

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Abbreviated Plat Hearing was held on October 12, 2022, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, in the 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, Platting Assistant

**2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

*(None)*

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. **COUNTRY PLEASURE:** The request is to create two lots from Lot 2, Block 5, Country Pleasure, Plat No. 85-17, to be known as LOTS 2A and 2B, containing 2.97 acres +/- . The parcel is located north of W. Parks Highway and W. Stacy Street, at the intersection of W. Roca Road and N. Tammy Lane, (Tax ID# 2944B05L002); within Section 01, Township 17 North, Range 02 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In Meadow Lakes Community Council and Assembly District #7. *(Petitioner/Owner: Sumner Company, Staff: Amy Otto-Buchanan, Case # 2022-117)*

Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 70 public hearing notices were mailed out on September 21, 2022.

Platting Officer Fred Wagner gave an overview of the case.

- Opened the public hearing for public testimony.
- There being no one to be heard, closed the public hearing.
- Invited the petitioner or their representative to provide their comments.

Platting Officer Fred Wagner closed the petitioner's comments, and the discussion moved to the motion.

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

- B. **HARTMAN:** The request is to combine Lots 20 and 21, Block 3, Windsong subdivision, Plat No. 76-110 into one lot to be known as Hartman, containing 0.98 acres +/- . The property is located directly northeast of S. River Drive, north of S. Old Glenn Highway and south of Knik River (Tax ID # 1169B03L020 & L021); within the SE ¼ Section 8, Township 16 North, Range 02 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the South Knik Community Council and in Assembly District #1. *(Petitioner/Owner: Alan Hartman & Matanuska Susitna Borough, Staff: Kimberly McClure, Case # 2022-135)*

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Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 30 public hearing notices were mailed out on September 21, 2022.

Platting Officer Fred Wagner gave an overview of the case.

- Opened the public hearing for public testimony.
- There being no one to be heard, closed the public hearing.
- Invited the petitioner or their representative to provide their comments.

The petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative was not present at the hearing.

Platting Officer Fred Wagner closed the petitioner's comments, and the discussion moved to the motion.

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

- C. **ASPEN ALASKA BROWN ADDITION:** The request is to create one lot from Lots 4 & Lot 5, Block 4, Aspen Alaska, Plat No. 2007-7, to be known as Aspen Alaska Brown Addition, containing 4.05 acres +/- . The parcel is located west of S. Talkeetna Spur, north of E. Shade Tree Drive and directly south of E. Lane Creek Street (Tax ID#s 56725B04L004/L005); within Section 20, Township 24 North, Range 04 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In Susitna Community Council and Assembly District #7. (*Petitioner/Owner: Jason P. & Nikki Brown, Staff: Amy Otto-Buchanan, Case # 2022-136*)

Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 23 public hearing notices were mailed out on September 21, 2022.

Platting Officer Fred Wagner gave an overview of the case.

- Opened the public hearing for public testimony.
- There being no one to be heard, closed the public hearing.
- Invited the petitioner or their representative to provide their comments.

The petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative was not present at the hearing.

Platting Officer Fred Wagner closed the petitioner's comments, and the discussion moved to the motion.

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

- D. **GLENMONT NORTH 2022:** The request is to create one lot from Lot 15A, Block 1, Snider Subdivision, Plat No. 93-89 and Lot 1, Glenmont North, Plat No. 2019-67, to be known as Glenmont North 2022, containing 4.28 acres +/- . The parcel is located directly north of Lake Lucille, directly south of W. Selina Lane, and south of W. Parks Highway (Tax ID#s 4171B01L015A and 7890000L001); within Section 09, Township 17 North, Range 01 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. Within City of Wasilla city limits and Assembly District #3.

*(Petitioner/Owner: James R. Partridge Living Trust DTD, Staff: Amy Otto-Buchanan, Case # 2022-137)*

Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 25 public hearing notices were mailed out on September 21, 2022.

Platting Officer Fred Wagner gave an overview of the case.

- Opened the public hearing for public testimony.
- There being no one to be heard, closed the public hearing.
- Invited the petitioner or their representative to provide their comments.

The petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative was not present at the hearing.

Platting Officer Fred Wagner closed the petitioner's comments, and the discussion moved to the motion.

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

- E. **ASHER'S GATE**: The request is to create four lots from Tax Parcel A6, Parcel #3, 40 Acre Exemption # 2002-271-EXM to be known as Asher's Gate, containing 40.47 acres +/- . The property is located south of E. Whopper Avenue and south east of E. Caswell Lakes Road (Tax ID # 22N04W13A006); within the NE ¼ Section 13, Township 22 North, Range 04 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Susitna Community Council and in Assembly District #7. *(Petitioner/Owner: Robert & Laura Jo Zavas, Staff: Matthew Goddard, Case # 2022-138)*

Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 14 public hearing notices were mailed out on September 21, 2022.

Platting Officer Fred Wagner gave an overview of the case.

- Opened the public hearing for public testimony.
- There being no one to be heard, closed the public hearing.
- Invited the petitioner or their representative to provide their comments.

The petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative chose not to speak.

Platting Officer Fred Wagner closed the petitioner's comments, and the discussion moved to the motion.

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

- F. **CONCORDE**: The request is to create one lot from Lots 8 & 9, Block 2, Concorde Subdivision, Plat No. 2005-53, to be known as LOT 8A, containing 1.84 acres +/- . The parcel is located south of E. Rutan Avenue and directly west of E. Hart Lake Loop (Tax ID#s 5591B02L008/L009); within Section 20, Township 18 North, Range 01 East, Seward

Meridian, Alaska. In North Lakes Community Council and Assembly District #6.  
(Petitioner/Owner: Roby & Meghan Tremble, Staff: Amy Otto-Buchanan, Case # 2022-139)

Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 43 public hearing notices were mailed out on September 21, 2022.

Platting Officer Fred Wagner gave an overview of the case.

- Opened the public hearing for public testimony.
- There being no one to be heard, closed the public hearing.
- Invited the petitioner or their representative to provide their comments.

The petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative was not present at the hearing.

Platting Officer Fred Wagner closed the petitioner's comments, and the discussion moved to the motion.

MOTION: Platting Officer Fred Wagner moved to approve with 5 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 8:37 a.m.



FRED WAGNER, PLS  
Platting Officer

ATTEST:



KAYLA KINNEEN,  
Platting Assistant

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Abbreviated Plat Hearing was held on October 19, 2022, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, in the Assembly Chambers, located at 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Platting Officer Fred Wagner.

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

A. Introduction of Staff

Staff in Attendance:

- Mr. Fred Wagner, Platting Officer
- Ms. Theresa Taranto, Administrative Specialist

**2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

*(None)*

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. **SPARKS RANCH:** The request is to create one lot from Lots 35-38, Block 8, Birch Hills Estates, Plat No. 71-10, to be known as **Sparks Ranch**, containing 1.837 acres +/- . The parcel is located north of W. Hollywood Road, south of W. Phenix Avenue and directly west of S. Caskill Circle (Tax ID#s 6043B08L035-L038); within Section 23, Township 17 North, Range 02 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In Knik-Fairview Community Council and Assembly District #5. *(Petitioner/Owner: Richard Sparks, Staff: Amy Otto-Buchanan, Case # 2022-142)*

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

Ms. Theresa Taranto provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 63 public hearing notices were mailed out on September 29, 2022.

Platting Officer Fred Wagner gave an overview of the case.

- Opened the public hearing for public testimony.

The following person spoke:

- Denny Ryan

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

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

Dana Rumpfelt, the petitioner's representative spoke.

Platting Officer Fred Wagner closed the petitioner's comments, and the discussion moved to the motion.

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

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Platting Officer, Fred Wagner adjourned the meeting at 8:36 a.m.



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FRED WAGNER, PLS  
Platting Officer

ATTEST:



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THERESA TARANTO,  
Platting Administrative Specialist

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Abbreviated Plat Hearing was held on October 26, 2022, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, in 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.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### A. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

Staff in Attendance:

- Mr. Fred Wagner, Platting Officer
- Ms. Theresa Taranto, Administrative Specialist

## 2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

*(None)*

## 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. **TALACHULITNA ACRES:** The request is to create two lots from Tax Parcel D10 to be known as **Talachulitna Acres**, containing 29.57 acres +/- . The property is located directly east of S. Parks Highway, directly south of E. Talachulitna Drive and west of E. Kichatna Lane (Tax ID # 21N04W07D010); within the SE ¼ Section 7, Township 21 North, Range 04 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Willow Community Council and in Assembly District #7. *(Petitioner/Owner: ACM, LLC, Staff: Kimberly McClure, Case # 2022-143)*

Ms. Theresa Taranto provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 35 public hearing notices were mailed out on October 5, 2022.

Platting Officer Fred Wagner gave an overview of the case.

- Opened the public hearing for public testimony.
- There being no one to be heard, closed the public hearing.
- Invited the petitioner or their representative to provide their comments.

The petitioner, Art Mathias spoke and agrees to conditions.

Platting Officer Fred Wagner closed the petitioner's comments, and the discussion moved to the motion.

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

## 4. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Platting Officer, Fred Wagner adjourned the meeting at 8:32 a.m.

ATTEST:



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THERESA TARANTO,  
Platting Administrative Specialist



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FRED WAGNER, PLS  
Platting Officer

**7/12/22 BiCC Minutes- (Unapproved)**

7pm start- quorum established. Mayor Edna DeVries in attendance.

**Agenda additions:** 1. David Wilson.

2. Assembly Reports Jason Ortez, Manager of MSB planning dept.

Agenda approved. - Terry/ Jill

Minutes approved. - 6/14 22. Terry/ Dave

**Guest Speaker: Sandra Kregar.** "New Hanger Hotel." On 5/20 she closed on the sale of the Hanger. 6/8 work began to renovate the building. "What are your future plans?" (Secretary note: If you recall we had a speaker a few months back that expressed interest in purchasing this property but had difficulty finding funding. Her name was Olivia) Olivia is still involved and will share part of the buildings rooms as a "Think tank for teens, not a shelter. It is to be an "incubator" for homeless & foster kids, showing them how to think." In addition to helping them to obtain high school education, they will also provide after school programs. Hope Foundation (Jason Underhill) is also working with them. Sandra purchased the Hanger since Olivia could not afford to purchase originally. The rooms Olivia will be "running," we are told will be "no occupancy, educational offices". Another individual, Dee Payon will be running 10 other rooms as a hotel/ Air B&B/ short term rental. Sandra will run 5 rooms for her use to be used by "people in need." They are currently working hard to get the property renovated. There is bad water damage from broken pipes. New roofing should start on Monday. They are planning on seasonal slowdown and when numbers fall, they will open rooms to "weekly renters." QQQ Terry. Is there running h20? Is the hotel dry? AAA. They had broken pipes, but they are now up and going on 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Sandra said they had their 1<sup>st</sup> air b&b guests last night. So far, there has been a ton of volunteer time and donated materials. Sandra asks that locals feel free to come by for a tour anytime. There are management folks living on site. They are proud of their plans and the progress they're having on the property. QQQ – "It appears as though it is a gathering spot for tweakers on site? That during a recent diabetes walk, participants did not feel safe while passing the Hanger?" AAA- "While there has been some activity on Casey way, (which runs along the west side of the Hanger), owners do not accept responsibility for this activity and individuals involved could be squatters who had to be chased out of the Hanger in the beginning. QQQ phone number? Yes. Cards are available and I answer my phone and hotel phone is forwarded. Ms. Kraeger is also a realtor in Wasilla. Has a background project architecture and has experience doing this type of project. QQQ – "Is this related to the clearing of the homeless population from the Sullivan Arena? "No, nothing at all." Phone for hotel 907-892-7007. Phone is also forwarded to her phone number. Please call and come ask with any questions at all. Ms. Kraeger is also "taking" 4 rooms of hers own to provide needed services to people who just "need a place to stay."

**Speaker Doug Massie:** Running for Dist. "O" or House 30. He is a lifelong Alaskan. He grew up playing in Meadow Creek after arriving her in 1968. Longtime republican. He graduated in 1984. He was a Trooper after retiring from the North Slope. Retired after 25 years as a Trooper in May. He would like to stay in public service. He has 2 kids & wife. Recently purchased "The Broken Boat/ Knik Bar. As a Trooper he has worked/ traveled statewide. He is "not going to leave anytime soon"

**Treasures:** Grants paid recently: \$1494.80 to Horseshoe Lake Road Firewise. \$400 to Big Lake Bells. \$1900. To the Big Lake Neighborhood Closet, \$500 Trout Unlimited Alaska. This leaves a balance of \$18239.08 in checking and in savings we have \$292.60. Just deposited \$90 in memberships. QQQT. What is the amount of money currently encumbered by grants? Jill- "Right about \$9000. After funds are disbursed."

**Membership:** Recent signups are exciting- up to 118 paid members. We are averaging roughly 2 new members per month. Currently working on more methods to get membership up to help build awareness to the council. Election of new members will be in October.

**Bill Haller- Lions Club Stuff:** 1. Friday- The folks from the Bird Rescue Group will be having a beer/ dinner and mini golf fundraising event at 6pm. The cost will be \$50 per head. 2. Recently, there have been numerous private parties on the mini golf course and fun center. It's also open each weekend until the ice rink gets made this winter.

**Legislative Reports:** Representative Kevin McCabe. - Dist. 8. Unfortunately, there will be no repaving of Big Lake Road. He has been working on getting Judy Drive/ Our rd. ROW all permitted with the DNR and all homeowners are cooperating except for

one person. He also investigated getting more Coast Guard presence on Big Lake, but its "a tough sell" but will continue to check in with admiral. Apparently, when you ask some folks, Big Lake is "not navigable water way," but when we ask others "it is a navigable water way." (Go figure). Currently, the Governor needs to sign legislation regarding state fiscal and finances. McCabe's "no front license plate law" was passed and Senator McCabe is waiting on good time to have ceremony, maybe the fair. Also passed was one additional item on DMV online application what would allow for "electronic signatures" thus making it easier for the consumer to complete the electronic application. "One less thing requiring folks to have to visit the DMV." QQQ- Will the Coast Guard be patrolling Big Lake on high use weekends?" AAA- It is happening with the CC auxiliary on busy weekends. Recently, Troopers on jet skis have been making a presence on the lake giving tickets for missing safety items. QQQ- Who do buoys need to be registered with? "The Core of Engineers."

**Dan Mayfield-** Recently found an old letter from 1978 asserting Coast Guard authority over navigable H2O and explained what the enforcement actions may be used on Big Lake. QQQ- John Dickey QQQ- When will the PFD be payout? AAA- It's on schedule and both the "energy" and "dividend checks" will be issued at the same time.

**Senator Wilson.** - 1. Most of the funding asked for in the MSB was granted except for 2 million requested for a of road trail over by Palmer. Also, the MSB was awarded the Arctic Winter Games location for the Winter of 2024. If you are interested, now is the time to get involved. Luckily, the MSB is flush with cash from State of Ak. this year and suggests that we lobby MSB assembly to give input on where these funds should be applied. It's time to get on your elected officials to see where all the cash will go. Do not let the MSB Assembly waste it. This year, the debt bond reimbursement was given by the State, plus \$8.6 million dollars extra. The State also funded \$30 million matching funds for road upgrades and the MSB has those matching funds, so expect more funding in the MSB to go to "roads." There are currently 13 new troopers in training. After graduation, most will be training here in the MSB. QQQ Dan Warley.- What is this "long trail by Palmer?" This funding was this canceled "Long trail project." It was to be a trail connecting Homer to Fairbanks and is the brainchild of a nonprofit group. State does not want to focus on this project now. It was vetoed.

**TERRY-** Currently, there is no cemetery in beautiful, Big Lake and he would consider donating 5 acres of property for a cemetery in Big Lake. Could anyone at the State help to help implement this idea? What could we do to have a cemetery in this area? Happy to help.

**Mayor Edna DeVries-** 1. Yes, the MSB did get a ton of cash from the State this year, but don't expect to see any of it. "Since 2017 the MSB has not received any matching funds from the State for school bonds and have been paying 100 percent of school bonds which was not reimbursed by state, until this budget. So, most of this funding will go back into the MSB coffers." MSB also has set aside funds to match the \$30 million in State Funding. "Don't forget, today is election day, please vote." "We are hoping for a good turnout," but the mayor is hearing there was "not enough publicity" for this special election. Many in the Council expressed that they did not even receive any election information in the mail preceding the election. The mayor asks you to please reach out to her anytime you need. "Call office. Keep supporting your CC. Keep MSB best place to live in the whole USA." QQQTerry. 1. To the mayor: "Thanks for all your help and support you have given to Big Lake. You have been very good when asked for help." 2. Asks about voter information not being received by many voters. The mayor stated that State voter rolls are used for mailing purposes. When asked, roughly 10 folks did not get voter information.

**Assembly report: Jason Ortez:** Manager of planning and land use. Recently, Assemblyman Tew asked for a resolution to be passed by assembly in late June for this fiscal year to provide cleanup for specific code compliance problems here in beautiful Big Lake. These funds will help assist a few residents with cleaning up accumulation of junk and trash on private property. Homes on Sunrise & Medora will be subject to clean up. MSB only will help with funding but will not support the actual cleanup efforts. Local volunteers will be needed to accomplish that task. The MSB gets dumpers and community needs to do the work. More details to work out. 2. Peaceful Place will also have junk vehicles removed. 3. Cleanup Day to address many of Big Lake's abandoned, floating docks. At this point, a resolution still needs to still be drafted and proposed to assembly for approval. MSB needs to know the scope to the problem so a good draft can be put together. Contact Jason Ortez with any info. Thank you to Assemblyman Tew for donating heavy equipment and trucks to haul these old docks out of the lake and to the dump for us! The resolution just waives dump fees for dumping docks. QQQTerry- Will MSB provide security on this volunteer work during junk/ car removal on these private properties? "No." The MSB does not help with private property cleanup. Only funding. They feel the property owners want the help and appreciate the help, so security should not be an issue.

**Fire services: Chief Hightower.** - There is a complete burn closure currently. That basically means NO BURNING. In June, there were 91 emergency calls. Unfortunately, that is a record for the West Lakes fire department. That's about double volume. This has put a stress the responder resources. A bunch of Fairbanks fires are depleting the forestry services and local FDs are taking



over some of the forestry duties. Please use extreme caution doing any burning. With the fireworks ban during 4<sup>th</sup> of July, it led to a very "happy & safe weekend" for local 1<sup>st</sup> responders. If you are interested in joining the fire department, they are still looking hard to find folks to be 1<sup>st</sup> responders. If you do not have smoke or CO2 alarms, please call WLFD and they will come and install them for you for free! Call and get free hookup.

**Mid Valley Recycling- Steve hawk.** The Mid Valley Recycling group located here in Big Lake was formed in 2012 formed by volunteers to be collect recyclables in our area to help save long drive to Wasilla for recycling. MSB coordinates hauling the 3 containers here in Big Lake. Each Saturday/ Sunday from 12-3 the recycling center is open at the land fill. There are 13 types of materials that can be recycled, but most require shipping to "America," so it is not cost effective. Its best to sell locally for use locally. This will save costs. Locally, Thermocool Insulating uses recycled cardboard for insulation and they are also producing Trex decking from some plastics recycled here. Some cardboard is also used in Hydroseed and as bedding. Valley Recycling Center would like to see the number of items that VRC can collect increase "Do you have an idea for recycles in valley? There is a contest to going on to try to promote your idea for creating a product that can be marketed by using different recyclable items. Applications available. 6/10/22 and ends 1/30/2023." What's your idea for recycling? Bring them on. (Steve is the only guy who can speak on recycling month after month and make it sound so exciting!! Good job, Steve!) "Reduce, Recycle, Reuse and Repurpose, my friends."

QQQ- Can toilets be recycled? Not here. No buyers local.

**NO RSA report-** Nobody present.

**Correspondence:** McKenna property line change. No objections. / Enstar energy public notice.

**Campgrounds monitor service-** Officers have been issuing citations for no pay of campground facilities and for launching without paying.

