pledge of allegiance.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

The agenda was approved unanimously.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- August 1, 2024.

**MOTION:** Platting Membe Traxler made motion to approve August 1, 2024 minutes. Platting Member McBride 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. **SPRINGS WEST:** The request is to create 40 lots and one tract from Lot 1, Barry's Spring Crest (Plat #2022-16) and the SW1/4 SE1/4 and the NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 20, T18N, R01E; (Tax ID's 18N01E20D005, 18N01E20D002, & 8168000L001). The property is directly south of N. Sandburg Drive, directly west of E. Beverly Ann Lane, and north of N. Caribou Street; within the SE ¼ Section 20, T18 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the North Lakes Community Council and in Assembly District #6. *(Petitioner/Owner: Beverly Barry, Michelle Barry, Deanna Arthur & Jo Ann Hinds Staff: Chris Curlin, Case #2024-071)*

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

Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report:

- Stating that 136 public hearing notices were mailed out on June 27, 2024.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends continuation to September 5<sup>th</sup> Platting Board Meeting.

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 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's representative was not present.

Discussion ensued.

**MOTION:** Platting Member Traxler made a motion to continue the preliminary plat of Springs West to September 5<sup>th</sup> 2024. 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 Clerk, Kayla Kinneen informed the board of upcoming items:

- There is 4 cases on September 5th Platting Board Meeting.
  - Correira Estates
  - North 40
  - Homestead Hills Ph 2 (UE)
  - Springs West

## **BOARD COMMENTS.**

- Traxler- Is going to go vote.
- Koan- Hopes everyone enjoys the fair.
- Chair Johnson- Mentions that this was the fastest and easiest meeting.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Platting Board, Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at **1:10 PM**.



  
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RON JOHNSON  
Platting Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
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KAYLA KINNEEN  
Platting Board Clerk



## MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH WATERBODY SETBACK ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING**

**5:00 P.M.**

**August 13, 2024**

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

The Regular meeting for the Waterbody Setback Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. Chair Bill Kendig called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present; # 8 - Kendra Zamzow, Matthew LaCroix, Bill Haller, Carl Brent, Bill Kendig, Tim Alley @6:03, Bill Klebesadel @6:08, Jeanette Perdue @6:09

Members absent/excused; # 1 - CJ Koan

Quorum established.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Bill Haller moved to approve the agenda. Carl Brent seconds.

Kendra moved an amendment to swap items B and C on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Bill Haller.

Motion to amend passed without objection.

Main motion passed without objection.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting: July 23, 2024

Bill Haller moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Kendra Zamzow. The minutes from the regular meeting held on July 23, 2024, were approved without any objections.

**V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Rod Hansen from North Lakes Community Council – Appreciates the board asking for an extension for feedback. Looking forward to listening to progress.

Patti Fisher from Meadow Lake Community Council – Thanks the board for their diligence. Actions are commendable. Keep doing what you are doing.

Jessica Speed with the Matsu Basin Salmon Habitat Partnership – Listening in. Appreciate the efforts of the board.

Audience participation closed.

## VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- A. Draft Resolution - A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH WATERBODY SETBACK ADVISORY BOARD REQUESTING AN EXTENSION TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE BOARD TO MARCH 17, 2025.

Alex Strawn presented a staff report.

Discussion ensued.

Bill Haller moved to approve Waterbody Setback Resolution 24-02. The motion was seconded by Bill Klebesadel.

Discussion ensued.

Kendra moved to amend the resolution to extend to November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion ensued.

Kendra withdraws her amendment.

Discussion ensued.

Bill Haller makes a primary amendment to add and to the public in the whereas. The motion was seconded by Matt LaCroix.

Matt Lacroix makes a secondary amendment to add for a 60 day review. The motion was seconded by Bill Haller.

Discussion ensued.

The amendment passes without objection.

Matthew LaCroix makes an amendment to add another whereas to say that the board is willing to spend as much time as possible to incorporate comments. The motion was seconded by Kendra Zamzow.

The amendment passed without objection.

Chair Kendig inquired if there was any objection to passing the main motion as amended. Kendra Zamzow objected.

