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___ Vice President: Margaret Billinger
___x___ Secretary: Lisa Behrens
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___x___ Member at Large: Lindy Moss

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PO Box 520931
Big Lake, AK 99652-0931

Executive Board Meeting – November 28 , 2023 – 6:00 PM
Big Lake Family Restaurant

MINUTES

1.) Call to Order/ Determination of Quorum

By: Jodi Riddell Quorum: Yes Time: 6:04pm

2.) Pledge of Allegiance

3.) Agenda Approval

Motion: Ben Tew Second: Irene Crowley

4.) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval (October 24, 2023)

Motion: Ben Tew Second: Lisa Behrens Copy signed: Jodi Riddell

5.) Presentations

1. New Board Member Welcome to Margaret Billinger, Irene Crowley, and Lindy Moss
2. Q & A: from new members
Irene Crowley: "Who is the BLCC parliamentarian – would be a good idea."
Ben Tew: "Not being a political body, we are not required to follow Robert's, but we do for the sake of organization."
Lindy Moss: "What does the Capital Improvements Committee do?"
Ben Tew: Explanation of how other community councils handle funds for community improvement, and how the idea for the committee originated.
Jodi Riddell: Update from Bill Gamble re: funds available from MSB, and CAPSIS grant. "Please pull out the letter from the free grant writing organization and scan to BLCC Board members."
Irene Crowley: "If needed, I have grant writing experience"
Lindy Moss: "I'll volunteer for the CIP Committee"

6.) Treasurer's Report Checking: \$ Savings: \$ (Irene still needs to meet with Dave Malo)

7.) Correspondence IRS letter re: Form 990-N – provided to accountant and secretary to be filed

8.) Unfinished Business

1. Membership process & dues handling
 - a. Website changeover from Wix to GoDaddy – online forms & dues handling process? Dennis still working, Jodi will check in.
2. BLCC Bylaws review
 - a. Committee volunteers – Ben Tew, Lisa Behrens, need at least one more... Irene Crowley volunteers.
 - b. Example bylaws received from – Meadow Lakes, Fishhook, WACO (send to committee members)

- c. Schedule first meeting in Fall 2023 after MSB and BLCC elections - Ben recommends scheduling after December General Membership meeting and announcing during the meeting so members can attend.

9.) New Business

1. Future speakers for General Membership meetings
 - a. December – None, keep it short and sweet.
 - b. January – Terry Gorlick: Corp of Engineers re: Wetlands, Docks, Buoys
 - c. February – ~~Terry Gorlick: Corp of Engineers re: Wetlands~~ Jodi will touch base with John Rodda – Re: Arctic Winter Games, Ben will notify Terry G.
 - d. March – Terry: Corp of Engineers re: Shore reparations, Public rules/regulations, Permitting, Old dock grandfathering
 - e. Irene: Recommends contacting someone from Big Lake Elementary (Principal?)
Lindy: What about requesting a regular report?

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

11.) Announcements

Ben Tew: Will work with Terry Gorlick re: street name change from Northshore Drive to Fisher Drive.

12.) Board Member Closing Comments

Jodi Riddell: Need donations for auction at Floaters for Big Lake Neighborhood Closet (December 16)

Margaret Billinger:

Lisa Behrens:

Irene Crowley:

Dave Haggard:

Ben Tew:

Lindy Moss:

13.) Adjournment

Motion: Ben Tew Second: Irene Crowley Time: 6:39pm

Signature: Jodi Riddell, President – Big Lake Community Council

Date

1/23/2024

Attestation: Lisa Behrens, Secretary – Big Lake Community Council

Date

1-23-24

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General Membership Meeting – December 12, 2023, 7:00 PM
Big Lake Lions Recreation Center

MINUTES

1.) Call to Order/ Determination of Quorum

By: Jodi Riddell Time: 7:02pm
Quorum: Yes Attendees: 7 Persons and 4 board members

2.) Pledge of Allegiance

3.) Agenda Approval

Motion: Irene Crowley Second: Lindy Moss

4.) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval (November 14, 2023)

Motion: Lindy Moss Second: Irene Crowley Copy signed: Jodi Riddell

5.) Presentation(s)

1. No presentations scheduled – Intent: short, sweet meeting and wish the membership Happy Holidays!

6.) Treasurer's Report Changeover from previous treasurer to current still in progress

Total: \$25,672.26

7.) Membership Report

8.) Reports No representatives available

1. Legislative (State House & Senate)

Senator Shower:

Representative McCabe: Working from home, can be reached through office info number

2. Assembly (District 5)

Representative Gamble: Term will start with 2nd assembly meeting later in December

3. Fire Service (West Lakes Fire Department)

Chief Hightower: 78 emergency calls for November. Need additional responders. Be aware of snow issues with vent pipes, etc... Keep all combustible items at least 3 feet from heat sources. Remember: Smoke and CO alarms provided by West Lakes Fire Department thanks to funds from Big Lake Community Council, call WLFD **907-982-4948** or **907-861-8043**

4. Road Service: (all boards reporting) Bill Haller – Saying goodbye as Road Service Representative. I was removed by the previous Assembly Member.

5. Valley Recycling:

9.) Correspondence

1. Re-plat request to combine two lots – no comment or objections from the membership or board

10.) Unfinished Business

1. Committee Updates:
 - a. Bylaws – will commence after November elections.
 - b. Capital Improvements – will commence after November elections.
2. Lake Setback Ordinance & Waterbody Setback Work Group: Question from Doug Massie: Does BLCC have a position on this issue? Current code allows businesses to pave all the way up to the waterline. Recommendation – follow the current process
<https://matsugov.us/boards/waterbody-setback-advisory-board>
3. Big Lake Comprehensive Plan Updates: No current news per Terry Gorlick
4. Northshore Drive rename project: (Ben Tew and Terry Gorlick) Mat Su Borough – Kayla Kinneen is the contact in the platting group. 141 property owners on Northshore Drive. 51% would need to agree. Terry Gorlick contacted the Fisher family, who indicated that they would prefer having Lion's Court renamed, instead of Northshore Drive. Terry Gorlick will work on the details.

11.) New Business

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

13.) Announcements Christmas Parade and Floaters' silent auction for Big Lake Neighborhood Closet on Saturday December 16.

14.) Board Member Closing Comments

Jodi Riddell: Come to the Parade and Silent Auction

Lisa Behrens:

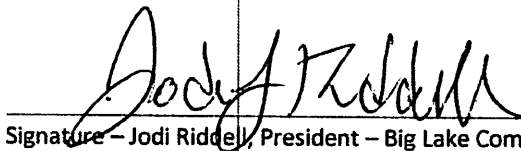
Irene Crowley:

Lindy Moss: Hope for less snow and ice, and a very Merry Christmas

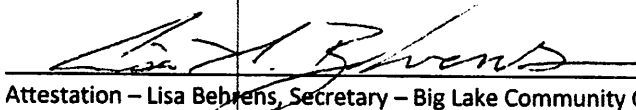
15.) Adjournment

Motion: Lindy Moss Second: Irene Crowley Time: 7:38pm

(Note: There may be a quorum of RSA / FSA members in attendance at the meeting)


Signature – Jodi Riddell, President – Big Lake Community Council

1-9-2024
Date


Attestation – Lisa Behrens, Secretary – Big Lake Community Council

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Date

Big Lake RSA #21 Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 13, 2023
Big Lake Lions Center, 6:30pm

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Primary Supervisor Pat Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Supervisors Jill Parson, Pat Daniels, Bill Haller, Andrew Traxler, and Garland Morrison were all present, representing a quorum.

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

Agenda was approved as presented. Minutes for October 9, 2023, meeting were approved as presented.