Over the past weekend, the North Campground Park managers would not allow the Lions Club to set up their tent and park inside the park without paying fees for the Diabetes Awareness Walk. This was a POOR EXAMPLE of how the State works with local volunteer organizations in town. The State should be more willing to work with local groups. This led to an unsafe condition at the start as the Aurora Lions Club had to set up their starting tent, basically on the side of North Big Lake Road.

Update ( 8/1/22) There is a form that can be found online that a non-profit can fill out and submit to the State in this situation.

**Road project updates for Big Lake area: Assemblyman Tew.** There was Calcium Chloride applied to some specific roads, but there is a shortage of product so all planned roads could not be finished. There has been work on Beaver Lakes Rd as 3 culverts have been added. Work on fixing ditches and some road work. Also 2 culverts and around 100 feet of new ditching on Wolf Rd. Please be careful, as engineers are out doing work on the Lakes Blvd. There has also been some surveying and they are checking soils under the road to see exactly what work needs to happen. QQQTerry- Expresses how good of a job the new "roads guy, Tyler" doing. With the 30-million-dollar match from the State for MSB roads and MSB funds match, will Lakes Blvd remain in the bond package? "Yes." Citizens will not see any increase in taxes since the MSB can match the State without needing additional funding. Assemblyman Tew reminds us to use the "MSB PROBLEM REPORTER" to alert MSB officials of road issues, junk cars & garbage problems. When you use the Problem Reporter, complaints go straight to the department who can fix it and you'll get better results to your request. They are still making changes to the program to make it more user friendly.

**Public alert:** There is a huge problem hitting Big Lake, Catalytic Converter theft. It has gotten so bad in Alaska and is following a national trend as thieves steel them to recycle the materials they are made with. It is a crisis. There is a bill to make theft a crime at state level. This bill did not get out for a vote in the State Senate. Junk yards are taking and reselling for profit. It's time to make purchase of catalytic converters against the law. QQQTERRY- Can the Assembly or State legislators pass a law making it illegal to purchase any catalytic converters illegal? Or with junk yards having to fill out reports when purchasing old catalytic converters. Assemblyman Tew: "We all know who is purchasing these. There are two main buyers in the valley. Legislation won't work." Its currently a felony if cops will enforce, but they will not enforce.

Drugs are the bottom problem in the community. Pres. Bill: Sadly, the last time Big Lake was having such huge theft problems, the preacher took the law into his own hands and there were two thieves shot and killed.

**Ken Walsh:** It's time to consider local law enforcement in the MSB. Local cops would be more responsive to local needs. More cops in the MSB area that way. Andrew Traxler- Call volume on theft is low for our area because nobody calls troopers. Folks feel as though there will be no response, so what's the point? This mind set needs to change. We need to call them when there

is a problem. If we do not call, they will not know so there will not be enough resources provided to our area. "Call the cops."  
**Dave Haggard:** Who prosecutes what? A "Tweaker" steals his mom's truck. Found with heroin in truck, passed out at wheel. Thief was released with a "driving without a license" charge. "Here's the root of your problems, no enforcement." **OOQ Julie Malo:** May it be time to provide a gun safety program to be promoted and supported in our community? Promote this program in public so bad guys know more folks in Big Lake are "packing" and ready to react to problems.

Rumor has it that Anchorage is actively bussing homeless to the Valley. Is this true? Are they giving them taxi /bus rides and dropping them off in the valley? Any input from any elected officials would be appreciated. Mayor DeVries: There is currently a Palmer city workshop for the homeless. There are roughly 25 organizations who deal with homelessness in the Valley. If help is requested, there is help available, but it is obvious that the homeless population is growing in the Valley.

There are still nearly 190 people still looking to be placed in a home.

Pres Bill- Kelsey Anderson who helps with the Capital Improvement program at the MSB contacted the Council. She is asking for the Big Lake community to update and give input on the current the cap improvement plans for the "Big Lake priority document." She would like us to provide a list of recommendations for future Big Lake capital improvements. The deadline for this is Aug. Council Board will be looking into this at the next board meeting. Come down to the next board on 7/26 at the Big Lake Family Restaurant at 6pm to give input. Board should go through the Big Lake priorities list and get back to Kelsey. Maybe Assemblyman Tew and Mayor DeVries could help? Ken Walsh= Which CIP program are we referring to? "The MSB CIP program."

Want to be more involved with the now famous Big Lake Community Council? This October we will be having board member elections. There are three member seats coming up for election. Do you have it in you? We need new blood. More to come!

#### Persons to be heard:

1. **Senator Wilson:** The legislator did fund the derelict vehicle fund to remove the old cars you may have in your area. Although Senator Wilson will not be representing our district any longer, he is running again in District N which includes the Wasilla/ Meadow Lakes area. Remember 8/16/22 is the vote date. This year, the State primary is a "pick 1 voting" whereby we only vote for one candidate and all the others will be using the old voting procedure. (Whatever that is, I'm so confused at this point)
2. **Jill Walch.** – New Library news. After many years, Big Lake is losing their librarian. Friday will be her last day and there will be a cookie reception at 130pm. Please stop by and say "goodbye."
3. **Dan Mayfield-** This weekend we will be having a "Pierre & Judy Strong estate sale." They lived on the shores of Big Lake for 66-years and we have a ton of stuff for sale this weekend. Friday, Saturday & Sunday.10-5pm look for signs from the road or find them by boat 20080 Judy Ave. 99652
4. **Beagle Jarvis-** As resident of Big Lake, I have recreated in Big Lake for over 22 years. Over the past few years, the trash along the roads and trails have become a hazard. There is an amazing amount of garbage on the roads/ trails and in the lake. Beagle proposes we open the Big Lake landfill one day for FREE so folks can finally clean up accumulated trash properly. How do it? Currently, trash on the trails do present safety issues with engine blocks and large debris piles on the trails. Believe it or not, huge bags of diapers even present problems on the trails and on dead end streets. Maybe if we had that one day of FREE dump fees the garbage may end up in the dump and not on the ground. "How can we do this?"
5. **Speaker: Doyle Holmes-** Mr. Holmes has been the owner of Willow True Value Hardware for decades. Currently, Doyle is running district 30 house seat. Previously, Doyle has served as deputy Mayor at the MSB for 3 years. He served 11 years on the MSB assembly. During his tenure, he served with Assemblywoman Jay Nolfi, one of Big Lake's more infamous assembly members and they worked together well. His main platforms include Defending the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment and he supports the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment. When asked by constituents "Doyle, why are you running for office? He answers: "the folks in Juneau need adult supervision." Good luck, Doyle!
6. **Rep. McCabe.** – Senator McCabe is also running for District House 30. He is the current incumbent for this area which includes Clear, Anderson, Big Lake & Valdez. This will be a very challenging district, but Senator McCabe is "up for it." The Senator is very prolife and believes that life begins at conception. He is "Pro 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pro 1<sup>st</sup> amendment." Election day is 8/16 and there are only 3 running for this office in the primary. We need to "vote for one." Then ranked choice voting will be used in the 11/8/22 election. Need more information? Check out: "Votekevinmccabe.org" for more information.

He has a vote rating as a "fiscal conservative" at 91 % from CPAC.

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8/9/22 council minutes.

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Agenda approved: Terry & Dave

Minutes approved: 7/12/22. Terry & Becky.

**Presentations: Sara Erkmann Ward- Ranked Choice Voting:** If you need any further information, check out the state website. Bottom line in this primary election this ballot has 2 sides. One has 5 different groups of candidates. The back side has 1 group of candidates. Don't worry that some of the names are the same. 1<sup>st</sup> of all, we are actually voting twice. Once vote is to replace and fill the remaining time for Don Young's current seat and time in congress. As you know, he recently passed. The back side where just three candidates are listed is where we are voting for his remaining time in this term of congress. On the back side will be "ranked choice voting." The front will be "vote for one only" during the primary to move 4 candidates onto the General for more "ranked choice voting."

On the front side, is where we vote to replace him in the next term of congress permanently after the next election. That is why you will see the same names on both sides of the ballot in the same race. There are also other races on this side of the page.

**Next election is Nov 8. This is where all voting will be all ranked choice voting races in the general election.** Once again, for further details, please check out the State website or call 9072229933.

**Presentation: Andy Webber- Aurora Lions Club representative.** Did you know there are actually two "Lions Clubs" in beautiful Big Lake? One is the Big Lake Lions who are involved with running and funding the Lions Club Building. The other "smaller" Lions Club is the Aurora Lions Club. Their emphasis is mainly on snowmachine races for both kids and adults, the kids Chum fishing derby at Montana Creek and help with the insurance needs for some events and other interests. They want folks to know they are "alive and well" and are gearing up for a great winter of racing. There are actually two parts to the club. The race organization and gaming. Gaming is where much of the funding is generated. Please be sure to support their games if you have the choice. They are also please to see new energy and "blood" supporting the Aurora Lions. QQQ- Are you involved with tracks snowmobile grooming program? No. But we recently sponsored the "Strides Walk" for diabetes awareness in Big Lake. There were roughly 40 people in the walk with a meal at the end provided by the KIDS CUPBOARD folks. Sadly, with the flooding up in the upper Susitna drainage streams, the "Kids Humpy Fishing Derby" will be cancelled due to the area wide flooding. Aurora International is also a 501c non-profit group affiliated with for Lions International. This is how they help to provide event insurance to races, events and even the local Big Lake Christmas parade.

**Treasury report:** \$15269.86 in checking and \$292.60 in savings. Grant: There is still \$9494.20 outstanding in awarded grants that checks need to be issued for once receipts are submitted.

**Membership:** There are 123 current members, 5 up this month. We do have Board elections in October, so if you want to be on the Council Board, you need to 1<sup>st</sup> be a member and then attend one meeting. Applications available for board positions.

**Legislative:** Representative McCabe: nothing really to report. They are still trying to determine if the State Parks guys will run Big Lake's parks next summer or if they will open the contract up for bids. They are also looking for recommendations to go to DNR on this issue, so if you have input on how you think the parks were run this year or others, please contact them. On a bad note, Big Lake Road will not be on the 2024/2025 maintenance list. There doesn't seem to be enough traffic through the road counters to warrant redoing BL Road at this time (apparently.) There always an issue with the placement, whether in the location of timing with construction. The "head guys" seem to run things at the DOT and they kind do as they please." Hollywood Road construction should be finished in 2023 or 2024. Soon in Palmer at the DMV at 345pm HB 163 will be signed into law. This removes the requirement for a vehicle to have a front lice place, so it's now OK to remove the front plates. This saves the state money too. And "Yes", it is a "small victory," but a "large victory" for our local freshman legislator. Freshman legislators bills rarely get considered in the mix of things in Los Juneau.

QQQ- Cindy Bettini- What does the Governor need to do to get the DOT guys to expedite road repairs in our area? How can this speed up? Will Rep. McCabe call Governor about this problem? "Yes, I'll be calling him." QQQ- Will the recent DOT vehicle count help the snowplowing situation with the State snow maintenance on Big Lake Road and get BL Road moved up on the priority list? Rep. McCabe: There needs to be 10k cars per day to go to a priority #2 from our current #3. Old Glenn is currently a priority #2 with what seems like less traffic. QQQ- Lisa Barons- How in the world can the State have Hollywood ranked before Big Lake Road on the maintenance repair list?? Really? Rep. McCabe: He doesn't really think the road traffic count matters to the individuals who rank the priorities.

Speaker: Rep. Wilson: Please vote. Early voting is currently available on Crusey St. or in Palmer.

**Senator Wilson:** encourages Councils to get involved with applying for a new DOT grant program called the CTP Grant program. This is to provide funding for different needs from transportation to back country. (I believe) there are two programs, a large and a small grant program available for different size grant requests. DOT will work with communities to help them be successful with applications. This is the last time to apply for these types of funds since we won't qualify for future grant cycles. They come in 3-year windows. Make sure "quality" applications (without errors) are submitted. MSB also has a one-year window to apply. QQQ: Would a pedestrian overpass qualify for the grant program? "Possibly." QQQ: Ben Tew: How could we get the DOT individual to the big lake council meeting? The guy who keeps killing bl funding?

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Senator Wilson: The commissioner is currently making rounds to CCs and we may see him. Feel free to submit questions to him. QQQ- "Will we ever get the Big Lake Road upgraded and why can't Big Lake get funds our area?" It's a tough process.

QQQ. Grant Funding? If we expedite the application, could we get funding earlier? AAA- Not really, MSB and cities need to apply. Manager of MSB is a contact. QQQ- Will other boroughs be applying for funds? Senator Wilson: Funding should be available for our area, as larger areas can't apply for these funds.

Assembly: Assemblyman Tew- The MSB and assembly are currently working on a list for project funding for these grant funds available. So, no worries, the MSB is on the ball. Feel free to submit suggestions though. "Great news," There is a Houston High School open house this Thursday 4-6pm outdoors. The whole rebuild project is on track to open after winter break. QQQ-New Roads? QQQ- Community transportation plans? Any projects being requested for the Big Lake area? AAA- Yes, there is a good stack for the Big Lake area. Also, the State grant bonding package will be done without further taxing of the folks as the MSB has funding available to match the State funding on hand. (Thanks, MSB!) QQQ- Are there funds available now for a few areas to remove debris from private property? Yes, looking for somebody to head up the volunteer groups.

The "Big Lake Old Dock Clean Up Day" has been scheduled for the weekend after Labor Day. We will be using the MSB landing on the south side of the lake for this project. If you have an old, sinking, Styrofoam, tree and brush growing old dock you can't get rid of, this is your chance. This is the weekend of Saturday 9/8/22. Please tow your old dock and tie it off on the left side (east) by the landing, by Saturday 9/8/22.

Assemblyman Tew will provide heavy equipment at that site to remove your old docks, put them in a dump truck and haul them to the dump, at no charge to you. Thanks to Mr. Tew for providing this service as well as helping push through a resolution in the Assembly that will provide our community with "no charges" at the main MSB land fill. "Thanks for your help, Assemblyman Tew."

West Lakes Fire Department Report- Chief Hightower: There were 59 calls in the last month. There were 7 structure fires. 3 in our fire service area and others they were called into assist. Every fire department helps the others during fires. Whether on the scene or as back up, each call is a team effort. Please folks, if you do not have your smoke alarms and CO2 alarms, call the fire department to get free alarms for your home, no questions asked. Alarms are grant funded from Big Lake Council, through Horseshoe Firewise. This month alone, a family of 5 and a single person were saved by our smoke alarms that had been recently installed by the department. You also need a CO2 alarm. CO2 gets you 1<sup>st</sup>. You can't hear it and can't smell it. If you're sleeping, you'll never know it's there. Get your CO2 alarm asap.

The family of 5 who were recently saved by these free alarms had their smoke alarm installed on 2/20 and on 8/22 at 450 am the alarm woke up kids and mom. The kids went out the window, like they learned at school and the mom went out the door. "It was a miracle."

Please, check you alarms and batteries. Your alarms should be newer than 10 years. CO2 alarms 5-7 years. Combo alarms, replace each 5 years. The new ones now have 10-year batteries. That is what WLFDD puts in homes now.

There was another big "save" this month alone from a recently installed CO2 alarms: Jill Parson: "A CO2 alarm saved my friends life." Her friend had recently had a furnace repairman come to check her heater. They found nothing wrong. She went in and installed CO2 detectors shortly after that because she had suspicions. It turns out she DID have a CO2 problem. Not in the furnace, but in an older oven which was not operating properly and omitting the deadly gas. She called 911 and the great folks from the West Lakes Fire Department came out, inspected, and confirmed her CO2 problem. Please check all your detectors when you get home. It's imperative. Call 911 right off the bat if you have anything at all you think isn't right. Thanks to all the WLFDD and Horseshoe Lake FireWise folks for applying for this grant and supplying locals with free smoke and CO2 alarms.

Big Lake RSA report- Pat Daniels: There are new folks in some departments of the MSB, like road service area management and new public works. They are kind of getting up to speed on their end at this time and requested this summer to get going and plan for themselves. Currently, the RSA folks tried to address ditching with maintenance crews. They are doing this in conjunction with the "free maintenance side" which comes under contract and "work order" side which is paid to the contractor over and above the maintenance contract. Maybe after time, all ditches will be "up to snuff." Update: On West Susitna & Beaver Lakes (and one other road) Misc./ paving and patching and minor road repair. 12k budgeted for each road. 36k total. Calcium Chloride was applied based on "the contingencies of the neighborhood." Mr. Daniels personally believes it is a benefit. West Lakes Road core testing was done in roughly 16 locations, and we are waiting for results to have plan for West Lakes upgrades. There will be no meeting in August for BLRSA folks. September will be their next meeting and they will look for future RIP list. Winter plowing and road width will be addressed this winter. Culvert repairs, work is still pending and a contingent repair items per contract. Mr. Daniels encourages folks to use the MSB online "problem reporter" that is available at the MSB website. "Wash boarding" and "drainage" are also big issues.

RSA Task force report: Jill Parson: Member of the RSA 21 Task force board. At this time, individual reports are coming along and will be due for review in the future.

Correspondence:

1. Enstar. 1.5% increase.
2. Is for subdivision on Wolf Road, subdividing 14+ acres at the cul-de-sac at the end of Wolf Lake Rd. into two lots.

Jason Ortez 9078617854- regarding dock removal. \*See if he needs anything else from council (I called 8/11 left msg.- j.r.)



**Road project updates: Pres. Bill:** regarding the CIP list: A request from MSB from Kelsey came into the council looking for recommendations for the CIP list. With little time to apply and seeing the procedure is very involved just to apply the BLCC had info to apply for updates to ADA access and updates for Jay Nolfi Park. To file, a group needs to file an Assembly strategic plan. A MSB strategic plan. Including Costs and plan descriptions. Very involved. Currently the parks ADA paths are bad. Summer music festival area is overgrown. The entry isn't accessible at all for someone in a wheelchair due to fence placement. So, Pres Bill submitted the park upgrade plan to be added to the CIP list.

Recommends a CIP work group to study MSB strategic work plan to put to make a list of Big Lake Council project requests for the CIP list next year. Everything is outdated, needs to be redone and replaced. BEN- deadline? "Beginning of August."

Please don't forget... the Council Board elections are in October and council is forming an election team to put together a nominating committee to look over applications for board members. An applicant needs to be a member and come to one meeting ahead of the vote. Each seat is 2 a two-year term. This Council has 4 seats coming available. An applicant needs to get their application in promptly to be considered for the October elections.

**Persons to be heard:**

Speaker: Carol Rice & Danyal Pond, the "Outreach Services Director" at Wasilla Areas Senior Center and the Mid Valley Senior Center, which just reopened! (Yea!). Danyal is their "new case and in-home director." She helps to ID and support Seniors in need and then *being an advocate* for them. She helps managing resources & determining eligibility and help with resources that may be available. Helps determine obstacles, independence issues and ID concerns: Isolation. Depression. Self-neglect. Nutrition. Chores. Errands. Call her if you know of a Senior in need. Develops plans to follow Seniors along the way. Please remember the Mid Valley Senior Center is located off Kenlar and provides meals to Seniors daily from 1130- 1230pm. If you are over 60 years "young" or older its free. Building is officially open from 10am 2pm. QQQ- What is a "senior"? 55 or older. There is always the Meals on Wheels program offered through WASI. This is a great program to provide in home meals for Seniors who can't come in. It's a wonderful program.

Speaker: Kevin McCabe- This voting season, representatives for Big Lake are in the district #30 area. Senator McCabe is our sitting Representative and is now running for house of reps again. He is from Minnesota. Was in the Coast guard for 17 years where "leadership" was a big "take away" for him. He rose to Navy chief. Currently a pilot for Atlas Air. Understands different cultures in the world. Finish 1<sup>st</sup> term as a republican last session in Juneau. He is a Christian and prolife. Believes in the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment. Is also a certified "FFDO officer" where piolet can carry a gun on the plane to protect us.

Speaker: Senator Wilson- August 30, the "Seven Summit Shooting Park" will open officially. Due to redistricting, he will not represent Big Lake any longer, but will be running in Dist. N. which is Wasilla/ Meadow Lakes area. "Please get out and vote!"