Main motion passes with Kendra opposed.

- B. **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 approve the draft ordinance. The motion was seconded by Carl Brent.

Alex Strawn presented a staff report.

Discussion ensued

Matt LaCroix moves to amend the title to read An Ordinance of the Matanuska Susitna Borough Assembly Amending MSB 17.55 – Setback and Screening easements and MSB 17.02 Mandatory Land Use Permit. The motion is seconded by Kendra Zamzow.

The amendment is passed without objection.

Kendra Zamzow moves an amendment to approve 17.55.004 as edited in the ordinance. The motion is seconded by Carl Brent.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Kendig inquired if there was any objection to the amendment. Matthew LaCroix objects.

The amendment failed unanimously.

Matthew LaCroix moved an amendment to approve the section titles as shown on page 21 of the packet. The motion was seconded by Bill Klebesadel.

Amendment passes without objection.

Matt moved an amendment to add section 17.55.050 for variances. The motion was seconded by Kendra Zamzow.

Discussion ensued.

Motion failed with Carl Brent, Bill Haller, Bill Kendig, and Jeanette Perdue opposed and Kendra Zamzow, Matthew LaCroix, Tim Alley, and Bill Klebesadel in favor.

Kendra Zamzow moved an amendment to approve language for the definition for all stormwater runoff associated with a development. The motion was seconded by Tim Alley.

Discussion ensued.

Matt moved a secondary amendment to strike “associated with a development” from the definition for all stormwater runoff and approve the definition as amended. The motion was seconded by Bill Klebesadel.

The secondary amendment passed with no objection.

Matt LaCroix moved an amendment to approve the definition for animal waste facilities. The motion was seconded by Kendra Zamzow.

Discussion ensued.

Amendment passes without objection.

Matt LaCroix moved to postpone the discussion ordinance and resolution until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Kendra Zamzow.

Bill Haller moved to add a meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The motion was seconded Matt LaCroix.

Carl Brent moved to extend the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting by one hour making it from 5pm-8pm. The motion was seconded by Tim Alley.

- C. 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

Kenra Zamzow – Hope we can move through this faster at the next meeting.

Bill Klebesadel – I’m good.

Tim Alley – Are we going to make a recommendation for people that do not have a path to compliance?

Matt Lacroix – Please look through this packet very well before the next meeting. Slow going.

Jeanette Perdue – No Comment.

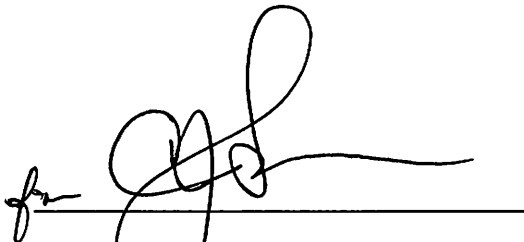
Bill Haller – I’m good.

Bill Kendig – Really glad we are trying to get an extension.

Carl Brent – Moving along quicker.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Carl Brent moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bill Klebesadel. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.



Bill Kendig, Chair

ATTEST:



Lacie Olivieri, Clerk

Date Approved: 9/17/24



# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH WATERBODY SETBACK ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING**

**5:00 P.M.**

**August 27, 2024**

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

The Regular meeting for the Waterbody Setback Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. Chair Bill Kendig called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members present; # 9 - Kendra Zamzow, Matthew LaCroix, Bill Haller, Carl Brent, Bill Kendig, Tim Alley, Bill Klebesadel, Jeanette Perdue, C.J. Koan

Members absent/excused; # 0 -

Quorum established.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Bill Haller moved to approve the agenda. CJ Koan seconds.  
Motion passes without objection.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Nichole Lee, Realtor – Listening in to get updated.

Audience participation closed without objection.

**V. 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**

Tim Alley moved to delete the definition for all stormwater runoff. The motion was seconded by Bill Haller. The motion passed without objection.

Matthew LaCroix moved to delete the definition for cleared area. The motion was seconded by Tim Alley. Discussion ensued. Matthew LaCroix withdraws his motion.

Kendra Zamzow moved to delete the definition for impervious surface and replace it with the impervious area/surface definition in Matthew's edits. The motion was seconded by Bill Klebesadel. Discussion ensued. The motion passed with no objection.