Acknowledge Staff and Guests: Assemblyman Mokie Tew, Dustin Spidal, Public Works, and two community members, Michael Dale and Bill Gambell, were present.

MSB Road Update report:

Dustin updated projects in process:

Jolly Creek - request to add design of drainage from Cherrywood to Klutina, \$264K estimate also includes design in process from Klutina to Jordan Lake Park.

Jolly Creek design from Klutina to Jordan Lake Park - HDR will be coming to the Dec 11 meeting to present plans at RSA21 meeting.

Offered status on Dawson Drive and Linda Lake fish passage under Beaver Lake Rd

PERSONS TO BE HEARD: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*Calcium chloride storage cost is still unknown, per Dustin.

*Road matrix/road inventory by zone reported to being done by Public Works. Pat expected to see results at this meeting and no results were available.

*2024 draft RIP list was discussed:

*Motion to delete Linda Lake fish passage from RSA21 RIP list for funding and instead use Areawide funding was seconded and passed unanimously.

*Muskrat, Musk Ox, Martin, Fox - discussed removing oversize culverts and paving.

*Issues on Horseshoe Lake, Echo Lake Rd, Papoose Twins, Henry Aaron, Lotus, Shotgun, Lodge, Wolf Road were all discussed.

*South Lake View Loop - first .2 mile is a safety issue that needs to be addressed now and not wait for full road design.

*Written list should prioritize safety concerns first.

*Dawson road improvements discussed. Cost to do was double what RSA21 Board anticipated.

Discussed addressing putting safety issues on selected roads as maintenance issues to be completed this coming year.

NEW BUSINESS

*Snowfall considerations that were questioned as not meeting maintenance contract were discussed

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

BOARD COMMENTS: reminder that HDR will be at the next meeting to present Jolly Creek plans.

Next meeting Monday, December 11, 2023, 6:30pm, Big Lake Lions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Daniels, Primary

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Jill Parson, Acting Secretary

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Big Lake RSA #21 Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 8, 2024
Big Lake Lions Center, 6:30pm

Primary Supervisor Pat Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. Supervisors Jill Parson, Pat Daniels, Andrew Traxler, Garland Morrison, and new member Mark Fish were all present, representing a quorum.

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

Agenda was approved as presented. Minutes for November 13, 2023, meeting were approved as presented.

Staff and Guests: Assemblyman Bill Gambell, Dustin Spidal, Public Works, and Matt Garner, Public Works via phone were present. Five community members were present.

*MSB Public Works Update report by Dustin. Included projects in process: Lakes Blvd, Jolly Creek/Cherrywood, Animal Streets, Echo Lake Rd, Papoose Twins, Dawson, Lake View Lp, Lynda Lake Fish Passage, Burma Rd and other road maintenance projects.

*Matt Garner spoke re contractor activities, ProblemReporter@matsugov.us for reporting road issues.

*Bill Gambell gave the Assembly report.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD: Keith Lipse re Goldstreak. Matt said Keith should call him to discuss.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

*RSA Board elections. New member Mark Fish was introduced. Pat Daniels to continue as Primary, and Chair. meetings. Jill Parson to continue as Acting Secretary.

*2024 meeting schedule set: February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10.

*2024 draft RIP list was discussed: Motion to approve the RIP list Public Works submitted with Lynda Lake Fish Passage (\$100,000) deleted, Victor Road repaving (\$100,000 estimated) added. Motion passed with Mark, Jill, and Garland voting to approve, Andrew voting no, and Pat abstaining.

*MSB road inventory attachment postponed to next meeting.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: reminder that HDR will present Jolly Creek/Cherrywood plans on Thursday, July 18, 5-7pm, Big Lake Lions. Notices have been sent to property owners in project area.

BOARD COMMENTS: Jill thanked Mokie Tew and Bill Haller for their many contributions to RSA21 and welcomed Bill Gambell and Mark Fish. other Board members agreed.

Next meeting Monday, January ²²8, 2024, 6:30pm, Big Lake Lions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Daniels, Primary

01-22-2024 Jill Parson, Acting Secretary

Big Lake RSA #21 Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 22, 2024
Big Lake Lions Center, 6:30pm

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Primary Supervisor Pat Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:37pm. Supervisors Jill Parson, Pat Daniels, Andrew Traxler, Garland Morrison, and Mark Fish were all present, representing a quorum.

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

Agenda was approved as presented. Minutes for January 8, 2024, meeting were approved as presented. The December meeting had been canceled and rescheduled to January 8.

Staff and Guests: Assemblyman Bill Gambell, Dustin Spidal and Cole Branham, Public Works, and Tom Adams, Public Works Director, were present. Two community members were present.

*Bill Gambell stated he was attending for information only.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Pat spoke regarding team effort to prioritize RSA21 Supervisors' need to address impassable roads and roads needing repairs to ensure safe, year around access.

Tom Adams addressed questions from Supervisors regarding projects and procedures.

*2024 draft RIP list was discussed. No decision on a final RIP list was made.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: MatSu Transportation Fair is Thursday at Raven Hall from 3-7PM

BOARD COMMENTS: none

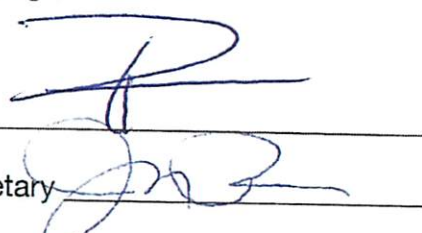
Next meeting Monday, January 29, 2024, 6:30pm, Big Lake Lions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Daniels, Primary

Date 01-29-24

Jill Parson, Acting Secretary

Handwritten signatures of Pat Daniels and Jill Parson in blue ink, positioned over horizontal lines.

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
Fish and Wildlife Commission
Regular Meeting: November 16, 2023
DSJ Building, Lower Level Conference Room/TEAMS

Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Andy Couch called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM/LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Present:

Andy Couch (AC)
Howard Delo (HD)
Larry Engel (LE)
Peter Probasco (PP)
Gabe Kitter (GK)
Kendra Zamzow (KZ)
Jim Sykes (JS)

Absent:

Mokie Tew (MT)
Tim Hale (TH)

Quorum Established.

AC read the land acknowledgement:

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by LE; seconded by HD.
Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 19, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

Moved by LE; seconded by HD.
Motion passed unanimously.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

John Wood, BOF
Ted Eischeid, past staff
Melissa Heuer, Susitna River Coalition
Stephen Braund, Northern District Setnetters
Samantha Oslund, ADFG
Mike Wood, BOF

VII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Staff Report – Maija DiSalvo

B. Chair's Report – AC

- i. Thanks to Mike Wood and others for presentations at Salmon Symposium; recognized presentations regarding MSB setback ordinance and regulations regarding ATV activity in Moose range; concerns about whether a bridge would solve issues, there is a lot of damage; impressed with Chickaloon's work on fish passage; weir funding possibly available (funding cut in other places)

C. Waterbody Setback Advisory Board – KZ

- i. Had first meeting and elected chair (Bill Kendig) and vice chair (CJ Koan); Realtor/developer position is open; next meeting 12/14 - 6pm will talk about MSB code; KZ will reach out to Alex Strawn to determine how easy it is to get a variance

VIII. NOAA Fisheries

A. Work Group Update – PP, KZ, JS

Comments focus on the conservation corridor and the need to maintain it, especially during the critical period July 16-Aug 15; draft mirrors current protections in place in the drift management plan; there are concerns about ability to make adjustments in time; need to have more information to make decisions and data to back up; insufficiencies in using TAC; discussion about submitting the It Takes Fish To Make Fish booklet as a supplemental comment.