Speaker: Doug Massie- O senate candidate: Lifelong Alaskan. Recently purchased the "Broken Boat bar/ grill" off of KGB road, where they are proud sponsors of the K200 sled dog race. He recently retired after 25 years as an Alaska State Trooper. Retired in May 2018.

Speaker: Linda Moss- The "Seven Summit Shooting Outdoor Park"- Wants us to know that even though not in the "BL area," there are a ton of bl kids who have applied to be in the shooting club. At this time, the field is new and can only accommodate only 30 or so kids. It is their goal to expand be large enough for 100 kids. 8/30 is a scheduled open house with The Governor and many Representatives to be present.

Speaker: Mike Shower- I'm the current District E Representative, but due to redistricting, he will now be running and looking for support in our area. Nearly 4 ½ years ago he was appointed by Gov Walker when Mr. Dunleavy resigned to be Governor. He is running again now for our dist. Vet from the Air Force as a fighter pilot. He is a Christian and pro life. Currently employed at Fed Ex.

Speaker: Councilwoman Jill- Representing the "Big Lake Bells." (The fine folks who maintain the flowers along all the Big Lake roadways)- "We are very disappointed to find out that last week someone took all the flowers at their mile 3 BL road flower box." "After all the efforts to maintain these flower boxes all summer, it's sad to see this happen." Please keep your eyes open for all types of vandalism in or community!

Councilman Dave- thanks for the great group in attendance tonight. A special "thanks" should go out to the fine folks at the Susitna Grill for donating all the pizzas to the group tonight. It was very kind of you.

Councilman Jeff -Please don't forget to VOTE!!! If you don't vote, you have no right to complain.

The Primary election is 8/16/22!

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*Walter J. [Signature]* 10/4/22

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Big Lake Community Council Meeting minutes

Agenda addition: Houston High football team donation request.

Also move agenda item 7D regarding council board members to the beginning of the meeting. Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Agenda approved.

Minutes approved as amended. Terry/ Jody Terry: Change membership count error to 100 members.

Council Board member applicant preparation & distribution: need to apply by tonight to run for the board. Asked all applicants to submit a short biography so the Councilmembers can read what you submit.

There are applications available at the front and need to be turned in tonight at the latest for consideration to be on the Board. Becky resigned. That leaves us with 4 open positions. We have 5 applicants signed up already. You will also be asked to give a short intro speech b4 vote. Cindy Bettini QQ- How do you know when your membership is due? Terry: In the future, there will be a list available showing who is a voting member and who is just a "general" member. You will be asked to use this new sheet when signing into each meeting.

You need to be a member and have attended at least 1 meeting in this year to vote. QQ: Bill Brister: Do you need to be a resident to vote/run for Board? Yes. Residency is a requirement. QQ- How to get bio to the Council? Just email to [alaskajeff@hotmail.com](mailto:alaskajeff@hotmail.com) or the Big Lake Community Council web page. A biography is not required but would be nice.

Treasures report: There is currently \$14,151. In the checking account. Treasurer Dave wrote checks to Big Lake Grizzly Cache for \$839 and \$209. to the Ak. Bird rescue program. That leaves \$13,452.51 remaining after the membership fees were transferred to savings. There is \$1547.62 in savings after membership fees were transferred. This helps keep membership fees separate from the other funding sources.

Membership: After new member signups tonight, there are now 117 members. Good job guys.

Legislative Reports: Kevin McCabe: Not much happening in Juneau. There were "ground breakings" for the KGB road construction, the "7 Summit shooting range." There is also the new solar farm located on Hawk Lane. Vetted the (VAP?) tax bill. HB 325 was passed, and it criminalized revenge porn, so it was supported. Last bill supports protected pay scale for special needs individuals. Trying to schedule Ryan Anderson DOT for next OCT to discuss Big Lake Rd and Hollywood Rd. issues. QQ. Mr. Anderson asks for written questions ahead of meeting, so he is prepared. Get questions to McCabe so Mr. Anderson will be sure to answer. Might be best to schedule for the December meeting. QQ Terry: Many times, the cable counter on the road is not in place. He questions accuracy. DOT claims that there was enough info while in place, so they have enough input for decisions. QQ. Terry- illegal dumping on DNR properties. What to do? Wants to get signs and post on DNR trails to prevent dumping. Was also wondering if Troopers had field cameras available? Is there any kind of help we could get for this? Mr. McCabe has been happy lately with the turnout at the local meetings lately. The school board meeting had almost 30 folks. Observes that there are new folks running for office and he appreciates all your attendance. Also FYI: The Troopers are ticketing folks on the new, unfinished rail bed for riding wheelers, beware. Do not hunt off the rail bed, it is not legal. QQ: Is the MSB assembly considering use of this rail bed as a road? No but consideration in OCT to be used as a "haul road." It will not be used as a public road. They will be discussing various options.

West Lakes Fire Department Report: Chief Hightower. She really wants you to know they are always recruiting for the fire department. Looking for volunteers and the training is "paid training." If you have talents, they can be used for different positions in the fire department, not just "fighting fires." Bring your skills. August had only 49 emergency call. That's a "Low average." There were no residential fires, but there were 2 commercial fires with good outcomes. One way to expand your knowledge to attend the Sept 24 the Menard Center emergency preparation seminar. Learn how to keep yourself safe. The WFLD also has docs. available for you to get and learn from. These documents are also available in Russian language, and they will print in any language needed for the public to learn. Remember, fire alarms do not prevent fires, they only alert us to fires. Don't stop fires. Try to prevent fire situations ahead of time. Do not stack wood by your house or the fire stack. If you don't have an alarm, please call the WFLD for a free alarm or CO2 alarm to be installed in your home. They should be used anywhere there could be a fire where you reside. In your home, camper, tents, or other alternative living quarters.

Please check out Facebook's "west lakes fire department" page for updated info. There are different levels of jobs in the fire department available. Fighters, engineers, other spots. Maintenance. Testing. Hose tests. There are a lot of opportunities for you to help at the WFLD. QQ: Rep. McCabe reminds Council of the "Explorer Program" at the Wasilla High School. This helps the school offer classes in firefighting to help fill the ranks later. This curriculum is a 2-year program at Wasilla HS to train kids to become a firefighter. This Fire science program will then allow students to test for firefighting #1 and #2 level. Other school students can also participate in these programs.

Road service report- RS21 Pat Daniels. - Available are handouts of the MSB RSA contract with specific contract specifications in the contract highlighted for discussion tonight. Is starting to "Start something new" so folks know the specifics of the RSA contract in our area. He wants to "focus on process of the contract" as opposed to monthly updates as Council has received in the past. He wants the public to know exactly what the contract calls for so public knows how roads are supposed to be maintained. QQ Terry- This may cause confusion/ delays for working

contractors as people other than MSB try to enforce the contract. Constant interruptions of the contractor are not good. Contracts need to be administered by the people designated by the MSB.

There is an RSA meeting here at Lions Club tomorrow pm at 630.

Pat: The Big Lake RSA 21 is currently divided into 5 District maps. 2 overlap so the RSA folks are going to reduce the area to only 4 areas. This will minimize effort by eliminating overlapping districts. Each RSA will have less area to administer but be watching only their specific area. This is a "restructuring" of the RSA personnel and how they monitor their assigned areas. QQQ TERRY: Are you going to modify RSA 21 from 5 to 4 districts? Andrew Traxler: No, the RSA 21 is an expansive area. The RSA folks don't have the time to drive the total 110 miles of road but breaks the RSA area up into 4 districts. Each RSA guy will cover one district and won't have to monitor the entire RSA district. QQQ: Are you looking to restructure RSA 21? No just breaking up the big Lake RSA area into more manageable districts for RSA board members to monitor.

Correspondence:

1. R&B Alaska Inc dba "Floaters." Conditional use application change to alcohol service area.
2. "Alaskan Dream" LLC- Limited Marijuana cultivation facility application combined renewal notice.
3. "Green Spot" LLC- a standard marijuana cultivation facility combined renewal notice.
4. "Stash Cannabis Company"- application for both retail and cultivation facility.
5. "High Hat, LLC"- Limited marijuana cultivation facility.

There were a number of marijuana related businesses requesting approval provoked the discussion of how and why Big Lake was getting the large number of applications and what Big Lake should do.

Secretary Jeff believes that since Big Lake has no city taxes, its more beneficial to be here than Houston area.

QQQ- Jackie- How are all these businesses effecting our community? Maybe a presentation is warranted. Do the sheer number of marijuana businesses bring safety for our community or not?

Cindy- Where are these businesses located? How do we find out where they all are? AAA- it's all publicly available.

Terry- Maybe it is time to look at the current Big Lake comprehensive plan and update it related to marijuana businesses and modify the plan? It may also be good for Big Lake as all these new businesses bring employment to town. The Big Lake comprehensive plan does talk about bringing economic development. QQQ. Are these businesses hiring local? Contributing to charities and schools? Helping our town? Wonders how these businesses fit into big lake.

Pres Bill- This is where the BL comprehensive plan could come into play. QQQ- Why don't applicants come to talk to the council when applying for marijuana related licenses. Council believes that "Reluctance is a problem" with these types of business owners. QQQ- What leverage does Big Lake have on these businesses? "We have none." The Big Lake Incorporating Idea did not work. We have no city or clout to protect our town. We have no leverage. How can we control? She feels Assemblyman Tew represents us on these issues and hopes he will follow up to try to pass a code to number these businesses in Big Lake. INA- Might it be time to modify the BL Comp. Plan? Pres Bill wants to form a Council committee to look into updating the BL Comp Plan. Cindy- Do these applicants come from the State Alcohol, Marijuana, and Beverage Control? (Yes, they do). Do they go through the Planning commission? Which govt agency is actually looking into this stuff?

BILL Brister- Conditional use permits cannot modified. An applicant must redo the entire letter of conditional use permit if there are any changes. Terry- Apparently, Jason Ortez with the MSB planning department is revamping the department and every liquor license or marijuana license will be closely evaluated. As will mining and gravel. They will each be visited and inspected at least 2 times per year. Bill Brister: There are not any standards for inspectors. Enforcement is arbitrary and each time you get a different story from the inspector.

Bill Brister: "Floaters" has applied to serve sprits in the new restaurant area- Currently, Floaters is separated into two entities, not one big business. He wants to be able to serve spirits in the new dining area. He needs the Floaters conditional use permit to include in the new restaurant. "All I want to do is serve liquor in the dining room, that is all."

Terry- Would it help if the BLCC responded to the conditional use permit request? Bill: "Not at this time, Thanks."

Cindy? What conditions have you had to meet to make the MSB happy? Bill- We have had to provide a "parking lot striping plan" for a gravel parking lot. Was required to get a permit for a culvert installed in the 80's when they didn't have a permit process. Only to find out the State put in the culvert. They have had to add flowerpots. They have added Soundproofing and double doors to the structure. Goal is to have it be a comfortable place for families and not disrupt the community. Bill believes the MSB's position is to challenge you until you have paid adequate fees to the MSB.

The "Old dock removal" day a huge success: kudos to all involved. There was 38,000 pounds of old docks and debris removed from the lake that day. A special thanks must go out to the gang at TEWS INC for their support in this project. They arrived with 3 pieces of heavy equipment and a semi and HUGE trailer to haul it all off. It was a momentous feat. It was also nice to see a good group of volunteers willing to spend a Saturday helping in this effort. "Good Job, guys!" All of these folks showed up to lend a hand and asked for nothing in return. That is "volunteerism."



MSB RSA Task Force Info: Jill- There seems to be a lot of misunderstandings: Firstly, the RSA Task Force are citizens appointed by the mayor.

1. There are 106 miles of roads in the BL area. Most are gravel roads and ½ are substandard.
2. How do we currently maintain unusable roads? Are we looking at this as a road maintenance or under a different budget under capital improvements.
3. Final report is due 12/20/22.
4. Of the 5 members on board. 3 from the Big Lake area.

All info and reports from the Task Force meetings are available online and you are welcome to attend the meetings. Matsu.gov.us. and look for "Board commissions" to get different input like the agenda, minutes, handouts, and recordings of the meetings. She suggests individuals research info on their own. There are meetings every 2 weeks. They are also exploring changing the RSA agreement for Big Lake RSA 21 to a "time and materials" bid from a "lump sum" bid (which is how our current RSA is maintained.) The Task Force group believes that the terms of the contract are not being enforced properly. There needs to be better grading of the sub-standard roads to remove potholes.

All the top gravel is currently being graded to the side of the road and the holes do not disappear. It happens over and over. The contact says contractor "must maintain a crown," but most roads are not maintained this way and are not "crowned," this helps with water runoff. not many have crowns. Jill's item to explore was the brushing along the roads. Currently, there are two different time frames of maintenance. Either the 1<sup>st</sup> ½ or 2<sup>nd</sup> ½ of summer. Jills proposal is to leave brushing in individual RSA contracts & change dates of maintenance until after the month of July. No brushing work early in summer. This suggestion is "good for the birds!" Which we all think is a good thing, so by not brushing in the early summer, nests of young birds will be preserved with less impact on protected migratory birds. Incidental loss of birds in the spring can be avoided. Nests will be empty if brushing happens later in the summer. Contactor can go late in the fall with little impact. Shouldn't be a burden on the contractor. QQQ- Public input for committee is allowed and there is an audience participation time where folks can give input. Maintenance and improvements are 2 different budgets.

Submit written comments, anytime.

Terry- Road wash boarding issues: who's responsible? Contractor? If MSB road is hard packed, grading will not work. Thinks it would require a whole new project contract. How is the contractor expected to maintain these substandard roads? Contractors should not be expected to fix roads that are hard packed with potholes.

New business: Houston hawks are asking for sponsorship from the Council. Discussion of providing \$500. to the team from general funding. Jill motion to donate \$500. Football booster club. Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>. Voted to approve.

Persons to be heard:

Danial Pond & Melisa of WASI help to run the Mat Su senior center. They are now providing lunch from 11:30 to 12:30. Over 60 years old, lunch is free. 59 or lower is \$10. Donations are accepted. They help provide fun activities for seniors or you can come to Wasilla WASI for lunch too.

Jacob Butcher- is running for school board Dist. 5. He's conservative and has been in MSB all his life. He has 5 kids in school. Safety top priority. Supports performance and standard testing. This sets kids up for future. Proponent for community having school board input.

Ben Tew- Improvement project: He is looking for some input on the "roundabout." Needs to be more beautiful. "it's not finished." Wants to seed the ditches that so it looks better.

Doug Massie is the Dist. "O" candidate. Lifelong Ak. trooper for 25 years. Now owns a restaurant/ bar establishment (The Broken Boat) on Knik Rd. Cornel of AK wildlife troopers and but wants to continue with public service. Dist. "O" was redistricted. Very large from Valdez all the way up to Clear. Big Lake is included in this huge district. Pro small business. Wants to thank Big Lake for the many primary votes.

Renee Ridder from the "Grizzly Cache" at Big Lake Elementary. They so appreciate the grant funding received from the Council. These funds help keep the food shelves full at BLE. This food provides weekly food packages for kids in need to take home. It makes a big difference to the kids. And they appreciate it so much. It's good for the whole family. There is currently a "canned food drive" going on, so bring some food items by the school. There are roughly 25 families being served. With 47 on the list. Each gets food package. Last year, they provided "Easter Baskets" instead of Christmas baskets. More need it seems. They provided a ham dinner basket with the help of 10 volunteers at the school. They also enlisted the help of some of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade to put packages together. They are very grateful to the town of Big Lake for its continued support. QQQ. Are cash or goods preferred? Any donation is great and put to good use. Grizzly Cashe is 100% funded by community. Located at the front office. These kids are really "the neediest of the neediest." Referrals are usually from the staff as different kids express the need for a little help in their own ways. Kids say things that let folks know they need help at home.

Doyle Holmes is running for House Dist. 30- He is the owner of the Willow True Value Hardware in Willow. Served 22 years in Navy. MSB Assembly for 11 years. Believes in the freedom of speech, religion, press and assembly. The right to bear arms. Strongly supports these two constitutional rights. He has seen many improvements to MSB over the years. Believes there are two types of folks who run for office: Leaders and followers. "Leaders have ideas and followers look for money. Leaders look for have accomplishments. Mr. Holmes has

a record of accomplishments in the past when at the assembly. Voted on the Big Lake library funding to build the library. Voted on the original paving program in Big Lake. Voted to do away with personal property tax, inventory tax and the airplane tax. So, if you want someone to really represent you and who gets stuff done. A man with a report card of success. He's your man.

Michelle Shower (representing Mike Shower rep) "Mike is the current District "E" representative. And is now (due to redistricting) running in District "O." which includes beautiful Big Lake. Will be seeing you personally at one of his next upcoming events.

Announcements:

Kevin McCabe: running for Dist. 30. He is our current District "8" Representative and (due to redistricting) has to run in the new district. In the past 2 years in Juneau, he has done well as a Junior member. He vows to watch out for negative campaigning and attacks in the advertising. No negativity will come from Rep. McCabe's office. Keeps campaigns clean with respectful debating, campaigning and focus on issues.

TERRY- Need to confirm the Susitna Road representatives, both the Pro & the Con sides giving presentations.

917 adjourned.

  
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I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Caswell Road Service Area Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:38 PM during a Teams Meeting by Chairperson, DJ McBride.

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Board of Supervisors in attendance: DJ McBride, Sheena Fort and Tam Boeve. Roll was called, a quorum was established, and due notice was published.

Also present: Stacy Johnson, Secretary; Mike Lachelt, MSB Road Superintendent; Residents: Linda Cline.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AMENDMENT: Add Fishermans Hop Subdivision (Skyland Park) under New Business.

MOTION: Tam moved to approve as amended. Sheena Fort seconded the motion. Agenda was approved as amended.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the January 5, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes.

MOTION: Tam Boeve moved to approve the minutes. Sheena Fort seconded the motion. The January 5th meeting minutes were approved.

V. STAFF REPORT

Mike Lachelt:

- Matt Jacobs has been making field visits and reporting back. Additional Maintenance Budget is at \$0.64 until July 2022.
- Mike's retirement date is April 29, 2022. Interviews happening next week for Mike's replacement.
- Project Management is adding a position for another Project Manager.

DJ and Mike will get together before or after he retires to discuss the list and future direction of RSA 15.

VI. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Budget Report

The Borough transferred \$50K into our account in case we need something for break-up. We used some to fix Landlocked.

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**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Hidden Hills Fish Passage**

DJ has not received an invite for the On-site Meeting. She will do a follow up to find out the date and time of that meeting. The new fish passage will go in this year.

**B. Sand and Storage Building Site**

1. Once the snow goes away, the RSA will have a public meeting to walk the 40 acre property to figure out how much land is going to be for sand and storage, and how much will be for the park. DJ will call Ann Dollard who may be able to make up a map for the parcel.

2. ADOT is replacing Sheep Creek Bridge, Goose Creek Bridge and Montana Creek Bridge. DJ would like to see if we can acquire the leftover building materials for any future access road. The board is fine with DJ inquiring about these bridge materials.

**C. New Assembly Member**

Ron Bernier has not been involved in any of our RSA meetings.

**D. T&M Task Force**

There is a Task Force for Big Lake to investigate a Time & Materials Contract.

**E. Traffic Count**

The Borough had a traffic count employee but they left. Mike will be meeting Terry tomorrow and will discuss the DOT bridge and traffic count. We would like to have one traffic count to be after Hidden Hills railroad crossing and one on Caswell Lakes Rd for the Caswell area. And also one on Montana Creek Rd for the Montana Creek area.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Reduction of Sole Source Ceiling from \$25K to \$15K**

The Borough Manager has reduced Sole Source Contracting from \$25K to \$15K which may adversely affect projects that the RSA would like to perform in the future.

**B. Quarterly Meeting Date Change**

New quarterly meeting will be held on the 2nd Monday of the quarterly month. The remaining two meetings for the year will be held on July 11th and October 10th, 2022.

**MOTION:** Tam Boeve moved to approve the date change. DJ seconded the motion.  
The Quarterly Meeting Date Change has been approved.

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**C. TAB Meeting**

The TAB Board objected to the T&M Contract and reduction of sole sourcing monies.