Bill Klebesadel moved to approve the definition for Kennels, Stabels, and Animal yards. In Matthew's edits. The motion was seconded by Bill Haller. The motion passed with no objection.

Kendra Zamzow moved to delete the definition for Livestock. The motion was seconded by Carl Brent. Motion passed with no objection.

Matthew LaCroix moved to add definition for Parking Area/Lot. The motion was seconded by Kendra Zamzow. Discussion ensued. Matthew withdraws his motion.

Bill Klebesadel moved to update the Private Pond definition to the Private Pond definition that is in Matthew's edits. The motion was seconded by CJ Koan. The motion passed with no objection.

CJ Koan moved to approve the definitions for riparian buffer, runoff pollution, and secondary containment. The motion was seconded by Bill Klebesadel. Discussion ensued. The motion passed with no objection.

Bill Klebesadel moved to remove the line "except that dead, dying, or diseased trees may be removed" from the riparian buffer definition. The motion was seconded by Matthew LaCroix. Motion passed with no objection.

Matthew LaCroix moved to delete the definition for stormwater runoff. The motion was seconded by Bill Klebesadel. Discussion ensued. CJ Koan objected. The motion failed with Jeanette Perdue and Bill Klebesadel in favor.

CJ Koan moved to approve the Treat and Retain definition. The motion was seconded by Bill Klebesadel. Discussion ensued. Bill Haller moved to amend the treat and retain definition to add "or adjacent property" at the end. The motion was seconded by Bill Klebesadel. The motion passed with no objection.

Tim Alley moved to amend the treat and retain definition to say mitigate instead of prevent and add 'or other treatment methods' at the end. The motion was seconded by Bill Haller. Discussion ensued. Kendra Zamzow objects. The motion passes with Kendra Zamzow opposed.

Main motion passed as amended with no objection.

CJ Koan moved to approve Matthew's definition for Water-dependent accessory structure. The motion was seconded by Kendra Zamzow. Tim Alley moved an amendment to delete 'Shall not exceed 400 square feet in size' The amendment was seconded by Bill Haller. The amendment passed with no objection. Main motion passed with no objection.

Bill Haller moved to approve 17.55.005 Section A. The motion was seconded by Bill Klebesadel. Kendra moved an amendment to the section to add the language that Matthew LaCroix had written in his edits for this section. The amendment was seconded to Bill Klebesadel. CJ Koan objected. Amendment fails with Matthew LaCroix and Kendra Zamzow in favor. The main motion passed with no objection.

Bill Klebesadel moved to approve Section (A) 1&2. The motion was seconded by CJ Koan. The motion passed with no objection.

Bill Haller moved to approve 17.55.005 Section B. The motion was seconded by Bill Klebesadel. Discussion ensued. Motion passed with no objection.

Carl Brent moved to approve Section B 1&2. The motion was seconded by CJ Koan. The motion passed with no objection.

Bill Klebesadel moved to approve 17.55.016 Section A&B. The motion was seconded by Kendra Zamzow. Bill Haller moved an amendment to remove the planning commission language from section A. The motion was seconded by Carl Brent. The amendment passed with no objection. Kendra moved an amendment to change the language to reflect the updated definition. The amendment was seconded by CJ Koan. The amendment passes without objection.

The main motion passed as amended with no objection.

CJ Koan moved to approve 17.55.016 Section C as written. The motion was seconded by Bill Klebesadel. Bill Haller moved an amendment to change 3 years to 5 years. The amendment was seconded by Carl Brent. Matthew LaCroix objects to the amendment. Amendment passed with Matthew LaCroix and CJ Koan opposed. Tim Alley makes an amendment to keep 'Liquid hazardous substances including'. The amendment was seconded by Kendra Zamzow. Discussion ensued. CJ Koan moved a secondary amendment to strike liquid so it just says 'Hazardous substances including'. No one seconds. The amendment passes with no objection. Discussion on main motion ensued. Kendra Zamzow moved an amendment to read "all piping and valves shall be within



secondary containment” in Section (C) 1. The motion was seconded by Matthew LaCroix. Discussion ensued. The amendment passed with no objection. The Main motion passed as amended with no objection.