JS moved to make December Regular meeting a week earlier (December 14th at 2:00 pm); seconded by HD.

Motion passed unanimously.

KZ will work with staff to write bullets and prepare maps for the website to help guide members of the public on the issue and how/where to comment.

IX. AKSRTF Report

Discussion about coho genetic study gaps and the potential for genetic studies on sockeye; consider request for test fishery; could use \$2.5M funding requests for this type of work, and mention of Bill Stoltz helping to secure those funds.
Keep on agenda for future discussion.

X. ADF&G Season Summary Meeting

HD moved to approve the ADF&G Season Summary Meeting Agenda; seconded by LE.

Discussion: AC will be on zoom, PP will chair the meeting; send invite to ADFG Commissioner to discuss position on EEZ; add a future agenda item to discuss pike in UCI

Correction: add Federal Management in EEZ to Item B, update next meeting date according to earlier motion, and adjust times to correct total (90 minutes).

Motion passed unanimously as amended.

XI. BOF Planning

HD moved that the FWC adopt the statement on page 25 of the It Takes Fish To Make Fish booklet as a mission statement of the FWC; seconded by PP.

Discussion: Hold off to give time for review

AC tabled to the next meeting.

Discussion about how to identify priority proposals; consensus to put off until after the December meetings, working on important deadlines first; comments on booklet, goals and mission due by the end of the month.

HD mentioned the symposium speaker highlighted key points around Cook Inlet hatchery issues that differ from ADFG perspectives; could be worth a future conversation.

XII. Jonesville & Moose Range Management Plan

Commissioners commended KZ for her personal comments on the plan; PP attended the Chickaloon meeting with only five attendees, was not impressed with the presentation; encouraged FWC to read KZ's comments; KZ reiterated that without enforcement none of this matters, could ask for a trooper position with the millions that have been put into trail restoration; bigger trailheads make the problem worse.

JS moved to extend the meeting to 6:15; seconded by PP.

Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Eklutna Hydroelectric Project

Keep on the agenda and choose a public meeting representative in December.

XIV. Beaver Meadows Subdivision

No news to report at this time.

XV. Appreciation of Mike Wood

FWC presented Mayoral Proclamation to Mike Wood for his years of service.

XVI. MEMBER COMMENTS

KZ: Could consider sending EEZ letter to Tyonek tribe; they are interested in seeing our letter as it impacts their fishery; irony of NOAA passing out fish passage funding while opening up time for drifters - FWC or ADFG could ask for some of that

JS: Not able to do as much work on family trip, thanks to everyone for keeping things going; appreciate the work

LE: No comments

HD: Kudos to KZ for the Moose Range writeup

GK: Appreciate learning and learning quick

PP: GK took initiative to call and spent time discussing issues, appreciate that

AC: GK, feel free to call anyone

XVII. NEXT MEETING DATE:

December 7, 2023 @ 5:00 pm – ADF&G Season Summary Special Meeting

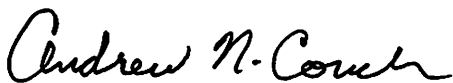
December 14, 2023 @ 2:00 pm – Regular Meeting

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

LE moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by PP.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting stands adjourned at 6:07 PM



Andy Couch, FWC Chair



Maija DiSalvo, Planning Division Staff

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Date

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Date

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
Fish and Wildlife Commission
ADF&G Special Meeting: December 7, 2023
DSJ Building, Assembly Chambers/TEAMS

Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Peter Probasco called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Introductions were given by the Fish & Wildlife Commission members and ADF&G staff: Israel Payton – sport fish (on behalf of the Commissioner); Colton Lipka – comm fish; Sam Ivey – sport fish area management

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present:

Andy Couch (AC) - online
Howard Delo (HD)
Larry Engel (LE)
Peter Probasco (PP)
Gabe Kitter (GK)
Kendra Zamzow (KZ)
Jim Sykes (JS)

Absent:

Mokie Tew (MT)
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Quorum Established.

PP read the land acknowledgement:

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III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved by LE; seconded by HD.
Motion passed unanimously.**

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. INTRODUCTIONS

- A. PP gave an opening statement on behalf of the FWC; Israel Payton gave an opening statement on behalf of ADF&G.

B. Audience Participation

AJ Hoffman: 3 Rivers Fly & Tackle; expressed concern over declining salmon populations and resulting pressure on other species; looking to make change, willing to have closures, encouraging federal and state level government to work together; have seen numbers bounce back on Deshka

Ben Allen: fishing guide; passionate about fish, concerned about future of sport fishing here and has considered relocation, gets harder every year; wants to know what state is doing to improve marine environment and survival, river conditions should play a role in management, impacts of past droughts; take protections ahead of time in comm fishery

Shane Foord: Willow; emergency orders don't matter without enforcement, see people violating every day without being checked; troopers haven't had have follow through when trying to make reports

Corey Berg: fishing guide on the Little Su; people fishing for silvers despite closures, no enforcement; emergency orders are not effective

Brad Young: Constitution says fish are for benefit of residents; referenced management styles in Florida and politics of the issue

Dan Pase: guide in Mat-Su Valley; has seen a decline in salmon over past six years; escapement goals have moved; no enforcement and poaching is rampant in the valley; people want to come to AK to fish for kings; hard to make a living; pike have given guides something else to target; passionate about what we do and the resources are failing; would like to keep emergency orders in place for large lake trout

Colton Conner: born and raised in Willow, 21st season; keeping industry out of conversation, grew up on willow creek and his daughters will not experience what he did; travel to other parts of US to target salmon; need to be changes and they need to start now with proactive management, not reactive; important to have everyone in the room

Dan Suprek: AK Chinook Charters; sees a lot of poaching, has experienced retaliation for calling people out; past Bluff Pt, 2 king salmon and no annual limit – doesn't understand these regulations

Brian McKay: Kodiak to Talkeetna, sees mostly hatchery fish, few wild fish and

closures all over; issues with poaching and overfishing; concerned in 5-10 years there won't be fish to catch; wants proactive management; close it now, for everybody

Mike Beck: in the Valley for 11 years; vacationed here 20 years ago and there were fish everywhere; fewer opportunities every year; have to work together to fix things; would like to see less spending on stocking, and more investments in fixing issues; will be involved as much as possible

Cody: local fisherman, no economic interest; has seen dozens of emergency orders annually; unprecedented abuse of resource from different places; fish aren't making it into the river, not only a habitat issue; time to start managing correctly

AJ Hoffman: hopes everyone walks away with passion; started AK sportfishing association as a way to access funding and resources; let groups know where you need help; healthy fishery allows everyone to harvest; have to think forward

JS: thanks to members of the public for showing up; passion, knowledge and feelings are important; show up at BOF meetings, keep passion you have brought tonight

Pat Brashler: visited in 70s, moved here in 90s; watching UCI get destroyed – unsure about management, but recognizes things need to change; important to take family out fishing and catch a salmon

Neil Dewitt: land owner, personal use subsistence user; fed side of house is in session currently, hasn't seen anyone at those meetings telling them what you heard here tonight; bycatch higher than escapement goals are; expects to see some folks at future meetings

Greg Acord: acknowledged challenges in ADFG jobs

Ted Eischeid: thank you to FWC for sponsoring meeting; a lot of passion in the room; important to use passion and bring to BOF meeting; a lot of decent people at ADFG; work with FWC to bring voice to BOF

VI. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Staff Report – Maija DiSalvo
- B. Colton Lipka reported on Commercial Fishing 2023 Notable Highlights & Observations: 2023 season showed greater abundance of sockeye, but lower coho – 5.1M salmon, UCI around 6.5M; harvested above average sockeye numbers; restrictive season, king directed fishery did not open; restrictions continued through first week of July due to projections below escapements; chum in Northern District were above average (6900 – 20 year avg around 3200)