**D. Big Board Meeting**

For the first time, all the RSA's have all been represented and were present at the meeting. The Big Board is not happy with the Reduction on the Sole Sourcing Ceiling. They are also in objection to the T&M Materials Contract.

**E. Fishermans Hop Subdivision (Skyland Airpark Condominiums)**

The subdivision is 147 acres with an additional 40 acres. This subdivision will be called Skyland Airpark. This will be a private community with gated access. There will be an airstrip and a private boat launch in this subdivision. There was no public notice sent out on this. Clark Smith with the Susitna Community Council presented this subdivision plan to the community council last fall. The RSA's concern is with the wear-and-tear on the roads.

**IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

No persons to be heard.

**X. BOARD COMMENTS**

The RSA thanked Mike Lachelt for all he has done for this RSA.

**XI. NEXT MEETING**

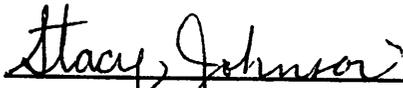
Next scheduled meeting is July 11th, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

**XII. ADIJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.



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Secretary, Stacy Johnson

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I. CALL TO ORDER

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II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Board of Supervisors in attendance: DJ McBride, Sheena Fort and Tam Boeve. Roll was called, a quorum was established, and due notice was published.

Also present: Stacy Johnson, Secretary; Tyler Blazejewski, MSB Road Superintendent; Cole Branham, MSB Project Manager; Ron Bernier, District Representative; Residents: Linda Cline, Larry Cline, Stefanie Vouvakis, Vicki Hardy, Shawn McBride, Scott Pulice, Morgan McCammon, Garret Davidson, Matthew Fort and Rick Fort.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AMENDMENT: Add Goshen Hills Subdivision and Susitna Community Comprehensive Plan under New Business.

MOTION: DJ moved to approve as amended. Sheena Fort seconded the motion. Agenda was approved as amended.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the April 6, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes.

MOTION: Tam Boeve moved to approve the minutes. Sheena Fort seconded the motion. The January 5th meeting minutes were approved.

V. STAFF REPORT

A. Scott Pulice, a Civil Engineer with Lounsbury and Associates, gave a presentation on the Hidden Hills Road Reconstruction.

1. The full length of Hidden Hills Rd from the highway to Cutthroat Dr will be reconstructed and the project will begin summer of 2023. Ditches will also be added to the full length of road.
2. Redoing all three fish passages. Will be replacing the first fish passage starting this summer and should be complete by the end of September.

B. Road Supervisor Report

Tyler Blazejewski, the new MSB Road Supervisor was introduced.

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**VI. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**A. Budget Report**

1. Additional maintenance cost is \$55K.
2. RIP List fund balance is \$196K.
3. Dolly Varden Rd has been upgraded.

**B. Big Board Meeting Report**

There was not a lot that would affect RSA 15.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Hidden Hills Fish Passage**

Cole Branham came in and gave a presentation on the Hidden Hills Fish Passage.

**B. Sand and Storage Building Site**

RSA 15 has a map for the S&S Building Site which we will come up with a day and time to hold a public meeting to visit the site.

**C. Time and Materials Contract Taskforce**

Big Lake is trying out a new T&M contract. They are investigating whether or not it will work. If it works for Big Lake they may try and push it to work for the rest of the RSAs. This will be problematic for our RSA which does not have the funds for a T&M Contract.

**D. Hidden Hills/Montana Creek Road Traffic Count**

A traffic count is needed in order to get another access road. Then a feasibility study can be done.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. New Road Superintendent**

Tyler Blazejewski was already introduced.

**B. Skyland Airpark Condominiums**

The RSA has advised the public to contact our state representative on this matter regarding AS.34.08.

**C. Caswell Lakes/Bendapole/Passthebait Road Project**

The Bond Package could not be started this year due to funding.

**D. Kashwitna Road Failure**

Mud mats were put down on 75ft of road. This has been a constant yearly issue and has been deemed as a priority to fix.

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**E. Kashwitna Bus Stop Sign**

The bus stop sign along the highway for Hanrath Rd is no longer valid due to the bus stop being moved to Kashwitna Rd.

**F. Montana Creek Road Failure**

Mud mats were put down. The RSA will look into getting the road fixed.

**G. New Public Works Director Tom Adams**

The RSA has not contacted Mr. Adams, but will do so in the near future.

**H. Alternate Access Road**

RSA has suggested the public call our State Representative regarding this.

**I. RIP List**

Kashwitna Rd, Montana Creek Rd and Wilderness Rim Rd have been added to the list for development.

MOTION: DJ moved to approve the additions. Sheena Fort seconded the motion. RIP List was approved.

**J. Goshen Hills Subdivision**

Will be a family subdivision. No new maintainable roads will be put in.

**K. Susitna Community Comprehensive Plan**

This plan is outdated and will be updated in the next three or four years. The RSA would like to have this plan revised.

**IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

Garret Davidson would like to see more road maintenance prioritization with the change of the seasons.

Ron Bernier, District Representative introduced himself.

**X. BOARD COMMENTS**

CIP List Guidelines were made available to the Board Members.

DJ will coordinate with other Board Members to have upcoming meetings attended in her absence.

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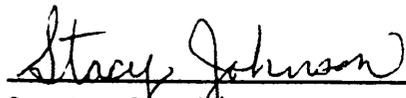
XI. NEXT MEETING

Next scheduled meeting is October 10th, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

  
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A RESOLUTION OF ROAD SERVICE AREA #15, CASWELL SUBMITTING AN APPROVED 2023 ROAD SERVICE AREA IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO THE ASSEMBLY FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

WHEREAS, the Annual Road Improvement Project List is developed for road improvement projects in each road service area; and

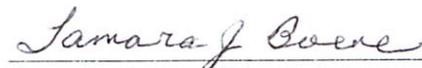
WHEREAS, the Road Improvement Project List has been presented to area residents by this Road Service Area Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly reviews and approves the Road Improvement Project List; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Road Service Area #15, Caswell Supervisors concur with this Road Improvement Project List and request the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly approve it as submitted.

ADOPTED by Road Service Area #15, Caswell Board of Supervisors:

  
Supervisor Signature

  
Supervisor Signature

  
Supervisor Signature

Date: 10 / 11 / 2022

# Central Mat-Su FSA Board of Supervisors Meeting

Station 61

Chairman: D. Eller  
Vice Chairman: J. Steele

Board Members: B. Davis  
L. Szipszky  
D. Tyler

August 8, 2022 – 6 P.M.

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at 101 W. Swanson Ave. Wasilla, AK on August 8, 2022.

### II. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

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

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

Also present were: Michael Keenan, Chief, Central Mat-Su Fire Department (CMSFD), Shari Lamz, Admin. Assistant, CMSFD, and Ken Barkley, Director, Department of Emergency Services (DES)

### III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Eller led the "Pledge of Allegiance."

### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

August 8, 2022

MOTION: Mr. Steele moved, and Mr. Szipszky seconded, to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

### V. APPROVAL OF PRECEDING MEETING MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Steele moved, and Mr. Davis seconded, to approve the May 9, 2022 Joint Meeting minutes as presented.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. BOARD REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**Chiefs Report**

**May-July Run Stats**

- May - 207 Total
    - 10 Structure fires
    - 8 Vehicle fires
    - 18 Wildland fires
    - 44 Medic assists
    - 32 Rescue calls
  - June – 204 Total
    - 8 Structure fires
    - 6 Vehicle fires
    - 2 Wildland fires
    - 49 Medic assists
    - 30 Rescue calls
  - July – 236 Total
    - 8 Structure fires
    - 8 Vehicle fires
    - 4 Wildland fires
    - 70 Medic assists – due to increase of COVID cases
    - 30 Rescue calls
- Total call to date – 1481

**Significant fires:**

- Grandview Hotel - lightning strike/attic fire
- Creekside apartment complex
  - Palmer FSA
  - Central crew cut 8 vertical ventilation holes – Very good save
- Wasilla Street apartment complex
  - Aggressive coordinated vertical ventilation with interior fire attack saved building
- Ridgeview duplex
  - Occupant had to jump from window to escape
  - Aggressive interior fire attack with vertical ventilation, saved building

**New Full Time Personnel**

- Rane Larson promoted to Captain on B shift
- Hired to back fill Rane's position and fill out two vacant FDO positions:
  - Ken Clark, Rodney Bettis and Adam Marang – all from our paid on-call ranks
  - They are new engineers and we would like them to get more experience before we start staffing Station 51

**Training**

- BFF class completed
- Wasilla high school cadet program starts this month with 14 candidates
- Department training:
  - Live Fire
  - Water supply refresher
  - Target Hazards
  - Search

**Fire Code Office and Public Education**

<b>Fire &amp; Life Safety Division Statistics: (Provide 3 months as comparison)</b>				
	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	CY2022 Totals
New Plan Reviews	12	33	6	89
Valuation of Construction	\$2,701,426.00	\$6,937,882.80	\$1,081,300.00	\$25,942,625.56
Fees Assessed	\$12,244.60	\$40,570.70	\$4,495.72	\$116,021.95
Actual Fees Collected	\$11,705.31	\$33,874.55	\$1,985.09	\$108,311.10
Plan Reviews Approved	25	8	4	63
Consultations	27	48	32	200
Inspections	54	46	47	263
Follow-up Inspections	8	15	5	82
Knox Box Keys	4	13	4	69
Fire Investigations	3	9	6	41
Platting Comments	45	0	53	219
Pre-fire Plans	7	3	2	29
Public Education - Events	11	7	2	23
Public Education - Participants	550	710	60	1345
CMSFD Incidents	209	204	236	1483
Mutual Aid Total	0	9	6	29
Alarms Installed	3	8	11	42

**Projects**

- Hall crawler is complete and turned over to us
    - Training on its use also completed
  - Heavy Rescue pre-construction is in October at SVI
  - Aerial platform is delayed – now scheduled for a Jan/Feb completion
  - Tactical tender and brush truck still awaiting chassis and a projected completion in 2023 – preconstruction visit completed in July
- Shaw Fill Site – Going before the assembly this month**

- Base bid with utility allowance \$1,373,754
- Alternate for Insulated roof and wall panels \$60,456.75
- Alternate to pave new road and all parking areas \$75,346.88
- Total -\$1,509,558.00
  - Plan on awarding both alternates
- Orion is the low bidder
- We have \$1.7 in the project

#### **Apparatus Issues**

- Truck 6-1 is out of service – damaged rung – parts ordered
- Rescue-Engine 6-1 out of service with pump engagement issues
- Rescue-Engine 6-2 is out of service with steering component issues
- Pumper-Tender 6-2 is out of service with foam system issues

#### **New Engine**

- Getting them back in service is taking longer due to supply issues
- We will be going with Spartan as our new manufacture, \$875,000.00 budgeted

#### **Another Engine**

- Recommending that we consider purchasing two engines instead of the one.
- Current rescue-engines are wearing out
  - Rescue-Engine 5-1 – 2010 – 69828 miles
  - Rescue-Engine 6-2 – 2014 – 85111 miles
  - Rescue-Engine 6-1 – 2017 – 69472 miles
- Currently new trucks are at least 460 days out from the time of order
- The engine we are looking at now is roughly \$1.12 million
- We currently have \$875,000.00 budgeted for the new engine
- Recommend that we move \$1.65 million from the reserve fund into the current rescue engine and related equipment project (45066-6674) to purchase two engines and equipment. A total of \$2,525,000.00 would be in that project.
- At the end of last fiscal year we had roughly \$7.9 million in our reserve fund

**MOTION:** Mr. Steele moved, and Mr. Davis seconded, to move \$1.65 million from the reserve fund to the current rescue engine and related equipment project (45066-6674) to purchase two engines and equipment.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Support/Command Trucks**

- Director Barkley stated that fleet has several support trucks on order but we haven't received any of them

#### **Upcoming**

- Current budget is looking okay
  - Watching fuel
- Starting on the preliminary planning for next years CIP list and budget
- We have been selected to host the 2024 State Fire Conference
- Monitoring area streams for flooding

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

Director Barkley invited the board members to DEMO day Aug 27, 10:00 - 4:00 at Station 62 that Central Mat Su Fire Department is hosting. Demo day will include a car fire, structure fire and medical assist. Director Barkley stated that some of the Assembly members and several MSB employees would be participation in some of the events to help them understand fire operations and some of the gear we use.

**X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION & BOARD COMMENTS**

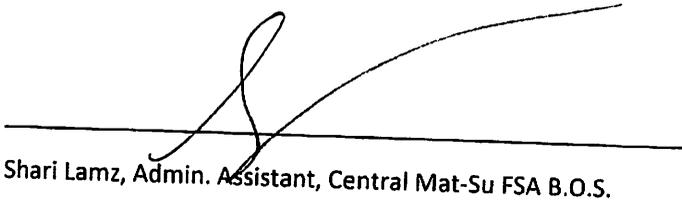
**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Eller adjourned the board meeting at approximately 6:41 p.m.



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

ATTEST:



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

Minutes approved on: 8/16/22

Greater Butte  
Road Service Area Board  
RSA #26  
Regular Meeting Minutes

Approved Mike Shields  
Attested Lucy Klebesadel  
Date 10/13/2022

July 14, 2022, at Butte Community Center

Meeting Called to Order at 6:10 pm

In Attendance:

Mike Shields, Supervisor  
Lucy Klebesadel, Supervisor  
Karl Kopperud, Supervisor  
Cole Branham, Civil Construction Mgr.

Visitors

Jim Stocker, resident

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**Roll Call:** A quorum of 3 RSA 26 Supervisors present.

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved as presented.

**Approval of Minutes:** from May 4, 2022, drive-around approved as written.

**Borough Staff Reports**

**Road Superintendent's Report:** Will Barickman being unable to attend, Mike handed out Monthly Budget, Fund Balance, and Additional Maintenance Reports; reported that Steppers contract was terminated May 31 for unannounced reason; Will used two short T&M contracts with McKenna to get us through the worst problems in June; and McKenna is our new maintenance contractor starting July 1<sup>st</sup> (we believe it is the standard Award-plus-4-year-renewal contract – Mike will check to make sure).

Cole gave the update, with handouts, on our 2022 RIP and Transportation Bond projects: Lombardo construction by DirtWorks starts next Tuesday; Julie Marie/Morgan slope seeding to finish in September; Doc McKinley set for clearing this fall, construction in 2023, paving may be 2024; Smith Road Extension got 7 RFP responses, should go to design by August; Old Glenn Pathway still struggling with ROW acquisition. Also noted 5 additional projects (8 roads) in or finished with design, and 5 more (8 roads) awaiting initial funding; at current funding capacity that's 9 to 10 years' worth of work

Mike brought up Jim Stocker's concern about proposed development at the end of Republican abruptly dumping enough traffic onto it to make it a full Collector, which it can't handle, and asked Jim to describe the situation. See full discussion under **New Business**.

**Unfinished Business:**

Impacts of early Steppers contract termination: Mike covered under Superintendent's Report above.

Status of T&M versus Service contracts "test case": Apparently still on track to cut McKenna out of at least one year of their Big Lake RSA contract (more discussion under **New Business** item 3).

Re the lowered cap on sole-source Quotes – status and discussion: As in May it's a done deal, except the cap is now \$5000 rather than \$15,000.

**New Business:**

Status of the 2022-23 Maintenance contract: Covered under Superintendent's Report above.

Status of Republican as a Subcollector/Collector on RIP List ranking: Jim Stocker had explained how the plat for 21-lot Chipman Acres abuts the Phase 2 boundary of Colonial Fields, now being developed, included a connecting road from Colonial Fields through Chipman Acres to Republican. Discussion followed about the obvious increase in Republican traffic from that connection, due to Colonial residents using it as the quickest way to reach the Old Glenn, and the resulting immediate reclassification of Republican as a Collector, which it's not prepared to handle. Mike suggested the Board consider moving Republican up on the RIP List to right behind the last project currently in design; that would make reconstruction to Collector standard possible by 2032 given our current annual funding level. Jim argued against doing that yet; Chipman's, being informed by Platting that they would be responsible for upgrading Republican if the connector road is part of their development, are apparently backing away from that idea. Mike noted that Republican upgrade is already on our RIP List, but probably 15 years out unless moved up in priority, and asked if we wanted to control the upgrade quality rather than leave it to a developer trying to do it as cheaply as possible. The Board agreed to carry the discussion and decision forward to its October meeting.

The "Roads Task Force" – membership and meetings results: Mike reported that Pat Daniels has resigned as Chair (replaced by Gary Foster) and as a Task Force member (replaced by Jill Parsons). Steve Edwards (RSA 27), who was a non-voting Alternate, was put forth by his Assembly member for full Task Force membership, but the Assembly declined and he resigned from the Task Force (though he still shows up on the website). The Task Force now has 5 members and no alternates, and supposedly will now concentrate its attention on the 4 assigned "issues":

1. An alternative T&M Maintenance contract for RSA 21, including "scalability" to all other RSAs. 2. A possible single Brushing contract covering all RSAs. 3. Addressing the causes of, and corrections for, substandard roads Borough-wide. 4. The problem of maintained substandard roads in RSA 21 and how to address it, including possible changes to contract terms and specs.

**Other Business:** Mike announced that he will be retiring from the Board effective October 31, after handling our October meeting. Lucy and Karl can arm-wrestle over who becomes the new Primary, and start recruiting for a third member.

**Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Next regular scheduled meeting is October 13, 2022,  
at 6:00 pm in the Butte Community Center Building.

**Greater Talkeetna Road Service Board of Supervisors  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
September 8, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Greater Talkeetna Road Service Area Board of Supervisors (RSA 29) was held via Zoom at 6:30 pm on September 8, 2022. Board members John Strassenburgh, Billy FitzGerald, and Robert Gerlach were on the video conference, as was Dawn Harris of D&S Road Services and Borough Road Superintendent Tyler Blazejewski. Cole Branham, Civil Construction Manager at the Borough, attended to explain the new RIP process. Billy left the meeting at 7:00, and Cole left at about 7:20.

- I. There was a quorum, and the meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.
- II. Minutes of the July 14, 2022 meeting were approved as written. Note that our August 11, 2022 meeting was cancelled.
- III. Cole explained the new RIP process and responded to questions about the process itself as well as about specific projects, including the estimated cost and scope of the Montana Creek dike repair at Yoder Road and the nature, scope, and expected cost and funding source of the Woodpecker project. The funding mechanism for striping along Main Street was also discussed.
- IV. Dawn reported that she and Tyler met with Johnny Murdock (Chase Community Council) at the Chase parking area to discuss no parking signage at the snow storage locations and repair of the gravel surface. Funds for bringing in gravel and doing the repair will apparently come from Community Development at the Borough.
- V. The following topics were discussed:
  - The Woodpecker RAP project was discussed further. There may be 50% match funding available to pave the .77 mile distance of the road. With the match, the cost of pavement to the RSA is similar to the expected RSA burden with a RAP project (without the match). Discussion ensued about the public safety need for wide shoulders and speed limit and caution, all of which is part of providing for safe pedestrian use. The possibility of a separated pedestrian path was part of the discussion, but is anticipated to be beyond our funding resources. In any event, this project will not be completed this season.
  - Discussion then turned to the chipseal remediation project on 5400 feet of Yoder Road west of the Montana Creek bridge. Bids are out, and the project is scheduled to be completed this season, with a cost estimate in the \$50,000 to \$75,000 range.
  - The Wolf Track remediation project has been completed. Bids for remediation of Madison hill to Freedom Hills and Hillside have been awarded to an out of area contractor. Both projects are expected to be completed this year.

- About a mile of Romano near Montana Creek has flooded. Road will be repaired as soon as weather permits.
- The decision of the Borough to reduce the small road remediation projects sole source contracting cap to \$15,000 from \$25,000 has apparently been revisited. The reduction of the cap to \$15,000 will apparently remain in place.
- A new the Tami-Dall street sign has been made to replace the one that recently disappeared. It is not yet installed.
- With heavy rains of the past several weeks, the project to fix the drainage problem at the South Alley west of D Street has taken on a new urgency. The project is funded and ready to go as soon as weather and conditions permit.
- Further discussion of dust control and Calcium Chloride. It is good for binding the surface of the roads and helps control dust. But it is very expensive. The amount of water required to help mitigate dust, in the absence of Calcium Chloride, is extensive and not practical in all circumstances. Next month we will discuss the priority roads for Calcium Chloride and the level of funding to allocate to dust control.