CJ Koan moved to approve Section D. The motion was seconded by Carl Brent. Tim Alley moved an amendment to delete “unless specifically authorized under other sections of MSB code.” The motion was seconded by CJ Koan. Discussion ensued. The amendment passed with no objection. Discussion on the main motion ensued. Bill Haller objects to the main motion. The main motion passed with Bill Kendig, Carl Brent, and Bill Haller opposed.

Matthew LaCroix moved to adopt changes to paragraph B of 17.55.020. The motion was seconded by Bill Klebesadel. The motion passed with no objection.

Kendra moved to adopt the language in 17.55.020 Section (B) 1 From Matthew LaCroix’s edits. The motion was seconded by CJ Koan. The motion passed with no objection.

Bill Haller moves to approve changes to section (B) 2. The motion was seconded by CJ Koan. Motion tabled.

**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.**

**VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Bill Haller – Concerned about Hangers on lakes and runways.

CJ Koan – No Comment.

Kendra Zamzow – Strong suggestion to have only add ordinance changes to packet.

Bill Klebesadel – We made good progress. Happy how things are going.

Tim Alley – Good Job.

Matt Lacroix – Making progress which is great.

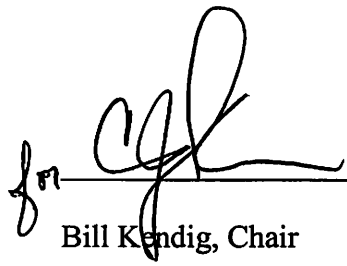
Jeanette Perdue – No Comment.

Bill Kendig – No comment.

Carl Brent – No comment.


**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Carl Brent moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bill Klebesadel. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

  
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Bill Kendig, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Lacie Olivieri, Clerk

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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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, August 12, 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 (FSA) Board of Supervisors was called to order at 5:50 pm by Cindy Michaelson on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 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

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**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Cathi Kramer moved to approve the agenda  
Randy Newcomb – 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**MOTION:** Cathi Kramer moved to approve the minutes  
Randy Newcomb – 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

The Minutes had a couple of corrections from the copy that was sent earlier.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cindy Michaelson - we still have an open BOS position

Chief Hightower gave Jedediah Cox an opportunity to explain the plaques he brought.

Jedediah Cox started working at Goose Creek Prison as Education Coordinator and saw the need for a plaque for our WLFS podium stand. The prisoners worked on these plaques, and they are happy to donate them. The goal was to get one made for every station.

Chief Hightower - We will write them a thank you note and get that to you.

**VII. CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief's Report – Tawnya Hightower – WLFS

MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	19	26.76%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	24	33.8%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	2	2.82%
Service Call	4	5.63%
Good Intent Call	14	19.72%
False Alarm & False Call	8	11.27%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>100%</b>

**WEST LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

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We had 71 calls. 4 Structure Fires: 1 for WLF, stove top element fire considered a structure fire, but no structure losses just contents. We responded as mutual aid to three of CMSFD structure fires. July started hot and dry with a Burn Permit suspension and the Montana Creek Fire going on. We ended the month of July checking flooding status on the rivers.  
YTD= 468 calls: 106 Fires, 185 EMS and 41 False Alarms

New Health and Safety Officer position that was approved by the board and the assembly was advertised for two weeks and closed Friday 8/10/24.

Cathi Kramer - What would that person's role be?

Chief Hightower – This position would coordinate all health and safety aspects of the fire service area for our responders. It's an Assisted Chiefs position with health and safety being their focus. Some of the things are accident and injury prevention, helping responders through the paperwork, meeting all the Borough and State guidelines. We would like to eventually offer firefighter physicals so their job would be coordinating with that and then focusing also on mental health, peer support and response to responders. We just hired 6 people that went through our Basic Firefighter class. All those people really need support it is really important. And then having that Assistant Chief position and having a paid staff that responds as duty officer is also important so were not taxing the on-call staff with that.

Cindy Michaelson – Does this person needs to have a fire fighter background?