- C. Sam Ivey reported on Sport Fishing 2023 Notable Highlights & Observations: king salmon, season started closed – exceptions on Little Su and Yentna, had achieved escapements the year before; when deshka closes, king fishery closes; missed EG by a large margin, historical low count; Little Su weir was a challenge with high water; kings weren't in a hurry to move in June, got hit by flooding – closed catch and release; individual goals were missed, not surprising, areas closed for duration of season; sockeye – high numbers this year; Fish Creek personal use fishery (6th year) – 20-30k sockeye were harvested; EG was at the top of the range (45k); Larson creek had better water conditions for moving fish; Susitna personal use fishery has been open since 2020 – 6 days fished, positive reports; coho – had funding to operate weirs that had been cut, were able to run Deshka, Jim Creek, Fish Creek and Little Su; complete count only at Fish Creek, made goal; closed coho fisheries – took awhile to realize the weakness of run; EOs in place by mid August; ADFG has funding to operate weirs next season (Deshka, Little Su, Fish Creek)
- D. Israel Payton reported on the Federal Management of Exclusive Economic Zone: Commissioner couldn't attend because he is at a NPFMC meeting on this topic; shared a powerpoint presentation with the FWC regarding UCI; issue is still open for comment until Dec 18; plan is to mirror state management; aware of weaker stocks and belugas

VII. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. FWC/ADF&G Dialogue on Mat-Su Fisheries/FWC Questions

KZ: Is ADFG looking into cold-water refugia?

Sam Ivey: partner orgs are doing research – learning more about salmon behavior, experiencing warmer temps

PP: ADFG made a comment that NPFMC will mirror state management, but concerned to see 2 12 hour periods; FWC has commented that the proposal increases time.

Israel Payton: aware of that timeframe, council mentioned that several times;

PP: also concern for the feds to react inseason – have fed background, response time is not 1-4 days, it is much longer – how can they respond in a timely manner to prevent overfishing?

Israel Payton: unknown at this time, it is a question for the department as well

LE: how many of you in the public are familiar with EEZ? Has potential to cause a lot of issues in the mixed stock fishery; angler days have continued to drop, economic and social impacts we are all aware of; need involvement to represent your views; attend BOF; major changes mean we need more involvement; attending one meeting is not enough

AC: hear that they will try to stay in within the state parameters with EEZ management, but runs tend to be later; doubling fishing time makes comm

harvest happen earlier; all fisheries benefit from all users having a full season; fishing to the limit early season could be devastating to Northern District, does ADFG recognize that?

Colton Lipka: if harvest is focused early you could see impacts on stocks whose run time correlate with that early timeframe; relate to sockeye, have done genetic studies and current drift management plan has those protections; would likely have a big impact of Susitna sockeye

HD: How are you going to staff the Little Su public use facility and Susitna Landing? ADFG is proposing one person p/t at each; how well does the dept think that will work in light of all poaching and other activities? What do they expect and why are they shifting away from f/t?

Sam Ivey: for various reasons have moved away from full time; it is evolving, looking at moving to campground hosts as support, more online ways to pay for things on sites

HD: We are talking biology all night, but the thing most easily managed is people; population has grown significantly

GK: Is the technology used at Lake Creek impacted by flooding in the same way as other waterways?

Sam Ivey: good thing about sonar is a little more leeway than weir; sometimes can't use a weir because of geographical/environmental factors, but sonar allows water levels to go up and down; good count on kings despite water levels; good program, will hopefully stay funded in the future

JS: FC personal use fishery – open 6 years in a row, unprecedented; result of Conservation Corridor; started a research test fishery showing where fish were headed north, seems that data needs to be completed and updated because it is a reflection of our northern-bound fish; are there some hot spots in the Central District that could be subjects of test fisheries?

Colton Lipka: current test fishery is centralized in CI; if there are other areas to institute a test fishery, there are no plans to do that now

JS: TAC being proposed – amount of data gathered in commercial fishery is realtime making real decisions, but we don't have any realtime data in Northern District – need more data to restore our fisheries.

PP: How long will the weirs run in 2024?

Deshka – mid September; Little Su – mid September; FC and JC through EO September; burden of budget cuts awhile back cut 50% through the run on Aug 15th; flooding has impacted; looking at moving weir locations to mitigate; sonar potential on lower river; full season funding will be really big

AC: ADFG mentioned a mark/recapture study on susitna sockeye, monitoring at all three weir sites; what would the cost be and how soon could we get something up and running?

Colton Lipka: will look into it; already have operating plans/procedures in place to implement

HD: the preseason run forecast has been off by up to 100% - is ADFG trying to do anything to refine forecasting methods to make them more realistic?

Colton Lipka: continually trying to improve methods; difficult to do and works better on normal years

KZ: Question 7 in packet – coho estimates are only from 2013-2016 – what would it take to get stock assessments? Is it worth going after and could it help forecasts?

Colton Lipka: fiscal limitations – if funding was available, ADFG could do it; complicated because have to make certain levels of sampling to get clarity; don't do coho forecasting

AC: right now coho are most important to in river sport fisheries – last 3 years have had poor harvests in inriver sport fisheries; is there a way to shoot towards meeting midpoint of coho goals instead of shooting for bottom and missing?

Sam Ivey: EGs are built on percentile approach, ranked data analyzing; don't always have power to make happen; depends on run timing, may have more or less wiggle room; EO has more power if used earlier.

Public: How far out are king goals?

Israel Payton: working on them now, deciding how to move forward

Israel Payton: has been on the other side; early 2000s had some of highest king runs of all time, very low right now; controlling mother nature is difficult, because we don't understand it that well – trying to understand the ocean better and do more proactive management; king sport fish hatchery is expensive, but kings can come back as fast as they go away; you create management plans through BOF process; susitna sockeye is a huge win that wasn't addressed; troopers created 70 positions; ADFG is recruiting, difficulties hiring; implementing rules and regulations made at BOF is unique to Alaska

VIII. ADF&G/FWC MEMBER COMMENTS (15 minutes)

JS: thank you to staff coming tonight; encourage public to use website and reach out to commissioners, appreciate you showing up; weirs are great, hope they can be staffed; fed eez overtakes management of kenai/Kasilof sections, hopes state and feds will work together; how can we get more data to make sure cc continues to work

Rep. Kevin McCabe: fisheries committee in house, happy to help if there are

issues; have to show up to make a difference – has been only person there at many meetings; continue showing up; need southcentral public testimony

KZ: No comments

LE: thank you for attending and responding to questions in advance and tonight

HD: No comments

GK: thank you; started in same position as many of the public, realized the way to make a difference is to get involved as you can

AC: thank you to ADF&G for coming out and the public, rep McCabe; we have better representation on the BOF than in some of the past years, three from southcentral

Israel Payton: BOF process – staff can help, grab a mentor so it isn't intimidating; call area managers, etc.; we are here to help navigate the process

PP – remind FWC members, next meeting is at 2:00 pm and EEZ comments are due by Wed AM; will finalize draft comments for discussion at next meeting, as well as the BOF Booklet; these are challenging issues, hope they listen to those with experience; thanks to ADFG for being here

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE: December 14, 2023 @ 2:00 PM - MSB Assembly Chambers

X. ADJOURNMENT

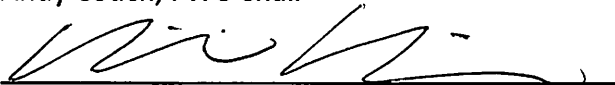
AC moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by LE.