VI. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Sincerely,



John Strassenburgh  
RSA 29 Primary Supervisor

Attested to by RSA 29 Board member Robert Gerlach  
at regular meeting on October 13, 2022 held  
via Zoom.



Greater Willow

RSA 20 Advisory Board Meeting  
February 9, 2022  
Willow Community Center

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**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting Called to order at 6:31 PM by Tom Phillips

**II. Pledge OF ALLEGIENCE**

Tom Phillips

**III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM—**

A. Tom Phillips, Bill Dale, Todd Smoldon, Steve Charles, Dawn Harris, Mr. Lackelt attended by phone

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA—** Motion by Bill . 2nd Todd, Motion approved.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—** Meeting minutes of December 08, 2021 , motion to approve by Todd 2nd Bill Minutes approved.

**VI. AGENCY REPORTS** Mr. Lackelt addressed snow plowing, sand and chip storage.

**VIII. Contractor - D & S Road Service -** Comments regarding snow removal and concern about the supply of sand and chips. Business as usual Winging, received a Shirley Lake complaint had a chaser truckout to do driveway cleanup. Electronic complaint became offensive.

**IX. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:** Tom Phillips has attended meetings virtually for the RSA. Visited many projects Michelle, Michigan-Lake shore, RR Crossings, Amy Dr., Lynn Lane and others. I received communication from residents of Erica Dr. requesting the last 1/4 mile be paved. The issue of Kime Lane has been on our radar for action. Still waiting for direction from the borough office

Mr. Dale referred to Mr. Charles for his comments. Mr Charles would like to know what progress is being made regarding his request. We are waiting for the design engineers to comment on the addition of a retaining wall above the culvert headwall of the Shireley Creek culvert.

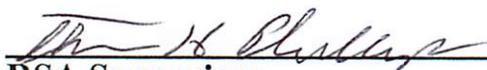
**X. OLD BUSINESS:** Discussed w/ Mr. Charles the addition of a trail over the Shirley Creek culvert along Willow Creek Parkway in order to avoid conflicts with vehicular traffic. Mr. Lackelt to take this up with Mr. Dolan. I later found Mr. Senta would be the proper contact at the Borough. I have initiated that contact.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS:**

**XIII. CORRESPONDENCE.**

**XIV. Next meeting is scheduled for April 13 7:00pm.**

**XV. Motioned to adjourn, by Tom, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.**

  
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RSA Supervisor

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Greater Willow

RSA 20 Advisory Board Meeting  
April 13, 2022  
Willow Community Center

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**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting Called to order at 7:10 PM by Tom Phillips

**II. Pledge OF ALLEGIENCE**

Tom Phillips

**III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM—**

A. Tom Phillips, Bill Dale, , Dawn Harris, Mr. Lackelt attended by phone

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA— Motion by Bill . Motion approved.**

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES— Meeting minutes of February 08, 2022 , motion to approve by Bill Minutes approved.**

**VI. AGENCY REPORTS Mr. Lackelt suggested Western Construction for the chip seal repairs on Michigan St.**

**VIII. Contractor - D & S Road Service - Comments regarding snow removal and concern about Big Dipper worked 6 days to maintain 9 miles of road at a cost of \$70,000.**

**ix. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:** Tom Phillips has attended meetings virtually for the RSA. Visited many projects Michelle, Michigan-Lake shore, RR Crossings, Amy Dr., Lynn Lane and others.  
The issue of Kime Lane has been on our radar for action. Still waiting for direction from the borough office.

Other Board comments:

**X. OLD BUSINESS:** Due to turmoil within the borough office I'm still waiting for information regarding the Shirley Creek Culvert headwall issue.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS:** Leadership at borough office?

**XIII. CORRESPONDENCE.**

**XIV. Next meeting is scheduled for June 08 7:00pm.**

**XV. Motioned to adjourn, by Tom, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.**

*Tom Phillips*  
RSA Supervisor

8-10-22  
Date

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RSA Supervisor

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Date

Greater Willow

RSA 20 Advisory Board Meeting  
August 10, 2022  
Willow Community Center

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**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting Called off at 7:05 PM by Tom Phillips

**II. Pledge OF ALLEGIENCE**

Tom Phillips

**III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM—NO QUORUM**

A; Tom Phillips, Todd Smoldon, Bill Dale excused for surgery

Others in attendance; Larry Noreen, Brian Granier, Bob Fowler

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA— Approved**

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES— February 09 2022 and April 13, 2022. Mr. Smoldon moved to approve, approved**

**VI. AGENCY REPORTS == None**

**VII. Staff Report—None**

**VIII. Contractor - Dawn Harris Reported sand & chips less used. Doing the brushing at top of the pass. Grading using water meeting DEC permit. Additional gravel for Burrow street and Kenny Blvd due to flooding.**

- HEAVY RAIN ON SAT - flooding

**IX. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:** Tom Phillips received 65% project plans for Honey Bee Lake Rd. Emswiller Dr. final design completed, project advertised bid was accepted from Stantec in the amount of \$451,100, subsequently the notice to proceed was issued and the contractor has nearly completed the clearing and grubbing. Rystal Shores Rd. RFP for design was issued in March.

Other Board comments: Mr. Smoldon reported the assembly discussed what to do with the 40 million dollar school bond funding retroactive payment. Also inquired about the Lynx Lake Road RR Crossing. Should be completed this fall.

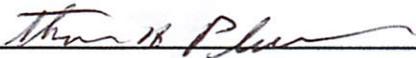
**X. OLD BUSINESS:** Erica pavement is now on the RIP list, estimated total cost at \$250000. Kime Lane logs on the right will become a problem for winter maintenance.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Fowler asked the Fowler st be dropped from the maintenance by borough, he will take care of it.

**XIII. CORRESPONDENCE.** none

**XIV. Next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2022**

**XV. Motioned to adjourn, Todd Smoldon at 8:09pm**



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**RSA Supervisor**

**Date.**

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
LIBRARY BOARD**

Chairperson – Diane Holl-Rambo -- Talkeetna      Big Lake – Jo Walch      Willow – Mary Sanford  
Vice Chair – Georgia Knazovich – Wasilla      Palmer– Susan Pougher      At Large 1 – Kathleen Shoop  
Secretary – Ann Yadon – Trapper Creek      Sutton – Marci Hawkins      At Large 2 – Martha (Marty) Kincaid

**Minutes**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Zoom/Talkeetna host**

**September 10, 2022  
10: 00 am**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A. Election of officers postponed until October meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:02

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Members present and establishing a quorum were: Diane Holl-Rambo, Ann Yadon, Jo Walch via Zoom, Susan Pougher via Zoom, Marci Hawkins via Zoom, Mary Sanford via Zoom, Kathleen Shoop via Zoom, Marty Kincaid via phone.

Staff Present: Hugh Leslie, Recreation and Library Services Manager; Juli Buzby, Sutton Librarian; Geraldine Denkwalter, Talkeetna Librarian; Cassidy Drake, Big Lake Librarian; Beth Skow, Palmer Librarian; Zane Treesh, Wasilla Librarian

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion: Move election of officers to next month: Ms. Pougher moved, Ms. Walch second, motion carried

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Motion: Approve agenda: Ms. Hawkins moved, Ms. Shoop second, motion carried.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

August 13, 2022

Motion: Approve minutes: Ms. Walch moved, Ms. Sanford second, motion carried.

VI. BOROUGH AND LIBRARY STAFF REPORT

Mat-Su Borough Library Board, September 10, 2022

A. Hugh Leslie – Recreation and Library Services Manager – Cassidy Drake was selected as the Big Lake Librarian. She gave a good interview and had some great ideas. This is a big step, but she is well suited for that. For some time Libraries and other remote facilities that open at days and times that don't match the main Borough facilities have faced an inability to call for help on weekends for either IT issues or Operations and Maintenance issues. After years of working with O&M and Public Works to develop a procedure, as of the coming week, there will be two contact numbers for staff to call for one for IT issues and one for maintenance/mechanical issues. Previously staff were relying on patrons or family members to address maintenance issues, but now there's a call out feature not just for the libraries, but all the recreation facilities. Grateful that's finally in place.

B. Juli Buzby – Sutton Librarian – School has resumed, the fair is over, so it's time to get started on school year programs. These include Book Club, Common Threads, Teens will start the 19<sup>th</sup> of this month, and the after-school program will start the first week of October. We're finishing up summer reports.

C. Zane Treesh – Wasilla Librarian – The library has remained very busy despite no youth programs in August. For 3 straight months circulation has been over 20,000 items. This is the first time since Zane has been librarian. The challenge has been in getting items back on the shelf with a mix of staff and volunteers helping to get this done. The Story Walk is being dedicated today (September 10) at 2 pm. The Friends big book sale started Friday and will be finished up on Monday. An on-call position has been advertised, and will close on September 18. The library received a large donation of Alaskana items which won't be accessioned because of duplication or condition, so the Friends will try a silent auction for these on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm as part of a program about the Alaskana and what the library is doing to update that area. Anyone interested is more than welcome to attend.

D. Cassidy Drake – Big Lake Librarian – Summer programs finished up in August. Next week Story Hour will start, and the library will be doing two of these program. Paige will be starting the STEAM program "next Tuesday" (September 13). Paige has a plan to do an in-person STEAM program in Palmer in October. The library received a large donation of paperbacks, so the library has been running a paperback sale all week that's been really successful. The Knox box has finally arrived, and is waiting to be installed. Staff and community are beginning to think about and get ideas for the remodel of the library.

E. Beth Skow – Palmer Librarian – Finishing up the ARPA grant. Next week they'll finish putting in the new countertops and new plexiglass. It's taken a long time to get all this put together, but it will be in place by the end of the month. All the laptops and iPads are now available for checkout. Currently staff is working on the 2023 budget, and there's been no direction to cut this year. Storytime will begin next week in the meeting room. Thankful that Paige Moore, from the Big Lake Library will come to Palmer to do a STEAM project in person. The library director is serving on the Homeless Committee set up by the Borough Mayor and Palmer Mayor. The committee meets once a month to

talk with the agencies that work with the homeless. There's a lot of resources out there that are not well known, so Beth will be compiling the information in a usable way and sharing that with all the libraries.

F. Geraldine Denkewalter – Talkeetna Librarian – The library is moving back into the regular fall/winter scheduling. Storytime may be larger this year as 25 attended the first meeting, but 2 families of 6 who usually attend were not there. Staff is starting a drastic weeding project in order to make room. Two new members of staff started this month – Mary Fischer who has been volunteering for a number of years is now a new on-call, and Natasja (Tasja) Williams, who has been an on-call for about 10 years is the new Assistant Librarian. For the last year Tasja has been attending the Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) “Outstanding in their Field” program. She will be presenting her project at the ARSL conference in Chattanooga. Almost 1000 children attended the summer reading program. Two new volunteers are starting. Inundated over the summer with donations of DVDs and hardbacks.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. ADVOCACY

- A. Webinar regarding Library Board Training Resources scheduled for August 23 was recorded. The webinar was to have included how to register and access Short Takes for Trustees, a series of 10 short videos from United for Libraries. While many of these videos apply only to boards that have the authority to administer libraries, the information on advocacy in particular will be useful for this Board and Friends groups.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

None

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

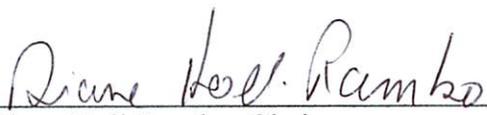
- A. Sutton – Marci Hawkins – After December will be unable to continue as the Sutton representative. Attended the Sutton Community Council and encouraged them to find volunteers not only for the Library Board but also for other Borough boards. Perhaps an agenda item for next month would be recruitment.

- B. Big Lake – Jo Walch – transmission issues did not permit comments.

- C. At Large 1 – Kathleen Shoop – The woman who was attacked outside the Loussac Library is still recovering, but she is confined to a wheelchair.
- D. Willow – Mary Sanford – The Library Association will be meeting next week on Tuesday. The library has started preschool Storytime and other fall programs.
- E. Palmer – Susan Pougher – The Friends are now meeting with regularity and in person. The Friends are planning for Halloween Trick or Treat again this year, and once again planning to give out books. Received a large donation of books that are being sorted. Last year the Friends ran out of books for teenagers, so hoping that the donation will include young adult genres as well as books for the younger kids. Excited for the new countertops and Plexiglas as well as some of the other upgrades around the library. The Palmer library does need a bigger building. It's been a good summer with the summer programs and now moving into fall programming.
- F. At Large 2 – Marty Kincaid – Mentioned the safety issue of the doors at Willow Library not being controlled by staff but instead by staff in Palmer.
- G. Trapper Creek – Ann Yadon – Our librarian, Jennie Earles, got married! The fall/winter programs are starting up. It's nice to go back to something like business as usual after the last couple of years.
- H. Talkeetna – Diane Holl-Rambo – Nothing further to add to librarian's report.

XIII. NEXT MEETING --  
October 8, 2022, 10 a.m. Sutton Public Library

XIV. ADJOURNMENT –  
Motion to adjourn: Ms. Yadon moved, Ms. Hawkins second, motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

  
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Diane Holl-Rambo, Chairperson

Attest:

  
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Ann Yadon, Secretary

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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July 20, 2022

The regular meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was called to order by Chairman Cook at 5:50 p.m. via Teams. *The start time of the meeting was delayed due to a Teams outage which caused technical difficulties for participants to log/call in.*

Advisory Board members in attendance establishing a quorum were:

Frank Adams,	Bea Adler,
Donna Anthony,	Casey Cook,
Michael Gavarrete,	Rene' Dillow,
Regg Simon,	Steven Paine,
Daniel Payne,	Cathi Kramer,
Kevin Munson,	Mike Chmielewski,
Ben Ott,	Kara Cahill, and
Bill Morrow.	

Also in attendance were: Talon Boeve, Jason Bauer, and Kiela Cott, MSB EOC; Bill Rapson, Wasilla PD; Kathy Shea, AK-DEC.

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

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection to the approval of the April 20, 2022 minutes as presented.

#### PERSONS TO BE HEARD

#### REPORTS

#### MSB Emergency Management

Chairman Cook stated:

- 1) They have been preparing for wildfire season.
- 2) There are current and upcoming EOC training classes happening. There will be a liaison course next Monday and Tuesday. Let him know if you would like to take that class.
- 3) We are in the midst of flooding with all the rain we've had. We are monitoring it on a continual basis. The call center has been set up in the EOC.
- 4) We had a big earthquake exercise in June in the EOC with borough staff. The next exercise will be a cyber-event and the Borough's IT department will be leading that.

- 5) They have updated their Community Protection Plan project list and it has been submitted to Forestry for their comments.

### Public Health

Ms. Dillow stated:

- 1) The current strain of COVID is spreading rapidly and we don't have as good of a way to track it as we used to with testing. She is trying to advocate for better testing options, because if people don't know they have it, they will keep spreading it. She is most concerned with our vulnerable populations and the hospital, so their efforts are making testing more accessible. A lot of spread happens with travel, so it might be a good idea to work from home for a few days after traveling. She recommends taking precautions since this strain can re-infect persons multiple time. If you know that you would qualify for therapeutic medications, you should contact your doctor and come up with a plan so you don't have to deal with it when you get sick.
- 2) They are still offering all of the vaccines and are traveling around to the long term care facilities administering boosters. They have vaccines for kids and they will have the Novavax if anyone is interested.
- 3) Public Health will be doing school vaccines at the Stuff the Bus event next week.

### CERT

Ms. Boeve stated: For various reasons, the other CERT members aren't able to be here tonight to give their reports. In brief, they have had a busy couple of months.

- 1) They had the My Preparedness Initiative and the Youth CERT class, and the Talkeetna, Willow, and Wasilla CERT teams assisted.
- 2) They graduated a new CERT team in Trapper Creek in June.
- 3) The teams have all been helping out with safety in their communities.
- 4) There is a Willow Farmers Market this weekend, and they have some other collaborations planned with DHS&EM.
- 5) They have also been helping out with the Preparedness Expo.
- 6) They will look at having more classes later in the year.

### Mat-Su Regional

Ms. Cahill stated:

- 1) They are starting to see the uptick in COVID cases throughout the borough.
- 2) They are back to full visitation and access.
- 3) They are getting ready for their accreditation survey this fall.

### Preparedness Events

Ms. Adler stated: They have begun the planning for the September Preparedness Expo that will be held on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Menard Center. This is the main LEPC outreach event we do each year and she hopes that members of the LEPC will sign up to staff a table and

represent their respective agencies at the Expo. There will also be the need for someone to staff an LEPC table.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Ms. Laughlin stated that: Due to COVID, the board voted to go to virtual LEPC meetings, and we have since had great attendance. We have a lot of new members that are in outlying areas that probably appreciate the convenience of meeting this way. She wanted to bring up for discussion whether the board wishes to continue meeting virtually, or if they would like to go back to in-person meetings. There are currently 27 voting members from different areas. It was briefly discussed and decided that we would put this on the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.

#### Chickaloon Tribal Police Department

Ms. Anthony stated: Louis Day will be working on emergency planning for Chickaloon and will coordinate with Borough Emergency Management.

#### Menard Center

Mr. Ott stated: They are preparing for upcoming events so it's good to know the information about the new variant and how contagious it is. They have the Stuff the Bus event coming up as well as working on the September Preparedness Expo. They have put the ice back in the rink and it will be interesting to see how this variant affects sports and the kids going back to school.

#### Wasilla Police

Chief Rapson stated: Thank you for the invite to the meeting and he hopes they can be a more active participant in the LEPC going forward.

#### MEA

Mr. Adams stated: They are working on their Outages Management System to see if they can improve efficiencies with communication during outages to improve their emergency response during emergencies.

#### Enstar

Mr. Gavarrete stated: He wants to remind everyone of the importance of cyber security and advises some of the communications from non-legit companies can be very convincing.

#### Red Cross

Mr. Morrow stated: They are at the ready in the event that the flooding gets worse. They are staying prepared to respond and will do as much as they can to set the shelters up with COVID standards in place. They will also be at the Willow Farmers Market on Friday.

## MTA

Mr. Simon stated: They are dealing with a lot of people who are digging on their own property and he wants to remind everyone when to dig. They had to dispatch crews up to the fire to be sure a communications line wasn't hit.

## AK DEC

Ms. Shea stated: They have a lot of resources for flooding on their website. She wants to encourage the fire chiefs in the borough to sign up for the e-Plan website to familiarize themselves with the chemicals that are reported in their areas. Ms. Laughlin advised that she sends all that information out to the chiefs and hazmat folks in the borough, but will send them a reminder e-mail that they have the ability to access that information themselves, and have the access to watch for new or updated reports in the system.

## School District

Mr. Paine stated: He went to the National Association of School Resource Officer's weeklong training. They met with the Borough Mayor and chiefs of police, and discussed their School Resource Office expansion. They have a plan in place but it's a slow going process. They hired a new Safety Coordinator for Career-Tech High School, which is an unarmed safety and security officer. They will also be hiring one for the Su-Valley area. They are working to revamp their Keeping Schools Safe annual report and get it out to the parents. They are implementing strategies for safer schools and doing what they can with what they have. They housed Forestry at Palmer Junior Middle School during all the fire events.

## Mat-Su Health Services

Mr. Munson stated: They continue to provide testing for COVID. They just opened a new primary care clinic in Palmer.

## Fire Service

Ms. Kramer stated: West Lakes FSA has been exceptionally busy this month. They are hoping with the rain that the number of calls go down. Firewise has completed their project for the year. She did a presentation for the Nancy Lake HOA on Firewise and shared Community Connect.

## Coast Guard

Mr. Payne stated: He is the Marine Transportation System Recover Unit Leader based in Anchorage. They deal with any marine transportation that comes in to Western Alaska or the Arctic. They also deal with all the ports. If there are any exercises or drills for this area that they should be involved in, they want to give the ports as much visibility as they can since there is no secondary to Anchorage.