Chief Hightower – Yes, fire experience and 5 or more years in a supervisory role. I expect that we will have internal candidates that have qualifications.

Cindy Michaelson -That are internal to our department.

Chief Hightower – Yes, internal to our department already. We look at all candidates. You could put someone new into that position, but it would be 100% advantageous to have somebody already. You always want to look at all your candidates to pick the best person that would assist your fire department with its mission.

Randy Newcomb - Will this person be responding to a fire scene? Taking the role as a Safety Officer also? Is their primary role Safety Officer or will they be responding as a Fire Fighter?

Chief Hightower - There is a difference between Health and Safety Officer and Incident Safety Officer. If they are not already qualified as Incident Safety Officer, we can get them their qualifications. They will be responding as a fire fighter and why I say that is because we have to be trained in multiple disciplines. Sometimes we don't want to wait for that Safety Officer. But

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sometimes that Safety Officer could actually be in the truck on the way in. We ad hoc that when we get there and put the best person in the right position for the call. But if they are trained as an Incident Safety Officer, we would definitely use them in that position. With the supervisory requirements that we had in the job description,

**TRAINING**

FADO class continues

Fire Officer II class continues

Rescue Technician Class began right as the basic class ended

Concentrating on Water Supply and inspecting all of our water supply sights

Basic Class TRK73 getting orientation to climbing and working on an aerial

Getting geared up for our Fire Fighter 1 class which is in September

The Alaska State Fire Conference is being held and hosted in Central Mat-Su's area. Anybody that wants to go to training, as long as we can cover our area, is welcome to go. Most things are being held at the Menard or Station 62.

Working on ISO, progressing and processing through all of their requested information. I have spent over 100 hours doing what they have requested. I was involved in the last ISO when I was at Central Mat Su. Before we just submitted these calls and now, we are doing all of the calculations and mileage. ISO has different portions, they have water supply, communications and then the fire department that is part of our training program. Jess Young has been working hard to get the records we need put together for that.

**COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION**

Installed: 3 Smoke Alarms

Replaced: 4 Smoke Alarms batteries

Installed: 3 CO Alarms

Parades: Participated in both the Wasilla 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and the Big Lake Boat Parade. We had a couple youth visits: Bright Minds Learning visit with 5-to 8-year-olds, we shared safety messages and a fire engine tour. We visited the Royal Family Camp where we made contact with 60 youth. We partner with the Department of Forestry and also Central ambulance on that visit. The risk reduction borough group has representatives from each fire service area. They focused on ATV safety which was influenced by our call. On July 8<sup>th</sup> we had the Big Lake motorcycle versus pedestrian collision right there near Fish Creek and ended in a fatality. We have a lot of recreation and lot of ATVs, boats, motorcycles. Big Lake is a big recreation and celebration community and a lot of them have competing priorities.

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Deputy Director Davis – We are going to be doing a presentation with this group at the next chief’s meeting. This group meets monthly, and we coordinate messaging to hit social media. They are focusing on making sure we are doing the same messaging throughout all the Mat-Su Borough schools. Right now, we are working on getting 10-15 different pre-planned messages for topics like ATV Safety, water safety that would be pre-approved by the Director of Emergency services, which could be put out immediately without going through the approval process. They are doing a good job, it’s a good group of people some from each department and EMS I think it’s going to be productive for us overall.

Chief Hightower - Tyler Buff participates in that program. We focus on Community Risk Reduction on our Face Book page. We put other training notifications, do a little recruitment on the page, mostly for attention so people will like and follow our page and then read and implement some of our safety measures that we share.

This is the Borough wide Safety Infographic shared to multiple social media accounts.

EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE MAT-SU BOROUGH  
WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE ATV SAFETY

- Do not operate an ATV under the influence of impairing substances
- Wear your helmet and safety gear
- Maintain a safe and controllable speed
- Ride on designated off-road trails and stay off paved bike/walking paths
- Use caution when crossing roadways or driveways. Be alert for cross traffic
- Supervise young children. Make sure machines are appropriately sized for younger riders
- Let someone know your trip location and anticipated return times
- Never ride alone
- Carry emergency supplies in case you become stuck or get lost



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**APPARATUS**

Brush 73: Bumper repair

Engine 71: Back in service after the In-Frame rebuild and the overhaul

Tender 72: Electrical arcing which led to a fire. A pump panel light during the construction somehow a screw was touching it and all these years it just giggled wiring and caught on fire. That was a good stop, Curtis was driving that, good for him noticing that and got the fire out. Took it over to Fleet Maintenance and they replaced everything that needed to be done.