Motion passed unanimously.

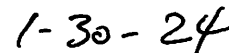
Meeting stands adjourned at 7:20 PM.



Andy Couch, FWC Chair



Maija DiSalvo, Planning Division Staff



Date



Date

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
Fish and Wildlife Commission
Regular Meeting: December 14, 2023
DSJ Building, Assembly Chambers/TEAMS

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Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Peter Probasco called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present:

Andy Couch (AC) - online
Howard Delo (HD)
Larry Engel (LE)
Peter Probasco (PP)
Gabe Kitter (GK)
Kendra Zamzow (KZ) - online
Jim Sykes (JS) – arrived at 2:08 pm

Absent:

Tim Hale (TH)

Quorum Established.

PP read the land acknowledgement:

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by LE; seconded by HD.

Discussion: add an ADF&G summary at the end, if time allows

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Bill Gamble: New District 5 Assembly member

Cory Burg: local guide, trying to get more involved in process; hard to find meeting information, find new ways to advertise

Ken: small business owner, not directly impacted, but trickle down effects; wants

to learn more and be more involved

Shane Ford: local guide in area; concerns with pike in Willow Creek; not legally allowed to snag, but can't put them back in the water; what to do if not biting?

Erin Hoffman: SC Sportfishing Association; regs with king salmon retention on parks – could simplify for tourists and everyday users; PP recommendations to follow BOF process for regulatory change

Pete Imhoff: lifetime resident

Carrie Brophil: NVE – on agenda to talk about draft plan, can answer question

Melissa Hauer: Susitna River Coalition

Chennery Fife: Trout Unlimited, SC Alaska engagement coordinator; would like official endorsement for Eklutna Dam removal project

Mark Lamoreaux: NVE, happy to answer questions offer support – thank you to FWC for letter

Mike Wood: BOF; good to see new people attending; listening in

Sam Oslund: ADFG

Oliver Querin: ADFG, fish biologist

Stephen Braund: Northern District Setnetters

VI. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Staff Report – Maija DiSalvo

B. Chair's Report – PP

C. Waterbody Setback Advisory Board – KZ

Have a meeting today, will be talking about codes over the years; can get a variance if not living where you should be, 45 have been approved since 1987

VII. Board of Fisheries Planning

Booklet Updates:

P. 2 – add commissioner names

P. 8 – update 2021 Fish Creek numbers provided by ADFG

P 10 – update graphic to match 2020 booklet

P 15 – add source information

P. 16 – “and maintain the current drift gillnet length of 150 fathoms”; change box to light green

P. 17 Current State Inseason Management (TITLE)

P. 18 Funded and unfunded update from GIS

P. 23 Habitat is Critical, but it takes fish to make fish

P. 27 Reword mission to: A mission of the MSB Fish & Wildlife Commission is to work towards adopting management plans conservative enough to reach midpoint escapement goals for Northern Cook Inlet sockeye, coho, and king salmon, providing more realistic and reasonable shared harvest opportunities throughout the season for all users.

**AC moved to approve the 2024 It Takes Fish To Make Fish booklet with above amendments; seconded by LE.
Motion passed unanimously.**

VIII. Federal Management of EEZ

HD moved to approve letter as written; seconded by AC.

**LE moved to add the first two sentences in small green box on page 12 of It Takes Fish To Make Fish booklet before “Within this area” to the second paragraph; seconded by AC.
Motion passed unanimously (amendment).**

Motion passed unanimously (main).

**AC moved to copy our state legislators, MSB legislators, national legislators, governor; seconded by LE. (AC will provide list; It Takes Fish To Make Fish booklet will be included as enclosure)
Motion passed unanimously**

IX. Eklutna Hydro Project

**LE moved that PP and GK will attend the January public meetings on behalf of the FWC; seconded by AC.
Motion passed unanimously.**

Carrie Brophil gave a summary of the concerns with the draft Fish & Wildlife Plan. Eklutna continues to fight for full restoration on the river and habitat; passage to the lake could open a whole new fishery and there are 15 miles of tributaries above the lake; info on all sides can be found on: eklutnariver.org and eklutnahydro.net

X. Alaska Salmon Research Task Force

Public comment due March 15; looking for research/data

XI. Beaver Meadows Subdivision

No updates from DNR at this time

XII. ADF&G Discussion Recap

Discussion: Acknowledgement of the large turnout and public engagement; ADF&G handled criticism professionally; funding gaps for test fisheries; a lot of

concern with lack of enforcement, adequate enforcement could mitigate a lot of issues; Sam Oslund of ADF&G updated that the group met with wildlife enforcement after the meeting and they have some things in the works; members of the public expressed concerns with enforcement not being well trained to run the river and suggested guide support; also concerns about troopers being able to identify illegal activities; potential for community education for those who don't know the regulations

XIII. 2024 Meeting Calendar

Move to second Thursday of the month except March 21st and September 26th - 4pm (no meetings June-Aug.)

XIV. MEMBER COMMENTS

AC: appreciate all of the help on the commission and booklet comments; appreciate everyone's opinions, even if different; all doing valuable work; Merry Christmas

GK: booklet and letter are great; good to be a part of it, reason he wanted to be involved; thanks to Maija

HD: happy to finalize a few things; commend Maija on booklet work; welcome to Bill Gamble

LE: happy holidays; reminder that tomorrow is deadline for draw tags

JS: Thank you for all good work; pleased with booklet; happy holidays; thanks to public

PP: welcome to Bill, appreciate having Assembly members involved and look forward to working with you; wish the best to everyone for the holidays

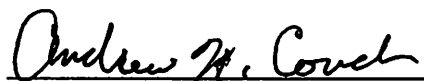
XV. NEXT MEETING DATE: January 11, 2024 @ 4:00 pm – DSJ Assembly Chambers

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

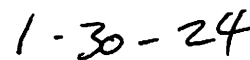
LE moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by HD.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting stands adjourned at 4:58 PM.



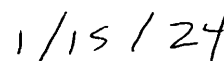
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Maija DiSalvo, Planning Division Staff



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**Greater Talkeetna Road Service Board of Supervisors
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 9, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Greater Talkeetna Road Service Area Board of Supervisors (RSA 29) was held via Zoom at 6:30 pm on November 9, 2023. Board members John Strassenburgh, Billy FitzGerald, and Robert Gerlach attended, as did Dustin Spidal, MSB Civil Construction Manager. Community member Mark Green attended for part of the meeting to discuss the maintenance of his road. No other persons were present.

- I. There was a quorum, and the meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm.
- II. Minutes of the October 12, 2023 meeting were approved as written.
- III. The draft 2024 RIP List was discussed. It was determined that line item 6 (i.e., priority number 3 to, upgrade of .5 mile of Romano), did not provide sufficient benefit to justify the cost. The road is maintainable and serves only one residence, and there were other worthy projects within the RSA. The Board voted unanimously to remove the Romano upgrade from the RIP List, and then, also unanimously, the Board approved the List, to send to Public Works and Assembly. The RIP list includes the following projects: Calcium Chloride purchase and application, gravel road remediation, and paving the first $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of Woodpecker.
- IV. Community member Mark Green was recognized to express his concerns about how his road was being maintained. After far-ranging discussion, the Board provided Mark with suggestions on steps that he could take to get his concerns satisfactorily addressed.
- V. There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Sincerely,


John Strassenburgh

RSA 29 Primary Supervisor

*Attested to By Board Member Robert Gerlach
Via Zoom at our February 8, 2024 meeting.*

**North Lakes Community Council Minutes
Boys and Girls Club Wasilla
General Membership Meeting, December 14, 2023**

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I. Call to Order/Determination of Quorum: Called to order at 7:00 pm

- A. Determination of Quorum: 5 Board Members present, 8 other members, 0 telephonic.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance led by T. Bair, President

II. Agenda Discussion/Approval:

- A. Brief discussion of proposed agenda:
 - 1. Changes to Presentations or speakers: None
 - 2. Changes to New Business R. Hanson suggested adding
 - C. Set meeting dates 2024
 - D. January Board meeting to review Financials as and set 2024 budget.
 - E. Treasurer transition process
 - 1. Changes to Old Business: R. Hanson asked to add status of Insurance
 - 1. Requests for Audience Participation- F. Conaway will present information regarding Borough Land & Property.
- C. Approval of Agenda: L. Calandri moved to approve amended agenda with new items, seconded by P. Purcell, approved unanimously as amended adding new items of discussion.