## Bea Adler

Ms. Adler stated: They have been invited to put emergency preparedness information out at each of the locations where the Bright Lights Books project is giving out free books. There are at

least 20 bookcases around the Palmer and Wasilla areas. They are also at Friday Fling each week, plan to be at the Preparedness Expo as well as any other community events. They consider getting emergency preparedness info out to the community a priority.

Radio Free Palmer

Mr. Chmielewski stated: They have improved the signal at their Glacier View site and it has changed the frequency from 91.5 to 88.3. Many more people are now able to receive their radio signal now, which means they are able to hear any emergency broadcasts they put out. He also wants to remind people that they will be at the Alaska State Fair in Raven Hall broadcasting from noon to 5:00 p.m. each day. If any organizations wish to be interviewed, stop by their booth.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Chairman Cook announced that the next meeting date would be October 19, 2022 via Teams or telephonically only.

ADJOURNMENT

  
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Casey Cook, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Casey Laughlin, Secretary

LOCAL ROAD SERVICE AREA ADVISORY BOARD, MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

**REGULAR IN-PERSON & TEAM/TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

Held 6:30 pm Thursday September 15, 2022 in-person and by teleconference/Microsoft "Team"

IN ATTENDANCE:

**RSA #**

**RSA Members Present**

09-Midway	Dan Tucker P		
14-Fairview	Craig Stewart P	Terry Dolan tc	John Harris tc
15-Caswell Lakes	Donna (DJ) McBride P		
16-South Colony	Rhonda Stark P	Kelly Gordon tc	
17-Knik	Doug Lowry P tc	Geary Cooper	
19-Lazy Mountain	Dan Keane P tc		
20-Greater Willow	Tom Phillips P		
21-Big Lake	Pat Daniels P		
23-North Colony			
25-Bogard	Jesse Rongitsch P tc	Gary Hessmer tc	
26-Greater Butte	Mike Shields P	Lucy Klebesadel	
27-Meadow Lakes	Stephen Edwards P		
28-Gold Trails			
29-Greater Talkeetna	John Strassenburgh P tc		
30-Trapper Creek	Donna Massay P tc		
31-Alpine			

tc = by teleconference/"Team" P = Primary

**RSAs not represented:** North Colony (23), Gold Trails (28), and Alpine (31).

**MSB Staff:** Public Works: Tom Adams (Director), Don Thomas (O&M Manager), Jennifer Ballinger

**Borough Staff** (other than Public Works): None

**Borough Mayor:** None

**Assembly Representatives:** None

**Visitors:** None

**CALL TO ORDER** at 6:30 pm, Chair Stephen Edwards presiding.

**ROLL CALL and QUORUM DETERMINATION:** 13 of 16 RSAs represented. Quorum was met.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approved as presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from August 18, 2022, approved as written.

**TRAINING:** None

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**A. O&M: Tom Adams:** On August 30 Cole Branham emailed a draft revision of the RIP List format to all RSA Primaries, asking for feedback; RSA Resolutions for their Lists are due by the end of October. The remote-sites salt/sand storage item was again axed by the Assembly, so for now we're still reliant on Central Landfill for storage. Discussion followed, focused on the Landfill storage issues of inefficiency and risk to its required Permit due to groundwater contamination.

LOCAL ROAD SERVICE AREA ADVISORY BOARD, MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

**A. TAB: DJ McBride:** After 2 no-quorum attempts, the next meeting *should be* in November. At its last official meeting the TAB passed Resolutions: supporting the OSHP; to ban ATVs on core-area roads; and asking for corrections to the SCM.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Resolution 22-05:** Stephen Edwards and Rhonda Stark presented a draft **Resolution 22-05** to the Planning Department, revised to address only the cul-de-sac snow storage issue following a meeting with Jamie Taylor; Steve **moved** to accept, Mike Shields **second**, and discussion followed, with **amendment** to clarify some language **accepted** by unanimous vote.. By roll-call vote the Resolution, as amended, was **approved** unanimously. The Traffic Calming issue will remain on the Board Agenda.

**B. Results of any “Roads Task Force” public meetings to date – discussion:** Steve Edwards spoke to what he’s heard about Task Force progress (there are still no Alternate members), and Doug Lowry reported on a phone call he got from Gary Foster, Task Force Chair, pushing for acceptance of T&M contracts, RSA Board members as contract Inspectors, and widespread use of calcium chloride. Discussion followed; Pat Daniels agreed that the phone call was a violation of the stated OMA rules, and said the Task Force is focused on Big Lake alone, *not* trying to force anything on other RSAs. The Board will keep this issue on its Agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Costs and required O&M staff-time in meetings attendance – discussion:** After some confusing discussion, Mike made the point that it is much more about Jennifer’s time than the minimal dollars; further discussion was postponed to October.

**B. Nominations for Board Secretary** to be voted on in October: Terry Dolan, Rhonda Stark, and Pat Daniels expressed interest, with some limits on availability; Rhonda and/or Pat could be “fill-ins” for Terry in his absence.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD:** None

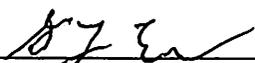
**CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Of the 19 RSA members attending 58% were in-person; we will continue with mixed Team/phone-in/in-person meetings for the foreseeable future.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mike moved and by unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, October 20, 2022, by **mixed Team/in-person at Fire Station 73.**

  
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Stephen Edwards, Board Chair

  
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Mike Shields, Board Secretary

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LOUISE / SUSITNA / TYONE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (LSTCA)  
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
July 9, 2022, Lake Louise Lodge

The LSTCA Board Meeting was called to order at 11:00 by Joe Stam, President

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joe Stam, President  
JoAnn Hobbs, Vice President  
Kerin Fassler, Secretary  
Kristina Murray, Member  
James Hastings, Member

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Jake Anders, Treasurer  
Wendy Simpson, Member

**COMMUNITY ATTENDEES**

Mike Fassler  
Diane Stam  
Pete and Eileen Probasco  
Ann Otte  
Robert & Christine Teel  
Kyle Lutz  
John & Jimmie Francis  
Harry and Jean Holt  
Randy and Esther Arndt  
Scott Andrews  
April Andrews  
Abby Andrews  
Darren and Je're Toms  
Brittany Watson  
Brian Hafer  
Mark & Roberta LaPalm  
Harold & Windy Egan  
Ken Soldin, 3 Lakes Rentals

**OTHER GUESTS**

Mike Thompson, MSB EMS  
Blake Anderson, Kayak Construction  
Trooper Jedediah Purcell, Alaska Wildlife

Trooper The meeting was called to order by

Joe Stam at 11:12.

**QUORUM:**

A quorum of board members was established.

**INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

Joe Stam introduced the Board Members and anticipated guests (who had not yet arrived due to road construction on Lake Louise Road).

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Kerin Fassler read the minutes of the April 23, 2022, meeting. With the exception of one correction regarding the mile marker on the road construction (pen and ink change to minutes), the minutes were APPROVED. Copies of the April minutes were available for all.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Hard copies of the Treasurer's Report were available for all. JoAnn Hobbs presented the report in lieu of Jake Anders. As of March 31, 2022, we have \$86,371.75 in available funding. A FY22 Annual Expenditures and Revenue report was also provided. \$16,654.87 in income over the fiscal year with \$16,190.60 in expenditures. A FY22-23 anticipated Annual Budget reflecting an anticipated net revenue of \$3,136.92 is projected. A listing of the check register was also provided for this annual report to the community. Copies of the Treasurer's reports is attached. Kerin Fassler motioned to approve and Kristina Murray seconded. MOTION PASSED.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- The Fish & Game prescribed fire is on hold due inability to get a special permit for the fire. It is indefinitely postponed – maybe for as much as 18 months or more.
- The newsletter went out and was well received by the community. Extra copies were provided as handouts at this meeting.
- The Community Photo contest and calendar was completed and a copy of the calendar was provided to each paid family at no cost. Additional copies are available for purchase.
- EMS - Mike Thompson of the MSB introduced himself to the community and discussed the possibility of training that could be accomplished either locally or in either Wasilla or Palmer depending on number of people being trained. James Hastings to talk to Mike about training. More to follow. He also spoke about the size of an area required for a landing zone for choppers. 80' x 80' during the daytime and 80' x 100' for nighttime landings at a minimum is the requirement. Trying to get someone closer for EMS response to the lake (Glennville). Still call 911 in an emergency.
- Road maintenance. The snow plowing that we did this past winter was successful and the new board will discuss possible extension to other streets/roads for future. Do we want to continue to have Dennis Fairbanks use our grader in the summer to grade roads? New board will talk to Kayak Construction to get any leftover gravel if we can to use on our roads.
- The DNR was unavailable to attend the meeting but if you have input that you would like to give them regarding natural resources in this area, there is still time to provide your input on their posted survey.
- Eileen Probasco brought up the raffle to be used for Project Wolftracks to purchase a new groomer. Raffle tickets are still available for purchase at \$100/ticket with a \$10,000 first prize to be announced on 11/19/2022 at the Palmer Moose Lodge.

### NEW BUSINESS:

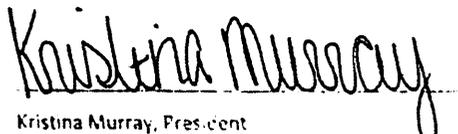
- Blake Anderson from the road construction gave an update on the Lake Louise Road construction. Culvert updates should be done by 20 July with chipping starting on 8<sup>th</sup> of August with closeout by 25 August. Rip rap being used on the road should not be a hindrance to snowmachines this winter as it should be mostly if not all gone. There won't be a berm left to hamper snowmachines.
- Jedediah Purcell introduced himself to the group as our new trooper for the area. He mentioned he lives in Eureka and will be fairly close by for calls. He also brought up boat safety and the importance of wearing life jackets.
- Joe Stam reiterated the boat channel rule of going north on the hour and south on the ½ hour.
- Ken Soldine does a great job with the dumpsters and provided us with latest status on usage. JoAnn is trying to get MSB to attend to address issues in person. Discussion on what do our taxes really pay for was once again brought up and it was explained that we are the only area that does not specifically pay for dumpsters. The cost comes out of the MSB General Fund. If you have large loads that need disposal, call Ken Soldin and make arrangements with him before bringing it to the dumpster. There are many who are bringing in trash and leaving at the dumpsters before going to cabins. That trash needs to be taken to the MSB landfills and not brought up to Lake Louise for disposal.
- MSB contracts with Glenallen (Delta) for EMS services. Joe Stam informed the group that there are defibrillators at each lodge and first aid supplies.
- Redistricting from District 1 to District 7 has been proposed and on the current ballot. Need to read and be informed on the ramifications to our community.
- Many indicated they had trouble getting into our website and general internet access over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Due to the increased number of people on the lake it was highly probable that this was the main cause of the deficiency. Also was noted that there is a bird nest on top of the tower that may be causing some of the connectivity issue.
- The 75' setback easement was not posted to the website as previously promised. Kerin Fassler indicated that this was...

- Also, a link to the comprehensive Plan will be posted to the website so everyone can have access to it. The new board will try to get a member of the community to be on the Comprehensive Plan update. EMS, road maintenance are two of the issues that need to be addressed in the Plan. A CIP proposal for transfer site for waste and an RV dump site should be on plan as well.
- MSB is planning on fixing the dock at the end of the road from this last winter's damage.
- John Hicks is in the process of checking the fire boxes to make sure they are complete. He would like volunteers to help. Harry Holt indicated a sign that would be large and easily readable would be nice to have on the fire boxes. Movement of fire boxes from one lot to another was discussed. Get in touch with John Hicks if wanting to move a firebox. Also, an e-mail needs to be sent out for those that have fire supplies that they are willing to share. This information can be collected for universal use.
- There is a rumor that gravel owned by the State is free for us to use. It is not. It's for the road. In order to use the gravel a permit from the state must be obtained. In the past the community had one for us to use but it is no longer valid.
- Kristina Murray announced that the first person to purchase \$300 worth of raffle tickets would be the winner of the equipment backpack that was donated as a door prize. Mike Fassler was the first person and had already purchased \$500 worth of tickets. Congrats, Mike
- Joe Stam announced that tomorrow (July 10) is a workday at the channel to do some brush cutting and buoy placement. Looking for volunteers to assist.
- Board elections were held and two new members (Harold Egan and Robert Teel) replaced outgoing Joe Stam and Kerin Fassler on the board. As there were only two on the ballot, Pete Probasco motioned to select the two on the ballot without going through a vote. Ann Otte seconded. MOTION PASSED.

Kerin Fassler motioned to adjourn. In Ann Holt's seconded. MOTION PASSED. Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:20 with a community luncheon following. The Board of Directors held a brief meeting immediately following.

  
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 Joe Ann Hobbs, Secretary

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 Kristina Murray, President

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MSB FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

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Regular Meeting: September 22, 2022Minutes

DSJ Building, Lower Level Conference Room //TEAMS Remote Participation

*Minutes prepared by Ted Eischeid, Planner*

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 4:06 PM by chair Mike Wood.

## II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM/LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Present:

Andy Couch (AC),

Larry Engel ( LE),

Pete Probasco (PP),

Jim Sykes,

Mike Wood (MW).

Howard Delo (HD)

Jesse Sumner (arrived at 4:33 PM).Absent:

Tim Hale

Notified Absence:

Kendra Zamzow

MW 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 stewardship of the land, fish, and wildlife throughout time immemorial.*

## III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by PP, Second by LE.

Agenda approved as presented without objection.

## IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. May 19, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Moved by LE, Second by AC; Corrections: None.

Motion passed without objection.

b. June 2, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes.  
Moved by PP, Second by AC; Corrections: None.  
Motion passed without objection.

- VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person, for items not scheduled for public hearing*):
1. Becky Long, Talkeetna. Wants to learn about the DNR Talkeetna River instream flow review.
  2. Stephanie Nowers, Assemblyperson; next Susitna Basin Rec Rivers Board meeting will be Oct. 26 (August and September meetings were cancelled); participated in the Salmon Habitat Partnership's Deshka River tour in August, which was great.
  3. Angela Stephl, Rep. Kevin McCabe's staff.
  4. Jessica Speed, Salmon Habitat Partnership; discussed the Summer Site Tour held on August 23 that the SHP hosted. Will share a link. Will host the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Salmon Science Symposium on Nov. 14-15 at the Palmer Depot, and everyone is invited, and abstracts for presentations is due Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. AC is available to help on an instream flow presentation.
  5. Shannon Martin, KRSA.
  6. Bill Stoltze, MSB Lobbyist: Mike Brown requests that the FWC provide their priorities for legislation, capital priorities, BOF needs, etc., to the manager's office. Discussed providing education to political candidates in the fall elections, both Assembly and state legislative. Do this as a special FWC workshop; Bill can set this up as an October meeting if FWC so directs, to talk about FWC priorities.
  7. Maija Desalvo. MSB staff.

VII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS

A. Staff Report

FWC Requested a status update on NPMFC for next meeting (Court decision update).

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. State of Alaska Water Reservation System

LE: Should we formally request the information from DNR that we asked about at the June 2 special FWC meeting?

HD: I wasn't at the June 2 meeting, so was the FWC happy with that meeting and DNR's response?

AC: I wasn't there, and I would like to know as well. LE: DNR only has one staffer to work on these reservation applications, and they are grossly understaffed.

MW: seems like DNR and ADFG staff working on this are understaffed, and they would like to have more support from MSB to assist them. Is this something the FWC pursues?

J. Sykes: we learned some things we didn't know, but they have a citizen's program for taking pictures of streams; could make this program a priority discussion for legislators for additional funding.

PP: the meeting was an information meeting; the ball is in our court, so now what do we want to do with this? We need a list of the streams, what's the review schedule so we can get a pre-notice so we can make comment.

MW: Write a letter to DNR, or public records request?

LE: Make a public records request.

HD: If you make public records request, how do you do that?

AC: I move we (Ted) make a public records request from June 6 packet, page 3 highlights, to DNR; HD seconded. (PP can help write request). Maybe Rep. McCable's office can help.

Motion passes unanimously.

MW: Talkeetna River water reservation issue; getting a lot of attention; decision is being delayed.  
Becky Long: commissioner extended comment period from 2 weeks to a month.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Fisheries Season 2022 Discussion

HD: Talked to ADFG/ “it was a good August”.

AC: It was a good August; Deshka Landing had a one word response regarding the Coho season = bad; Susitna Landing said they had very little fishing; Little Su had very low participation (high water, etc.); since the weirs are funded with license fees, and sport fishing is falling off, how can we get enough fisherman to fund weirs with falling license sales?; Deshka weir was pulled earlier; ADFG needs to make a priority in collecting return information on Coho.

MW: Hooligan was good, but only lasted a week; high water has been a problem; returns were late, but there were a lot of sockeye for set netters – good fish, lots of them, and extended later into the season; cohos were late, in poor numbers; the openers in lower CI- there were not many openers and less participation in lower CI; the dipnet fishery in the Kenai was good; saw more chums than normal; by the time we quit our set netting the fishing was still good; saw a lot of whales and seals this year; talking to guides they noted high water with cohos blasting through rapidly; lots of misidentification of pinks versus sockeye when they are fresh; had a lot of native villages asking for fish due to their failed fishery; lots of debris in the water from the flooding that affected netting gear; saw a lot of dead fish later during moose hunting along the river.

PP: This is the first year since 2001 that I haven’t fished the Mat-Su; the other fisheries like trout, grayling, and whitefish were good;

LE: Kenai king runs were poor so the East Side set netting was closed; the things we worked on, like the Conservation Corridor, helped pass whatever fish we got here through to the MSB; Some of our work in the past was helpful in returning some of the fish. The participation in drift fishing is falling dramatically;

AC: looked at the sockeye weir counts; Larsen, Judd, Fish Creek,

### B. Genetics Science & Weirs in Cook Inlet

AC: coho are important, and we don’t have the weir support for inseason management; in the last 3 years we pulled out the Deshka weir so early we don’t know if we made the SEG; this should be a legislative priority to fully fund a full season of the Deshka weir since we have a goal on the Deshka, the only goal on the whole Susitna drainage.

MW: I agree with AC wholeheartedly, and it bothers me that state budgets have been cut and we aren’t getting the fishery support, especially with \$100 oil; Jim Creek, etc., all should be longer, including the offshore test fishery; I think this would benefit both sport and commercial fisheries; should restore historic funding levels, as we are losing science. Should also add on Lake Creek sonar for kings. ADFG should really get in control of this. The short term nature of the LTE employees for these positions makes it difficult to find staffing for this work.

Angela Stephl– McCabe’s Office: we put a request in to ADFG about funding, and during the legislative session the commissioner said they had all the funds they needed, so we are

waiting for more information from ADFG, and once we get this we will forward it on to the FWC.

LE: almost all sport fish is funded by sport fishing Dingell-Johnson funding that requires sport license match funding; as fisheries collapse, we are selling fewer sport fish licenses and don't have the license money match to get our full funding allotment.

PP: ran the state programs previously, need match funds and we need requests from the state; there is money there from the feds that we are leaving on the table; LE – we need that information before we go to the Legislature;

AC: a few years ago they increased license fees to help meet match, but then COVID hit and license fees collapsed; sales are coming back, but how do you fill the deficit? A supplemental appropriation from the state for match would allow us to get the full federal dollars; there is also the possibility of grants (NOAA's Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund?).

HD: ADFG having a hard time finding qualified people to apply and staffing due to lack of pension, etc. Cutting back constantly is hurting the system. Having a hard time getting qualified people to work in fisheries and wildlife management.

LE: Wildlife management funding is based on the same model as fisheries, but guided by the Pittman-Robertson Act.

MW: I added genetics because of the trawl bycatch issue – Rep. McCabe asked about it; we don't know how bycatch has affected MSB returns; we have talked previously about working with Duncan Fields and getting federal dollars to study blue ocean genetics in the Gulf of Alaska and how this relates to our inriver returns; there might also be climate change money to get more science for understanding our fisheries.