Battalion 7: Alignment issues

Truck 81: Surplus

Then we made a really hard decision to surplus the Fairbanks truck - Truck 81 that we purchased for \$17,000 from City of Fairbanks. When they went to fix the strut that broke, they found out the Pin had been gouged, the main Pin on the ladder. It's 29 years old and over this time KME just won't engage with supplying another Pin, they won't even give us a quote on another Pin. KME will not take the liability for the Pin and Brent at Fleet Maintenance worked really hard to try to get them to engage and they just won't. We are taking all the usable equipment off of it and getting it ready to surplus. It was mentioned that maybe a dump truck driver would be interested in the motor.

Cindy Michaelson - How long did we actually get to use it? How long was it in service here?

Deputy Director Davis - It did exactly what it needed to do; we solely bought that truck to make sure we met our ISO obligation during that period of time. For \$17,000 that was an investment we made, and while we had it on the books it did run for a while, and it covered that gap at ISO until we could get Truck 61 from Central and after that if it was an economical repair we would keep it.

Chief Hightower - Safety wise we could have gone out to other machine shops on the West Coast. But I don't want to put one person on that ladder if KME will not guarantee and supply that Pin. It is not worth anybody's injury or death. It did respond on many calls, it went to the Willow town site call, it went to 2 Willow calls, 2 calls at Houston High School and multiple calls in our area. It worked while it was here, and it was not an easy decision to surplus, I held off as long as we could until we had no other choice.

Randy Newcomb - Does Central have a \$17,000 ladder truck?



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Chief Hightower - They have different resources than our fire service area. They bring in trucks and then they surplus trucks and we have been the grateful recipients of a ladder truck that is working, running, and doing well today. If they have anything, we are keeping our eyes open for opportunities to increase our resources. Used equipment is not always bad.

Deputy Director Davis - The strut itself would have been easy enough to replace and put back in service. But when the strut gouged that Pin, it became difficult to find a new Pin. KME is difficult to work with. That's why we switched from buying from them. KME's market shares dropped so they are having a harder time keeping up and they are not going the extra mile for previous customers anymore. Chief Hightower hit it directly on and that's what Brent at Fleet thinks as well. There is a liability and putting a 29-year-old truck back in service is just not worth it.

Chief Hightower - To not end on a sad note I want to introduce a new puppy. MAT SAR trainee, Hunter. Lisa Jaeger's dog Mac who was the MAT SAR dog retired. And Hunter is now here, he made a visit to the station, and we are helping him get socialized.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/QUESTIONS**

Cindy Michaelson – The structure fire you had recently that was a kitchen stove top element. I see a lot of advertisement for these fire blankets. Do these actually work?

Chief Hightower - I don't know but I have one on order, mine hasn't come yet. We always look at stuff like that. There are all kinds of extinguishing agents, not just dry chem or water. But I'm curious about that too.

Deputy Director Davis - The one that I've seen work numerous times is what looks like a tuna can you hang under your stove hood. Lots of apartment buildings have started putting those in and I have been on a handful of kitchen fires where they extinguish alone, and they work very well. I've seen a lot of kitchen fires and those extinguish the fire. Those are a cheap investment, and they do really work, so that is another option. Dry chemicals in it with a fusible link in the bottom and when it heats up to a certain point it disperses. I don't usually advocate for things like this, but these work really well.

Chief Hightower – These make a big mess and are designed to be installed 18-24" above the fire and it has magnets to attach to your stove hood. We installed a lot of those in 2006.

Cathi Kramer – We found cases of these when they cleaned out the Connex of all the fire wise material.

Cindy Michaelson – You talked about the Big Lake boat parade, which reminded me, there was a recovery effort in Big Lake was that last year? Did they ever recover that person?