III. Minutes Approval- November 16, 2023: Motion by R. Sayen-Lambert to approve minutes as presented, seconded by L. Calandri , approved unanimously.

IV. Correspondence:

- A. Incoming & outgoing correspondence: Outgoing was meeting notification, notification of candidates and their profiles for the election, thank you email to 2023 members for being part of NLCC and 13 emails to members of 2022 that didn't renew in 2023 encouraging them to join. Follow up was sent to those who had suggestions for the radar signs. R. Hanson also explained that our Mail Chimp program can do reports as to how many emails were opened and many more details regarding email efforts. Incoming was misc. emails regarding current meeting.
- B. Any other Correspondence: R. Sayen-Lambert reported a request from Tim Zalinger of Matsu Valley Rebuild (one of the NLCC grant recipients) for artwork of our logo to advertise NLCC on their donor board.
- C. Request for discussion of topics to be added to new business: D. Willequer asked about discussion of traffic radar signs and that will be done under Road & Traffic Safety Report.
- D. Brief comments and questions regarding Correspondence: None

V. Officers/Committee Reports

- A. President's Report: Nothing new to report.
- B. Treasurer's Report: R. Sayen-Lambert reported we will be carrying funds received from Borough over to next year. Normal monthly expenses. Balance Sheet total \$54,343.61. Discussion followed about putting half of our remaining funds or \$25,000 into a 6 month Certificate of Deposit with our Bank Mat-Valley FCU. Treasurer report copy distributed to members.
- C. Committees and Special Working Groups
 - 1. AMCO Liaison Committee: P. Purcell reported next AMCO meeting is end of January.
 - 2. Communications Committee: Busy month with 2 meetings. On Dec. 2nd R. Hanson, P. Purcell, & T. Bair met with J. Klapperich to discuss a proposal for high impact digital advertising to target North Lakes residents with video & audio delivery. He gave informational presentation with total cost a little over \$1500 per month that could be less over time. The advertising would lead targeted residents to our website encouraging them to become members. A few days after presentation Committee members met to discuss the proposal. After discussion, the consensus was to recommend to the Board that this is not something needed by NLCC at this time. Also discussed was updating the website, as well as ways to get information to residents through mail outs. Welcome to North Lakes signage, when completed, will be an indicator to residents that they live in NLCC boundaries.
 - 3. Traffic & Road Safety Committee: C. Schnipke reported 2 major items being worked on are the Borough projects list that it is hoped will be presented at a future meeting and placement of the radar signs. Currently one radar sign is on Charley and two are on Green Forest. New locations are being considered. One is being coordinated with Borough & State for Bogard/Seldon Traffic

Circle. Signs are also being considered for Engstrom as well as Serendipity Loop. Other locations in Cottonwood Subdivision on Alder and Fireweed as well as on Lakeview and East Pamela

roads.

Committee will be working with the Borough for possible use of posts for signs. R. Hanson reported we were able to get the software to be to gather data from the signs. Don't need batteries but 9 brackets have been ordered. R. Greenburg added that we might notify NLCC residents via our website about the data that is gathered.

4. Finance Committee: R. Sayen-Lambert & Committee met and reviewed financials but didn't have time to discuss the grant process.

VI. Presentations/Speakers: None

VII. New Business

- A. NLCC Board Elections: Three Candidates willing to serve to fill three positions; Franklin Conaway, Jolleen Coleman and Rod Hanson. President asked if anyone had any objection and there was no objection to candidates willing to serve on the Board of NLCC. Outgoing members were asked by J. Klapperach to say a few words about their service. R. Sayen-Lambert reported that all accounting is done by accounting programs and there is a budget to follow. L. Calandri reported that during absence of President, he filled the position and occasionally ran the meeting. It was announced there will be an Executive Session to determine the new Officers.
- B. Other Topics identified under Correspondence: None
- C. Meeting Dates for 2024: Typically meetings are last Thursday of each month with exceptions for Holidays and no meeting in July. R. Hanson provided a list of meeting dates. L. Calandri moved to set meeting dates as presented, J. Coleman seconded and motion approved unanimously. Borough will be given list of meeting dates to publish.
- D. January Board Planning meeting: Three things identified in our bylaws need to be taken care of 1. Budget, 2. annual financial report, 3. Review special committees. Board planning meeting set for January 11th at Boys & Girls Club 7 pm.
- E. Treasurer Transition: Bylaws explain that within 60 days accounting must be reviewed by current Treasurer, new Treasurer and two appointed Board members. After completion of the review, results will be presented at the next general meeting. This review will be done at the January Board meeting. Outgoing Treasurer will be assisting incoming Treasurer.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Welcome to North Lakes Signs – Status update: R. Hanson reported he was able to reach out to two companies for 18 signs approx cost \$1500. Major cost will be posts and foundations. Locations are already determined and some have posts available so exact cost is unknown. J. Klapperach asked for benefit of the signs and R. Hanson answered that it is to make residents aware of the existence of NLCC. Fishhook Council and Meadowlakes Council have signage.
- B. Membership Strategy/Bylaw Revisions: Strategy will be discussed at the January Board meeting. L. Calandri noted that Bylaw changes should be discussed by General Membership and more input could be gathered. R. Hanson suggested a Committee be formed.
- C. MSB Code 17.05 Essential Services Utilities Amendment -NLCC position/Involvement: No discussion and can be deleted.
- D. MSB Initiative on Derelict Properties/Cleanup Efforts (see email)-NLCC Involvement: R. Sayen-Lambert reported there were no meetings announced and no new information.
- E. Homelessness Issues: No new issues to discuss.
- F. NLCC meeting place and engagement: F. Conaway explained he had checked into available property. Not much available in our area. Borough suggested we check into land sales. There are advantages to going through the Borough to explore availability. He will continue to talk with other Councils and search for locations.

**** Motion by R. Hanson to continue meeting to 8:30 pm, seconded by L. Calandri, approved unanimously.**

- G. Insurance: Board will discuss Directors and Officers Insurance at the January Board meeting.

****Executive Session held for determination of new officers. Private Discussion was held by new and continuing Board members. New Officers as follows: President Rod Hanson, Vice President Theron Bair, Secretary Pat Purcell, Treasurer Jolleen Coleman and Director at Large Franklin Conaway. A list of the new officer information will be provided to the Borough and the State.**

Board members returned to General meeting and New Officers were announced. R. Hanson thanked outgoing R. Sayen-Lambert and L. Calandri for their hard work for NLCC in their positions. He thanked A. Sayen although he wasn't present. R. Hanson mentioned that T. Bair has done an

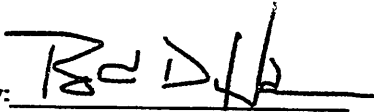
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~~thanked A. Sayer although he wasn't present.~~ R. Hanson mentioned that T. Bair has done an excellent job as a leader and President and it will be a great transition to have him as Vice President. Rod is retired and has the time and energy to contribute to NLCC.

IX. Audience Participation

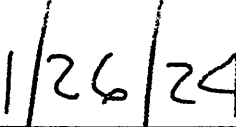
A. Identification of audience members wishing to speak: None

X. Adjournment at 8:12 pm

Signed by:

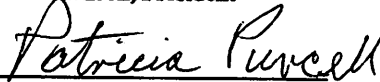


Rod Hanson, President

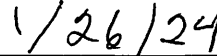


Date Signed

Attested by:



Patricia Purcell, Secretary



Date Signed

**North Lakes Community Council Minutes
Boys and Girls Club Wasilla
Annual Board Meeting January 11, 2024**

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A. Call to Order/Determination of Quorum

1. Called to order at 7 pm
2. Determination of Quorum: 4 Board members present, Quorum established. T. Bair resigned effective earlier today so Vice President position is vacant.
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by F. Conoway, Member at Large

B. Agenda Discussion/Approval:

1. Review proposed agenda/identify changes or additions
2. Approval of Agenda as amended adding resignation of Vice President under item G on Agenda. P. Purcell moved to approve the agenda as amended, Seconded by F. Conoway, agenda approved unanimously as amended.

C. 2024 Budget Review & Approval

Draft Budget was presented. Discussion followed and items on budget were reviewed. The CAP Agreement with the Borough for use of funds received today was also reviewed and will be signed and returned to Borough. Motion by P. Purcell to approve budget as presented, second by J. Coleman, approved unanimously. Budget document title will be changed to replace "DRAFT" with "Approved" and Board will present it to members at the 1/25/24 Membership Meeting.

D. 2023 Annual Financial Report:

The 2023 Annual Budget Report, Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Report were reviewed by members. Motion by F. Conoway to approve report as presented, seconded by P. Purcell, approved unanimously.

E. Treasurer Transition

R. Sayen-Lambert, outgoing Treasurer and J. Coleman, new Treasurer reported on their transition and the specific accounting and tax return preparation services that R. Sayen-Lambert will continue to provide on a voluntary basis. J. Coleman, Treasurer will be signing IRS reporting. Signers on Bank account will be R. Hanson, President and J. Coleman, Treasurer. The Treasurer will provide a verbal report at the next Membership Meeting on the success of this transition, including recognition of R. Sayen-Lambert's willingness to continue supporting the NLCC.

**** Motion by P. Purcell to continue meeting to 8:30 pm, seconded by J. Coleman, approved unanimously.**

F. Committees Review – Article 10 Section 3D

Currently 3 standing committees: Finance, Bylaws, and Nominating. Currently 3 Special Committees: Road and Traffic Safety, Communications, AMCO. The Intergovernmental Liason Committee was previously dissolved at the November 2023 Membership meeting.

Discussion followed.

1. Finance Committee (Standing): P. Purcell moved to retain Finance Committee with the following members R. Sayen-Lambert, J. Coleman, L. Calandri and J. Matlock. Seconded by J. Coleman and approved unanimously. The Committee will identify a Chairperson at their next meeting and advise the Board.
2. Bylaws Committee (Standing): P. Purcell moved to retain the Bylaws Committee with following members, R. Hanson as Ex-Officio, P. Purcell and N. LaFluer if she is willing. P. Purcell will also ask for one additional member at the January meeting. Motion seconded by J. Coleman and approved unanimously.
3. Nominating Committee (Standing): P. Purcell moved to retain the Nominating Committee with members P. Purcell, L. Calandri and ask for one other member at the January meeting. Seconded by F. Conoway, approved unanimously.
4. Road and Traffic Safety Committee (Special): J. Coleman moved to continue committee with C. Schnipke, R. Greenberg, D. Willequer, M. Anderson, and R. Hanson (Ex Officio), Committee will ask J. Lutzinger if he is willing to continue, seconded by P. Purcell, motion approved unanimously.
5. and 6. Communications Committee (Special) and AMCO Committee: R. Hanson moved to dissolve the Communications and AMCO Committees and rely on individual Board Members to fulfill primary responsibilities, P. Purcell seconded and motion passed unanimously.

G. Other Agenda Topics Identified By Board Members

1. Theron Bair Resignation: Article 9 Section 8B Vacancy is to be filled by a general member appointed by the President and then approved by the Board. That appointed member then serves until the next Annual Membership meeting at which time Board elections are conducted.
Current Board members discussed potential candidates. R. Hanson, President will reach out and see if he can locate a candidate that will agree to serve. NOTE: Subsequent to the 1/11/24 Board meeting, R. Hanson spoke with R. Greenberg who agreed to join the Board if approved. R. Hanson then conducted an email voting process with P. Purcell, J. Coleman and F. Conoway. R. Greenberg's appointment was approved unanimously on 1/12/24. She will begin her Board service immediately.

H. Action Items – Review

1. J. Coleman, Treasurer will lead the Board presentations of the approved 2024 Budget and the successful

- Treasurer Transition to member at the 1/25/24 meeting.
2. R. Hanson and J. Coleman will meet in mid February and change names on the Bank Account.
 3. R. Hanson and P. Purcell will meet with Rachel Sayen-Lambert at her office to take possession of the historic NLCC files and materials. R. Hanson and P. Purcell will then work to organize and establish appropriate files, records and documentation system.
 4. F. Conaway will make contact with the vendor who services the Rent-a can facility at Cottonwood Lake Park. Purpose is to establish a primary NLCC point of contact to assure this vendor provides service on an appropriate frequency, which may be adjusted throughout the year.
 5. R. Hanson will summarize the outcome of various Committee assignments at next Membership meeting.
 6. R. Hanson will work to improve tele-video conferencing capabilities.

I. Adjournment at 8:30 pm

Signed by: Rod Hanson

Rod Hanson, President

1/26/24

Date Signed

Attested by: Patricia Purcell

Patricia Purcell, Secretary

1/26/24

Date Signed

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

The regular meeting of the Port Commission was held in the Port MacKenzie Conference Room and called to order at 3:36 p.m. by Chairperson Mr. Ron Tracy.

Commission members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Rob Brown Mr. Ron Tracy

Mr. Fred Elvsaas

Mr. Dane Crowley, arrived later

Commission members not present were:

Mr. Bryan Scoresby

Staff in attendance were:

Mr. Dave Griffin, Port Operations Manager

Ms. Sandy Luckett, Port Administrative Specialist

Mr. Joe Metzger, Asset Manager

There were no Assembly Members in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. The Port Commission approved the agenda as amended.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. The Port Commission approved the minutes from the following meetings:

- Regular Meeting, April 17, 2023

4. AGENCY AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Mr. Dave Griffin, Port Operations Manager

- Reported we have a bonus ship at port, the M/V Ise Harmony is unloading road salt from Peru for Northern Gravel & Trucking. This is the first ship of their five year contract. Northern Gravel is providing their own stevedoring and security for this operation.
- Stated Northern Gravel has purchased a 50T crane, scales and a few other pieces of equipment which will be available for lease (from Northern Gravel) to other companies at Port MacKenzie.
- Reported Quality Asphalt & Paving (QAP) has confirmed they will bring a cement ship to Port MacKenzie in May of 2024.
- Commented he is focused on business development which has primarily been alternative energy companies such as wind, solar, ammonia for e-fuel and wood waste conversion for aviation fuel.
- Stated we have 9000 acres of industrial zoned land with 4 miles of tidelands available for lease.
- Reported he attended the Sustainable Energy Conference in May.