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Chief Hightower - No

Cindy Michaelson – Engine 71 is that the one that needed major repair?

Chief Hightower - It is back in service; mechanics were happy and so are we.

Randy Newcomb - How does Purinton Parkway look?

Chief Hightower - As construction costs went up, the estimation costs went up. The borough project management is going to put out a bid to get an engineer to do a master plan for the piece of property. We will have to do it in phases. That way we don't do anything that interrupts the next phase. 1<sup>st</sup> plan will be to level it and give us a landing pad and a place to put the well. First thing is building a pump house so we can get water out of there. Power is right on Purinton Parkway and W Susitna.

Deputy Director Davis - We have used these master plans before; they work very well. It is better to spend the money on a plan to do it this way otherwise you get behind. This is a good way to develop this property in a timely and efficient manner.

Randy Newcomb - There is a big structure to the right of that property and that was not there last year, looks like it's a shop.

Chief Hightower – I will have to look

Cindy Michaelson - We received several notices from the Mat-Su borough about Tower positioning on Station 72. Is that all approved and going forward with where you wanted it to even though it is close to the property line?

Chief Hightower - It is on our property and everything that we have asked for. Verizon is asking if they can put a tower on our property. We looked at it and it would improve communications for our entire area and for the residents, that's a really good plus. It will help us on responses if our radios ever go down. Verizon would reserve a space for us on the tower for emergency services. Right now, they are doing the historical studies, so they are not going to disturb anything. Although the borough already built that big gravel pad there. But if it goes forward, Verizon will rent that part of the piece of property from the Borough. The borough and not the fire service area will negotiate the price. They said maybe it's \$1200.00 a month over time. Central's ladder truck came in over 2 million.

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Deputy Director Davis - We bought it at 1.5 million but now these costs would be 2 million if we added a pump.

Chief Hightower - It's not realistic for us to replace that new. We will always be looking for something that will serve our area. It would be optimum to have one at 71, 81 and one here at 73 to cover the schools and the 3 story structures.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Cathi Kramer - Is West Lakes going to participate in the Safety Preparedness Fair at the Menard Center in September?

Chief Hightower - We do every year and I expect that.

Deputy Director Davis – They just started paperwork on that.

Cathi Kramer - Tyler Buff and I usually put in paperwork together so that we can be next to each other.

Chief Hightower - Any opportunities you hear about that we can go out on. We love doing the schools we have this audience captured already. We are trying to talk to the people that can make the changes, buy the escape ladders, buy the fire extinguishers, change their batteries, install smoke alarms. We are trying to get those adult events.

Cathi Kramer - Menard event brings lots of families. It is amazing how many kids, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders don't know their home address, but they know the number to the Pizza place.

Chief Hightower – Before everyone had phones at home, and they could dial 911. But now cell phones are in our pockets. They are not as accessible for younger kids.

**X. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

Deputy Director Davis – We are coming off of a full 3-year span of no Wildland fires. It's a concern moving forward because these fuels have built up for several years. I wanted to share that Division of Forestry was very impressed by the Boroughs response and all the Fire Departments that responded to the Montana Creek fire. West Lakes was one of them and I'm passing on the thank you from the Division of Forestry how grateful they were for the coordinated response initially and the support they had. Initial response from Talkeetna and

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Caswell with Willow backing them up. We then called in a task force to assist us as the fire was expanding. West Lakes was involved, after 14 hours we cut them loose. Then 1-3 vehicles for 5 days showing up to help Forestry mop up. The Borough billed Forestry about \$81,000, going back to the departments based on what apparatus they had and for how long. This was a good response and a good trial system that we hadn't used in 2-3 years and we worked some of the bugs out and things we can improve on for next year. Good positive reflection of all the borough but also specifically of West Lakes, Willow, Talkeetna and Caswell and the departments that participated. I wanted to pass that on to the Boards.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

Cathi Kramer 1<sup>st</sup> motion to adjourn

Jedediah Cox 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to adjourn

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

  
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Cindy Michaelson, Vice Chair, West Lakes FSA B.O.S.

ATTEST:

  
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Mary Hauge – Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on 9-9-2024