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- Distributed maps of Port MacKenzie showing alternative roads and land ownership status.
- Reported the Port MacKenzie website has been updated and well received, but we are still working on getting photos on the website.
- Commented he met with Totem Ocean Trailer Express (TOTE) who sent a planner out for a tour several weeks ago and Alaska Marine Lines (AML) and plans to meet with Matson. We need equipment infrastructure to attract these businesses to our port.
- Introduced Mr. Jim Baxter, owner of Northern Gravel & Trucking and presented him with a plaque of appreciation.
 - Mr. Baxter stated he brought in his first salt ship to the Anchorage port in 2006. All of the salt brought in had to be trucked to a staging area outside of the port. At Port MacKenzie he is able to convey the salt off the ship and stage it on the barge dock for transport throughout the State.
- Stated the Cell 1 repair is complete and he will have PND Engineers do an inspection of the entire barge dock.
- Reported the Barge Ramp RO/RO 35% Design Study has been completed with the rock revetment design as the most attractive option vs using sheet pile.

Discussion followed on outreach to the various shipping companies, cost comparison with the Anchorage port, the flexibility of Port MacKenzie and containerized shipping.

B. Mr. Joe Metzger, Asset Manager

- Stated we have one lease with Central Alaska Energy (CAE) for \$5,500 +/- per month. CAE has not done anything with their lease yet so we are looking to revise the terms of that lease.
- Reported we have two permits with QAP (formerly Colaska) for the old Alutiiq (white) and NPI (blue) warehouses totaling \$10,200 +/- per month for 18 months.
- Commented we share the revenue with NPI for their former lease until revenue reaches the agreed upon limit.

Discussion followed on increasing the cost of leases with a 3% escalator clause over 5 years vs using an appraisal and CAE's development clause in their lease.

5. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

A. Mr. Brian Murkowski, Energy Consulting, LLC

- Commented on a few observations he has made - TOTE uses mainly RO/RO for their operation and Matson uses mostly cranes. Matson has asked TOTE to share the cost of cranes which is not popular with TOTE and the Alaska Railroad (ARRC) has the availability to bond up to \$20 billion that is not required to be used for rail, however they have never used that option.
- Stated he was born and raised in Alaska and has worked in banking for many years but is now in the Energy business working with Ocean Renewable Power Company (ORPC).
- Reported ORPC is based out of Portland Maine and has been in business for 17

years in 47 counties working on renewable energy prospects converting energy in water currents to electricity.

- Reviewed the various potential projects they are working on including one 5 MW power system in Nikiski, 1-mile offshore. They require at least 3 knots to produce power, Knik Arm currents are between 5-7 knots.
- Commented the Port MacKenzie project could yield 40 KW to provide cathodic protection for our docks.
- Stated the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requires approval before power can be supplied to the grid so to reduce cost most of their projects will not supply the grid.
- Stated they recently received \$25M from Hatch to which will fund the commercial phase of their projects with all work being conducted in Palmer, Wasilla and Nikiski.
- Reported they have the potential to produce 18GW of power which is 10 times what Alaska needs now.
- Commented the challenges of Alaskan waters have made it necessary to make the equipment stronger and better.

Discussion followed on lease/sale/own of equipment, maintenance costs, purchase price, grant opportunities, and life expectancy of units.

Mr. Brown cautioned against the MSB purchasing the device; ORPC should pay for and maintain each unit.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

7. NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: Mr. Crowley moved to extend the meeting time by 15 minutes, Mr. Brown seconded, the motion was approved unanimously.

8. ADMINISTRATION AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Brown inquired about the estimated revenue for the salt ship. Mr. Griffin stated the estimate is \$85,000 with 1 vessel per year and barge deliveries to Ketchikan, Thorne Bay, Juneau, etc.

Mr. Griffin commented plans are to remove the "A" frame from the trestle and lower the conveyor on the side of trestle for the next salt shipment. Northern Gravel is looking into shipping other products such as fracking sand, cement, and calcium chloride. Mr. Ray Wonders may bring in 1 or 2 ships this fall to support the oil and gas companies.

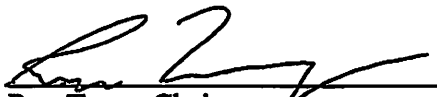
Discussion on the Jones Act, repurpose or disposal of the conveyor and the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension not being built. Trucking over road is better than rail if it is 150 miles or less, rail is more cost effective for anything over 150 miles.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.



Sandy Lockett, Port Admin Specialist



Ron Tracy, Chairperson

Minutes Approved 7/29/24

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

There was no quorum for the Regular Scheduled Port Commission Meeting. An informal meeting of the Port Commission was held in the DSJ Lower Level Conference Room.

Commission members present were:

Mr. Ron Tracy

Mr. Fred Elvsaaas

Commission members not present were:

Mr. Rob Brown

Mr. Dane Crowley

Mr. Bryan Scoresby

Staff in attendance were:

Mr. Mike Brown, Borough Manager

Mr. Dave Griffin, Port Operations Manager

Mr. Joe Metzger, Asset Manager

Ms. Sandy Luckett, Port Administrative Specialist

There were no Assembly Members in attendance.

DISCUSSION:

A. Mr. Dave Griffin, Port Operations Manager

- Reported on November 2nd, Ms. Mary Ann Pease and Mr. Keith Myer brought 7 businessmen from the Japanese E-Fuel company ENEOS to Port MacKenzie to tour the facility. The Mayor, Manager, Mr. Joe Metzger and Mr. Stefan Hinman were all present to provide information on the Port and answer questions. The meeting was very well received.
- Stated on October 23rd, several members of the Governor's office staff, Senator McCabe and others met at Port MacKenzie to discuss the future of the rail/road project from the Port to Houston and other opportunities for the port.
- Stated three barges are due in October: the final salt barge of the year and two barges to offload from Cruz Construction Marine Division.
- Reported the Assembly recently appropriated an additional \$1 million grant from the Economic Development Association (EDA) for the Pile Sleeve project and \$4.7 million from The American Rescue Plan for the Barge Ramp project.
- Stated we were awarded a \$1 million grant from the US Marine Highway Program (USMHP) to purchase a 75-ton crawler crane and are still waiting on word from the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application.
- Commented on upcoming projects: new bathymetry will be done this fall; sheet pile face inspection will go out to bid soon; and the \$10 million pile sleeve project bid opens soon.
- Advised we anticipate the next salt ship to arrive in April of 2024 and a cement ship in May of 2024. We also plan for several barges during the year.

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- Commented the Pile Sleeve project could span 2 seasons due to the tidal range and belugas.
- Advised as soon as the barge ramp design is complete, an RFP will go out for construction- possibly in 2025.
- Reported the Port Mast Plan update is in process with our in-house staff.

Discussion followed on marketing strategies for the port, natural gas supplies, and mineral companies interested in the port. Mr. Griffin commented that he has been actively working with many businesses and has reached out to various shipping companies and will continue to do so.

B. Mr. Joe Metzger, Asset Manager

- Stated we have a new permit for 1 acre of the 5-acre paved pad with North Star Supply to store salt in a covered shelter.

Discussion followed on how well our port is positioned for barge traffic, reaching out to the barge and other shipping companies via mailer and phone contact, Seward port will have a lot of renovation work done this year-Port MacKenzie can be used as an alternative, cruise ship traffic, pros and cons of the impress system vs anodes for cathodic protection, military interest in the port for Arctic Edge training and munitions shipment, solar farm energy companies interest in the Port District and the Alaska Railroad's interest or lack thereof in completing the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension.

Mr. Tracy and Mr. Elvsaas stated they will get Mr. Griffin contact information for the various companies they have worked with.

Ms. Lockett will send a link to the September 13, 2023 Assembly meeting on the rail to the Commissioners.

The informal meeting ended at 5:00pm.