J. Sumner: any data on the bycatch? PP: Bering Sea fleet (bigger ships, each with observer) versus the Gulf of Alaska fleet (smaller vessels, only a percentage has observers) bycatch issues are totally different; one key is to have a better estimate of what the Gulf Of Alaska bycatch is.

Stephanie Nowers: I'm total agreeing that weirs are being taken out too early; good to work on legislative priorities for the Assembly.

Stephanie Nowers: Rec Rivers Board Update-

Public comment period has ended; comment summary being developed; then the recommended changes go before the public, with a comment period; for 2023 any proposed changes must come before Legislature for deliberation during the first 10 days of the session, otherwise it will have to wait for the next session.

LE: genetics is important for many management decisions; genetics can also show differences in stock productivity, which guides sustainable harvest decisions;

### C. BOF 2024 Planning

PP: Management plan or strategy plan?

HD: KRSA.

MW: Add this to the October Agenda.

Components of a plan

D. ADF&G 2022 Fishing Season Summary Logistics  
Dates? Dec. 14, Dec. 7 for fisheries summary.

HD: Hunting season summary? January 18.

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

1. HD: Its good to be back, and getting in better health.
2. PP: wild sheep population, Oct. 19, 1:30 PM ADFG will have a web conference on the sheep population. See BOG website.
3. LE: there is a web discussion regarding recent Seattle Court decision that might affect king salmon fishery in Alaska, regarding the endangered species act status of Beluga Whales and how king salmon are managed. LE will forward it to Ted for distribution.
4. AC: BOF work session, AC requests are coming from the East Side Setnetters; individual comments can be submitted.
5. Jesse Sumner: should get legislative priorities before Assembly before January state legislative session.
6. Ted Eischeid- NFHP Board update. Copy Maija in any communications with me since I have a part time schedule.
7. Jim Sykes; thanks the FWC for their expertise; we need more public outreach for the BOF.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, October 20, 4 PM, LLCR.

1. Leg. Workshop option for Oct. meeting.
2. Legislative priorities for Assembly/State.

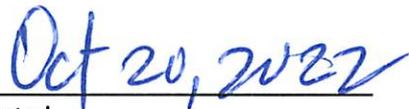
XII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by LE to adjourn, Second by Jesse Sumner.  
Motion passes unanimously.

*Meeting stands adjourned at 6:15 PM*



Mike Wood, Chair

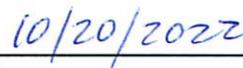


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ATTEST:



Ted Eischeid, Planner II Staff



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## Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc. Minutes of August 10, 2022

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❖ **3 Officers required for quorum: TOTAL = YES** ❖

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

❖ **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.

**Quorum:** The Membership Committee determined that there was a quorum.

**Agenda:** President Yehle requested that the Agenda be amended to move the Executive Session to immediately follow the consideration of the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Linda Conover and seconded by Steve Edwards to make the amendment.

**Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda was approved, including the July 13th minutes, with no objections.

**Executive Session:** The Board of the Council was moved into Executive Session at 7:10pm to consider legal issues. The membership meeting was paused for the Executive Session to be conducted. The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:16pm. Secretary Fisher reported that the Board agreed with our legal council to continue to pursue a settlement with the plaintiff. She made a motion that the membership approve of the Board's recommendation to continue to pursue settlement. The motion was seconded by Steve Edwards. A roll-call vote was taken and the membership voted by in favor of the motion.

### Board Reports:

**Vice President:** Steve Edward (Road Service Area Board chair) gave a report on road issues. Meadow Lakes Loop will not be resurfaced this year due to a lack of staffing to get the project done.

**Parks and Trails Chair:** Lori Benner-Hanson reported that the Trails committee is continuing to work on the preparation of an easement application to the Department of Natural Resources to acquire a public easement on State land for the Visnau/Little-Su trail from Pailolo Ave.

**Secretary:** Patti Fisher reported on the work on the Electrical Power to the Field Project and recognized the work that Bob Coffin of Island Lake Construction did to install the power cable and electrical box.

**President:** Construction is occurring on the Parks. Be careful in the work zone. Lights will be turned at the end of the month.

**Gaming:** Ariel reported on attending two Wasilla City Council meetings to support the approval of the Menard Center as the venue for the Alaska Combat Entertainment show. The mayor of the Council denied approval. Ariel also reported that a grant was awarded by the Mat-Su Health Foundation for the planting of an orchard on the Community Park. A planning meeting for the project is scheduled for Tuesday, August

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16 at 6:30 on Zoom.

**CIP Chair:** Kim Kalmbach reported that one project was submitted by the Council as a capital improvement project. The project was for acquisition of a parking area for access to the trail up to Baldy located at Sykes Road and Solitude.

**Treasurer's Report:** Secretary Patti Fisher gave the Highlights of the month's fiscal transactions.

**Presentation:** Ben Coleman, with R&M Consultants and serving on the board of Valley Transit, made a report on Valley Transit plans for transportation projects in the Valley. Valley Transit, Sunshine Services, Mat-Su Senior Services and Chickaloon Transit are working together to develop a consolidated plan for transportation services, whereby "one call, one click" would get a caller a ride at the best cost. Esther Huddleston is concerned with "property tax payers getting stuck with the cost of public transportation" and with "Meadow Lakes becoming a dumping ground for community housing". Patti asked if the plan has been put into action. Ben did not know the answer. He believes the system is in a roll-out phase now.

Camden asked about transportation plans for frequent service within Wasilla.

Dewey Bitler asked about the density of the valley to allow for train service to Anchorage.

Steve Edwards reported on the lack of infrastructure in Anchorage for those people who would take the train.

Al Leonard asked about Park and Ride service in the Valley.

### **Business:**

President Yehle reported on PC Resolution 22-25 before the Planning Commission to repeal Borough Ordinance 17.05 requiring public outreach by utility companies for major utility projects. Camden stated concerns on this repeal and suggested that the Council submit a letter to the Planning Commission opposing the repeal action. Kim Kalmbach gave her opinion that the Alaska Regulatory Commission does not look out for the residents in terms of utility location, but are concerned with rate and service. This was a land issue and should be the responsibility of the Borough. A motion was made by Patti Fisher and seconded by Tim Swezey to approve the Board action to submit a letter in opposition to PC 22-25. Steve Edwards stated his concern that letters are not looked at. Cam said we would participate in contacting the Planning Commission and the Assembly.

A roll-call vote was taken and the motion was approved.

President Yehle asked for approval of Linda Conover as Education Chair. A motion was made by Steve Edward to approve Linda; second was made by Tim Swezey. A voice vote was taken with no opposition made.

**Correspondence:** None

### **Agency Reports:**

**Senator Wilson:** Senator Wilson reminded members of the election on August 16. Grants are available for federal funds for road projects. Senator Wilson recommended contacting our Borough representatives if you have a recommendation for a project. There is an open house on August 30 for shooting range multiuse outdoor use facility down KGB.

Dewey Bitler commented on the unsafe condition of Hawk Lake with a lack of a trail or bike path along the road. Students from Huston Middle and High School walk along the road from school.

**West Lake Fire:** Chief Hightower reported on the activities of the department. The chief recommended checking your voter card to determine your precinct for voting.

**Persons to be Heard:** None

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**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

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Camden Yehle, President    Date 10/4/2022

Patricia Fisher    10/4/2022  
Patricia Fisher, Secretary    Date

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## Meeting minutes RSA 27 Meadow lakes

Held April 29, 2022 Remotely

Remote Meeting called to order at 3 pm by TEAMS

Attending was Steve Edwards, Camden, Mike, quorum was met.

Borough staff, Matt Jacobs, Superintendent, Butch and Alex from O&M

Assembly: None attended. Ron Bernier had agreed to join but did not respond to text and a phone call at the start of the meeting.

Public: None identified

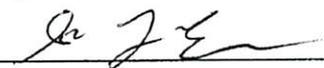
Minutes from meeting Nov Special Meeting read and approved with no changes.

Discussion around several CIP projects and status. Sasbo will be paved this season. Golden will be constructed this season according to Alex and Matt. Neither Forest Lake or Charlene are moving forward, still pending ROW.

Captain Hook project is on hold by request of Assembly member Ron Bernier. A meeting was conducted on site with Alex, Matt, Ron Bernier and some residents. Ron and some residents feel the platted loop should not be connected thru and instead turn arounds be constructed on each end of the two halves of the loop. The project was placed on the list in 2015 to complete the loop as platted and MSB has spent around \$70k on design and notices for the project. The board discussed the project and agreed the original intent to connect the loop for connectivity per Title 47, and ease of maintenance were still valid. Board voted to send a letter to Public Works stating the intent to connect the loop as designed was still the boards wish if RSA money is to be spent on it. If the project cannot be completed as designed, the board would like to redirect the funds to another project, perhaps paving repairs on Meadow Lakes loop and Beverly Lakes. A partial upgrade to disconnected portions of the loop were not considered to be a good use of RSA funds.

Steve complained again about the loss of State Grant paving funds for Meadow Lakes and the effect it would have on RSA funds as those will now have to be directed to pavement repairs for the three projects that were scheduled for repaving. This will have a direct effect on other RSA CIP project timelines. Matt reported that the \$25k limit to small projects would be hard to manage when paving large road sections. Hard to get larger projects thru procurement.

Meeting adjourned around 4:30

Approved  10/31/22 Stephen Edwards, chair

# NORTH LAKES COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Zoom Meeting  
Meeting ID: 896 0473 7544  
Passcode: 128974  
General Membership Meeting June 30, 2022

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## I. CALL TO ORDER/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM | 7:00 P.M.

- a. Determination of a Quorum – Quorum was established.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance

## II. AGENDA APPROVAL

President Theron Bair proposed adding “Laptop for Secretary” under Section VIII New Business, subsection H. Rod Hanson requested adding “Traffic Safety” as Subsection I under New Business. Brittany Rhodes made a motion to approve agenda with amendments. Louie Calandri seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed.

## III. MINUTES APPROVAL- May 26, 2022

No proposed changes to May minutes. Louie Calandri made a motion to approve minutes as stands. Rachel Sayen Lambert seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. April minutes still needed approval. Discussion was made about who amended a motion regarding “Project Junkyard”. Name will be changed from Louie Calandri to Theron Bair. Louie Calandri made a motion to approve April minutes with proposed amendment. Abraham Sayen seconded. All were in favor, none opposed.

## IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Received correspondence from AMCO regarding application for Black Bear Budz Limited Cultivation. NLCC also received notice of the rise in rates for the Rent-A-Can at the Cottonwood Lake Access. Received notice of Denial of 30-day extension on timing for Black Bear Budz Review period. Outgoing correspondence- 37 letters were sent out to NLCC residents within the Black Bear Budz immediate area, have not received any responses yet. Communications Committee sent out first Monthly Update, they would like to continue to send an Update each month. Also received back-and-forth correspondence from an interested potential NLCC member who would like to discuss road safety. Rod Hanson states that he was unable to attend this meeting but he will follow up with him.

## V. OFFICERS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. President’s Report- Handed over Chair of Communications Committee to Rod Hanson. Nothing else new to report.
- b. Treasurer’s Report- Profit and Loss report for April and current Balance sheet provided. Discussed Rent-A-Can price increase.
- c. AMCO Liaison- Chair position still open. Notification of Black Bear Budz Limited Application was received, will further discuss in New Business.
- d. Communications Committee- Working on getting new website up and running. Also taking steps to increase outreach regarding correspondence to residents.
- e. Intergovernmental Liaison Committee- Nothing new to report.
- f. Finance Committee- Met on June 9<sup>th</sup> and scored Community Development Grant Program applications, which will be voted on under New Business

- g. Bylaws Committee- Nothing new to report.

## **VI. PRESENTATIONS**

Senator Mike Shower of District E came to discuss transportation concerns within the NLCC boundaries, such as the Engstrom roundabout. He stated he would like to be made aware of any hazardous conditions, such as potholes or other road issues, and any other points of concern within his district. He also reported he is working on increasing the trooper presence within the area due to an increase in crime and would like to be informed of specific areas in need of additional patrols. Provided information on Budget Approvals within the State Senate.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Community Development Grant Program Awards- Two grant applications were received totaling \$10,000. Finance Committee scored applications and recommended approval of both. Both applications were submitted by Big Lake Trails. One application is for a Conex for storage and the other is for funds for repairs and supplies. No other applications were received. Louie Calandri made a motion to approve both grant applications. Abraham Sayen seconded. All were in favor, none opposed.
- b. Summer Picnic Event- Event suggested for awareness for NLCC. Tentatively scheduled for 9/10/22. This event was already approved in this year's budget under Community Events. Abraham Sayen makes a motion to approve NLCC Summer Picnic on 9/10/22 with a \$1,000 cap and with himself as coordinator. Rachel Sayen Lambert seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed.
- c. "Operation Junkyard"- Nothing new to report yet. Communications Committee is working on starting education platform. Tabled to next meeting.

7:53 PM- Brittany Rhodes made a motion to extend the meeting an additional 30 minutes. Abraham Sayen seconded. All were in favor, none opposed.

- d. Resolution 22-001: Position of NLCC on shooting ranges located within NLCC boundaries- Poll would need to be taken of NLCC area residents before position could be made. Tabled for further discussion.
- e. Resolution 22-002: Position of NLCC on PFD amounts- Abraham Sayen made a motion to withdraw resolution since current amount has already been approved. Rachel Sayen Lambert seconded. John Miller countered and stated he would like to make a motion that the NLCC position be that State Legislature follow the original statutory formula. Abraham Sayen retracts his motion. Candy Miller seconded John Miller's motion. All were in favor, none were opposed.
- f. Resolutions 22-004- Position of the NLCC on food security within the Borough generally and within NLCC boundaries in particular- Issue was discussed, potentially could be incorporated into Grant Program. Senator Dave Wilson informed us that the Dept of Agriculture provides grants every year towards agriculture. Tabled for further discussion.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Correspondence- Nothing not already discussed in agenda.
- b. Resolution 22-005: Request to AMCO to provide Community Councils with the same 60-day Review Period as Borough Governments- Rachel Sayen Lambert made a motion to pass resolution. Abraham Sayen seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. President Theron Bair will contact Presidents from other Community Councils to discuss this issue.
- c. Frontier Plaza gravel removal- Correspondence was sent out to residents and Public Hearing was changed to July 18<sup>th</sup>. Public comment period will not be extended, but NLCC position will be taken into consideration of received by July 6<sup>th</sup>. Project is going to involve 240 truck

trips per day removing gravel, limits are 25 trips per hour between 7:00AM and 6:00PM Monday-Friday. Discussion made over provisions being put in to recognize traffic on Bogard and avoiding removal trips during peak hours or exploring alternative routes. Discussion was also made regarding shortening duration of permit, 5-year and 2-year terms were discussed with 5 years being the consensus. Proposed Resolution 22-006 to communicate to Borough that NLCC wishes addition restrictions on condition use permit such that hours of removal are restricted to 11:00AM-3:00PM Monday through Friday and 9:00AM-5:00PM Saturday and that the duration of permit be shortened to 5 years. Rod Hanson made a motion to pass resolution. Abraham Sayen seconded. All were in favor, none opposed.

8:27 PM- Brittany Rhodes made a motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> 30-minute extension. Abraham Sayen seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed.

- d. Ashmore Run request for comments- Public notice received for intentions to turn two lots into one. Does not impact NLCC residents, no comment required.
- e. Identify NLCC representative to attend Emergency Expo in September- Emergency Expo will be held in September at the Menard Center. Intergovernmental Liaison Chair Jeremiah Hamrick will attend.
- f. Identify Nominating Committee- Bylaws were amended last year, election is now in December and Nominating Committee is not established until October so this topic was tabled until October 2022.
- g. Lake access improvement to public access- This agenda item was proposed by Jeremiah Hamrick but he was unable to attend this meeting, tabled for further discussion.
- h. Laptop for Secretary- Tabled for further discussion due to time constraints.
- i. Traffic Safety- Rod Hanson stated the concerned party that proposed this agenda item was unable to attend today, he plans to attend a further meeting and will raise this discussion topic then.

#### IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- a. Owner of Black Bear Budz Krissy Stevens wanted to give NLCC members an opportunity to voice any questions/concerns regarding her application. Discussion was made about location, odor control, and security concerns. Resolution 22-007 was proposed stating that NLCC has no objection to Black Bear Budz Limited Cultivation. Brittany Rhodes made a motion to pass resolution. Abraham Sayen seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed.
- b. Senator Dave Wilson of Distric D wanted to remind NLCC members of Primary Elections on August 16<sup>th</sup> and encouraged members to get out and vote. He also provided information on the town 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.

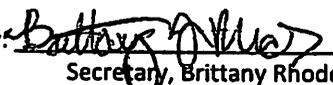
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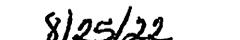
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President, Theron Bair

  
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Date Signed

Attested by:

  
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Secretary, Brittany Rhodes

  
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Date Signed

NEXT MTG: August 25, 2022 - AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, WASILLA, AK & Via Zoom

# NORTH LAKES COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Zoom Meeting  
Meeting ID: 896 0473 7544  
Passcode: 128974  
General Membership Meeting August 25, 2022

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## I. CALL TO ORDER/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM | 7:00 P.M.

- a. Determination of a Quorum – Quorum was established.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance

## II. AGENDA APPROVAL

North Lakes Community Resident Josh Lutzinger would like to discuss road safety under Audience Participation. Senator Dave Wilson would like to speak briefly regarding some recent governmental changes. Rachel Sayen Lambert made a motion to approve agenda with additions. Abraham Sayen seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed.

## III. MINUTES APPROVAL- June 30, 2022

No proposed changes to minutes. Rachel Sayen Lambert made a motion to approve minutes. Abraham Sayen seconded. All were in favor, none opposed.

## IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Received additional correspondence regarding updated mailing list information. Also received correspondence regarding the Rent-A-Can at Cottonwood Lake Shores informing us that a refund had been issues for the months of cleaning that were missed.

## V. OFFICERS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. President's Report- Nothing new to report.
- b. Treasurer's Report- Profit and Loss report and current Balance sheet provided. Checks have been cut for the Community Development Grants awarded last month.
- c. AMCO Liaison- Chair position still open. Nothing new to report.
- d. Communications Committee- Phone number for North Lakes Community Council has been established, (321)465-2537. Still working on new website and updated email list, but lines of communication with residents have already greatly improved and is much more effective.
- e. Intergovernmental Liaison Committee- MSB has proposed changes to the central landfill, including a new scale to handle increased traffic. More information about this is available on the Borough website. MSB planning commission held meeting regarding gravel removal that NLCC had previously passed resolution on regarding our position. They did receive our resolution but seemed disinclined to put our proposed changes into place.
- f. Finance Committee- No new meeting. Will plan meeting soon to start working on Draft 2023 budget. Nothing else to report.
- g. Bylaws Committee- Nothing new to report.

## VI. PRESENTATIONS

None

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. NLCC Summer Picnic- Scheduled for September 10, 2022. Will be held here at the Boys and Girls Club. Information on event has been posted on multiple area social media pages and will also be displayed on the electronic sign in the BGC parking lot.
- b. Improved Finger Lake access- Jeremiah Hamrick brought up how the Finger Lake Public Access area has fallen into disrepair and is very difficult for residents to use. While this is a Borough owned property, he was thinking of improvements NLCC could potentially make. Discussion was made regarding this project potentially falling under the Community Development Grant Program. Mr. Hamrick will come up with a rough outline of proposed improvements to discuss at the next meeting.
- c. Tabled resolutions- Theron Bair made a motion to table resolutions till next meeting. Brittany Rhodes seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed. Tabled to next meeting.

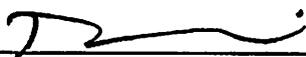
**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Correspondence- Nothing additional discussion necessitated.
- b. Emergency Expo- MSB will be holding an Emergency Expo September 28, 2022 at the Menard Center. Jeremiah Hamrick will attend as Chair of the Intergovernmental Liaison Committee and other interested members are encouraged to attend as well.

**IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

- a. Road Safety- Resident Josh Lutzinger voiced concerns about road safety and speeding in the Green Forrest area between Engstrom and Palmer Wasilla Highway. He says that he has contacted MSB but that they will not conduct a road survey or put in speed bump or radar speed signs. He would like the endorsement of the NLCC in support of these changes. NLCC Board will discuss proposing a resolution on the area at the next meeting. Discussion was also made regarding a previous Community Development Grant spearheaded by Ron Farnsworth where NLCC granted funds to purchase three mobile radar speed signs. Member Pat Purcell with work with Josh Lutzinger on this issue and contact Ron Farnsworth regarding potentially placing radar signs in the area.
- b. Senator Dave Wilson of District D wanted to let NLCC know that DOT has opened a MatSu Regional Office that is open to the public and they are welcoming all questions about road concerns at state-maintained road projects. He also provided updates on the Seward Meridian expansion and Engstrom roundabout projects. He also encouraged residents to contact Assemblyman Jesse Sumner to apply for funds for road repair, new signage, crosswalks, speed humps, etc.

**X. ADJOURN | 7:54 PM**

Signed by:   
 President, Theron Bair

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Attested by:   
 Secretary, Brittany Rhodes

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**NEXT MTG: September 29, 2022 - AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, WASILLA, AK & Via Zoom**

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**Minutes**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Lower Level Conference Room**

**May 23rd, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mr. Wilson at 6:12 pm.

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Members Present: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Jones, Ms. Kelsch, Ms. Gotschall, Ms. Bettine

Members Attending Virtually: Ms. Owens, Ms. LaFleur, Ms. Wood, Mr. Wahl

Members Absent: Ms. Linden, Mr. Harris

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Ms. Wood moved to accept the agenda as amended, Ms. Kelsch, 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Wilson led the pledge of allegiance.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. April 25th, 2022

Motion: Mr. Jones moved to accept the minutes as amended, Ms. Kelsch, 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT

A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager

Mr. Leslie talked about needing a campground host for Mat-River Campground.

Mr. Leslie stated that Lazy Mountain Community Council donated \$50,000 for the trailhead to put in a gate and lights.

Mr. Leslie stated that the Knik Cleanup was a success.

Mr. Leslie stated that a new Ice Rink Manager was hired.

B. 2024 Arctic Winter Games

No updates.

C. Gravel Pit at the Greenbelt

Ms. Owens stated that the meetings continue.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person  
None.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers

Ted Eishied talked about the Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Board and presented a slideshow.

B. Mat-Su Disc Golf Association at Alcantra

Ms. Bettine stated that she would like to see no parking signs along the roadway.

Ms. Owens will work on a resolution for the support of the Disc Golf expansion.

C. Avigation Easement Report

Mr. Leslie stated he attended a meeting where he presented all the questions from the board. They are talking about selectively removing trees as they penetrate the airspace.

D. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

XI. None.

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

XIII. None.

XIV. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Wilson – Busy evening, thank you for attending.

Ms. Owens – Would like to nominate Mike Danz and Brian Largent as volunteers.

Ms. Kelsch – No comment.

Ms. Gotschall – No comment.

Mr. Wahl – No comment.

Mr. Jones – There is a 30” public access easement that goes to the hay flats and Winnie Lake on South Santana Drive and South Willsite Road that was blocked by the neighbor who also posted no trespassing signs.

Ms. Bettine – Would like to nominate Kathy Cramer from Big Lake as a volunteer.

Ms. LaFleur – No comment.

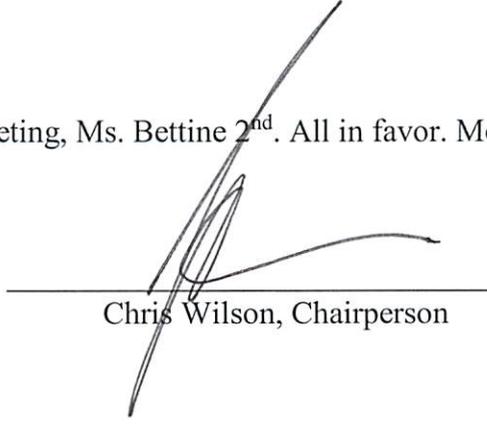
Ms. Wood – Mark and the ski club have done a great job on clearing the tree damage on the trails. Would like to see signage encouraging others to stay off the trails while in breakup.

XV. NEXT MEETING

- June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Bettine 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm



Chris Wilson, Chairperson

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XVIII. ATTEST:

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XXI. Alyssia Jones, Recreation and Library Services Administrative Specialist

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**Minutes**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Assembly Chambers**

**July 25th, 2022**

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting called to order by Mr. Wilson at 6:05 pm.
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM  
Members Present: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Jones, Ms. Kelsch, Ms. Linden  
Members Attending Virtually: Ms. Owens, Mr. Harris, Mr. Wahl, Ms. Wood  
Members Absent: Ms. LaFleur, Ms. Bettine, Ms. Gotschall
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
Motion: Ms. Linden moved to accept the agenda as written, Mr. Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
Mr. Wilson led the pledge of allegiance.
- V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING  
A. June 27th, 2022  
Motion: Mr. James moved to accept the minutes as written, Ms. Linden, 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
- VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT  
A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager  
Mr. Leslie stated that Recreational Services has hired a full time Tech position that will work with both the trails and parks.  
Mr. Leslie stated that 2 new electronic pay kiosk will be put in at GPRA and Lazy Mountain this fall.  
B. 2024 Arctic Winter Games  
Mr. Leslie stated that a website page has been built and now online and that web address is [www.awg2024.org](http://www.awg2024.org) and will be updated monthly then weekly as we get closer to the event.  
C. Gravel Pit at the Greenbelt  
No Updates.
- VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person  
None.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Mat-Su Disc Golf Association at Alcantra

Mr. Jones made a motion to amend the resolution, Mr. Wahl 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Ms. Linden made a motion to modify the amended resolution, Mr. Wahl 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

B. Avigation Easement Report

No updates.

C. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation

Next meeting is August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 2:00pm

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Access Easement at Winnie Lake and Hay Flats

Mr. Jones stated that the neighbor and user groups have a conflict because the neighbor is blocking the access.

Mr. Harris stated that he noticed that the neighbor was blocking the access on a recent visit.

X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

A. Mike Danz – Valley Mountain Bikers & Hikers

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve of Mr. Danz's volunteerism, Mr. Wahl 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

XIII. Mr. Wilson – No comment.

XIV. Ms. Owens – No comment.

XV. Mr. Wahl – Good meeting, thank you.

XVI. Ms. Kelsch – Saw a black bear on the Greenbelt trail.

XVII. Ms. Wood – No comment.

XVIII. Mr. Harris – Use the public access on hay flights, not well marked.

XIX. Mr. Jones – No comment.

XX. Ms. Bettine – No comment.

XXI. Ms. Linden – There is a Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Virtual Public Scoping workshop on 8/2/2022.

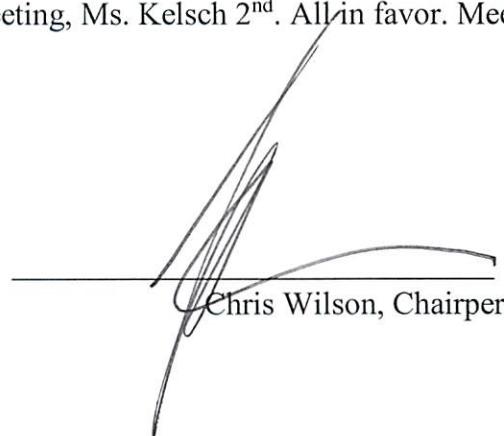
XXII. NEXT MEETING

August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

XXIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Kelsch 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

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Chris Wilson, Chairperson

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• Alyssia Jones, Recreation and Library Services Administrative Specialist

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**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Lower Level Conference Room**

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting called to order by Ms. Linden at 6:09 pm.
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM  
Members Present: Mr. Jones, Ms. Linden, Ms. Bettine  
Members Attending Virtually: Ms. Owens, Mr. Harris, Ms. Gotschall,  
Members Absent: Mr. Wilson, Ms. Kelsch, Mr. Wahl, Ms. Wood
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- IV. Motion: Ms. Bettine moved to accept the agenda as written, Mr. Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
- V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- VI. Mr. Linden led the pledge of allegiance.
- VII. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
  - A. July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Motion: Ms. Bettine moved to accept the minutes as amended, Mr. Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
- VIII. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT
  - A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager  
No updates.
  - B. 2024 Arctic Winter Games  
No updates.
  - C. Gravel Pit at the Greenbelt  
No updates.
- IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person  
Stephanie Nowers – provided updates regarding the MatSu Bike and Ped Steering Committee, Charging station at GPRA, and DOT Pathways Inner Springs Loop
- X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Mat-Su Disc Golf Association at Alcantra, Resolution No. 22-02

Motion: Ms. Bettine moved to accept Resolution No 22-02 as written, Mr. Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

B. Avigation Easement Report

No updates.

C. Public Access Easement at Winnie Lake and Hay Flats

No updates.

D. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation

Next meeting is August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4:00pm.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Benka Lake Public Access Closed

B. Skateboard Park

C. France Road Trailhead

XII. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

Mike Danz – Valley Mountain Bikers & Hikers

XIII. CORRESPONDENCE

XIV. MEMBER COMMENTS

XV. Ms. Linden – Finished Level 1 Swim Lessons, went great.

Ms. Owen – Planning department is looking for events to attend to so they can get the word out on Bike and Ped Steering Committee.

Mr. Harris – At the Fair, keep track of City of Palmer airport expansion.

Mr. Jones – Friend was able to get children into swim lessons due to the high demand for our pools.

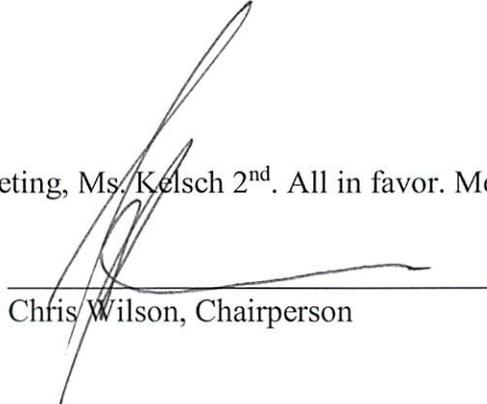
Ms. Bettine - See us more involved with more bike paths and walkability

XVI. NEXT MEETING

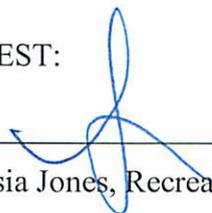
September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Kelsch 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

  
Chris Wilson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Alyssia Jones, Recreation and Library Services Administrative Specialist

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 22-02

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING THE SUPPORT OF THE EXPANSION OF THE ALCANTRA DISC GOLF COURSE BY MAT-SU DISC GOLF ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board reviewed a request from the Mat-Su Disc Golf Association to expand the Alcantra Disc Golf Course; and

WHEREAS Disc Golf is a growing sport and provides opportunity for residents of all ages to get outdoors and participate in an activity that encourages social interaction and physical exercise; and

WHEREAS the support Disc Golf on park lands is well within the scope and mission of MSB Parks and Recreation Division; and

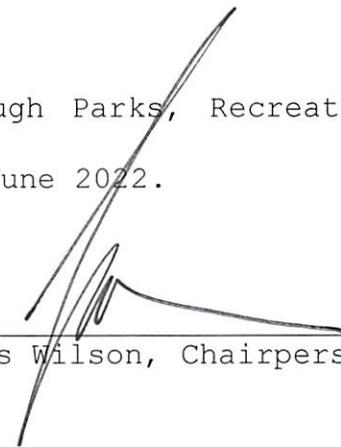
WHEREAS concerns of the expansion of the Alcantra Disc Golf Course include sufficient space for parking, capacity of existing restrooms, trash and littering, damage to vegetation, inappropriate use of subdivisions roads for access, drug and alcohol use, sufficient buffers or separation between neighboring private land and park trails, trespassing on private land, unleashed dogs, conflicts with other park users; and

WHEREAS there is general agreement that the issues and conflicts, previously identified, are best addressed through a legally binding management agreement with the Mat-Su Disc Golf Association; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the MSB Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board approves the Disc Golf Association's request for expansion of the Alcantra Disc Golf Course and makes the following conclusions:

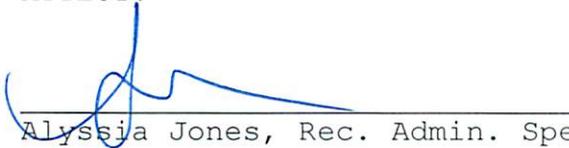
1. The Alcantra Disc Golf Course shall be sited in an area within the Alcantra Park (shown on Exhibit A) and be developed using best practices set by the Professional Disc Golf Association.
2. There be a legally binding management agreement executed prior to the disc golf expansion which addresses the concerns previously listed.
3. That operation of the Alcantra Disc Golf Course be subject to such rules and regulations as are established by the MSB Parks and Recreation Division and shall be posted on site.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.



Chris Wilson, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Alyssia Jones, Rec. Admin. Spec.

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission was held on August 15, 2022, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Stafford Glashan.

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

Planning Commission members present and establish a quorum:

- Mr. Richard Allen, Assembly District #2
- Ms. Patricia Chesbro, Assembly District #3, Vice-Chair
- Mr. Michael Rubeo, Assembly District #4
- Mr. Bill Kendig, Assembly District #5
- Mr. Stafford Glashan, Assembly District #6, Chair
- Mr. Curt Scoggin, Assembly District #7

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Planning Commission members absent and excused were:

- Mr. Doug Glenn, Assembly District #1

Staff in attendance:

- Mr. Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Director
- Ms. Hannah Steketee, Assistant Attorney
- Ms. Shannon Bodolay, Assistant Attorney
- Ms. Karol Riese, Planning Depart. Administrative Specialist/Planning Commission Clerk

\*Indicates that the individual attended telephonically.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Glashan inquired if there were any changes to the Agenda.

Commissioner Chesbro made an amendment to the Agenda to move Resolution 22-29 under Unfinished Business to September 19, 2022 due to not being published on the Agenda online. Commissioner Allen seconded.

GENERAL CONSENT: The Agenda was approved as amended without objection.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alex Strawn.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes Regular Meeting Minutes: August 1, 2022

**B. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING: QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS**

**Resolution 22-26** A conditional use permit in accordance with MSB 17.30 – Conditional Uses, for earth materials extraction activities, for the extraction of approximately 6,390,000 cubic yards of earth material from a 154.5 acre extraction site within two parcels, which total 657.5 acres; Tax ID #20N04W07A001 & 20N04W08A001; within Township 20 North, Range 4 West, Sections 7 and 8, Seward Meridian. Public Hearing: September 19, 2022 (Applicant: Matanuska-Susitna Borough Division of Land Management; Staff: Mark Whisenhunt, Planner II)

**Resolution 22-28** A conditional use permit in accordance with MSB 17.60 – Conditional Uses, for the operation of a marijuana cultivation facility at 1198 East Sage Road; Tax ID #18N01W15D005; within Township 18 North, Range 1 West, Section 15, Seward Meridian. Public Hearing: September 19, 2022 (Applicant: Derke Clark and Janet Clark, of Checkmate Harvest Company; Staff: Mark Whisenhunt, Planner II)

**C. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING: LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

**GENERAL CONSENT:** The consent agenda was approved without objection.

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

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

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

**VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)**  
*(There were no persons to be heard.)*

**IX. PUBLIC HEARING: QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS**  
*(There were no Public Hearings: Quasi-Judicial Matters)*

**X. PUBLIC HEARING LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

**Resolution 22-25** A resolution of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission recommending approval of an ordinance repealing MSB 17.05 – Essential Service Utilities. (Staff: Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Director)

Chair Glashan read the resolution title into the record.

Commissioner Kendig explained that he is on the MEA board and did not feel it was necessary for him to recuse himself since the matter is quasi-judicial.

Mr. Strawn provided a staff report.

Commissioners questioned staff regarding:

Process of utilities – does not come to the Planning Commission; and the public process

Chair Glashan opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition to Planning Commission Resolution 22-25: Patti Fisher, Ann McDonogh, Joe Irvin, Mr. Ratsky, Camden Yehle, and Ms. Cutler.

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

Mr. Strawn stated that he had nothing further to add.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Kendig moved to approve Planning Commission Resolution 22-25. The motion was seconded. by Commissioner Chesbro

Discussion ensued

**VOTE:** The main motion failed unanimously without objection.  
No (6) Commissioner Kendig, Chesbro, Scoggin, Allen, Rubeo, and Glashan

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

**XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Resolution 22-29** A resolution of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission recommending denial of an ordinance repealing MSB 17.06 – Electrical Generating and Delivery Facility, in its entirety.

This was moved to the September 19 meeting during the approval of the Agenda.

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS - *(There was no new business.)***

**XIV. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

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

**XV. DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Clerk: Reminded commissioners of next meetings: September 19, October 4, and joint Assembly meeting on October 11.

Commissioner Chesbro: I think the issue of public input is vital as we move forward in the borough. Appreciate all the comments and the vote.

Commissioner Kendig: I would have loved hearing what Mr. Eugene Haberman said on this.

Commissioner Glashan:        Worksession in future.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

*Patricia Chesbro*  
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~~STAFFORD~~ ~~GLASHAN,~~        Planning  
Commission Chair    *Vice Chair*  
*Patricia Chesbro*

ATTEST:

*Karol Riese*  
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KAROL RIESE, Planning Commission Clerk

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By: Mark Whisenhunt  
Introduced: October 3, 2022  
Public Hearing: October 17, 2022  
Action: Approved

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 22-31**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE EXPANSION OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE DISPENSARY (BAR) KNOWN AS FLOATERS, LOCATED AT 2990 SOUTH BIG LAKE ROAD, TAX ID# 1783B02L003; LOCATED WITHIN TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, SECTION 21, SEWARD MERIDIAN.

WHEREAS, an application has been received from Bill Brister, on behalf of R & B Alaska, Inc., for a conditional use permit for the expansion of an alcoholic beverage dispensary (bar) known as, Floaters at 2990 S. Big Lake Road, Tax ID# 1783B02L003; within Township 17 North, Range 3 West, Section 21, Seward Meridian; and

WHEREAS, MSB 17.70.020 requires a conditional use permit for the operation of an alcoholic beverage dispensary (bar); and

WHEREAS, MSB 17.70.030 allows a property owner to request a modification of an existing conditional use permit; and

WHEREAS, a beverage dispensary (bar) has operated at this location since 1978; and

WHEREAS, Floaters currently operates a full service bar in the original portion of the building and a restaurant in the expansion area of the building; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has expanded the building by approximately 4,436 square feet to operate a restaurant. The

applicant proposes to offer full bar service within the new restaurant area; and

WHEREAS, the developed properties along on South Big Lake Road are predominantly used for commercial ventures; and

WHEREAS, there are no complaints from the public on record regarding the operation of a beverage dispensary at this location; and

WHEREAS, the site is in an area where uses are continuing an established trend of a commercial development along South Big Lake Road; and

WHEREAS, the closest residential structure is approximately 175 feet west of the proposed use; and

WHEREAS, according to the application material, the proposed hours of operation for the restaurant area are 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday - Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; and

WHEREAS, according to an email from the applicant dated August 10, 2022, there will be no outdoor amplified music, and a special events permit will be obtained prior to holding an outdoor music event; and

WHEREAS, access is made by an existing permitted driveway (State Permit # 31724) onto South Big Lake Road; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Fire Marshal has issued Plan Review 2020Anch1376 for the addition associated with the proposed use; and

WHEREAS, the nearest school is Big Lake Elementary, which is about 3,000 feet from this site. State regulations preclude beverage dispensary licenses within 200 feet of a school; and

WHEREAS, persons under the age of 21 are prohibited from being served alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, the operator of the proposed use is required to operate in accordance with Alaska laws and statutes, which include but are not limited to, mandatory alcohol server education; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 04.16.030 specifically prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages to drunken persons; and

WHEREAS, the Alcoholic & Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) has no record of violations by R & B Alaska, Inc. (dba Floaters) within the last 12 months; and

WHEREAS, the structure is approximately 80 feet from South Big Lake Road, 20 feet from the south side lot line, 145 feet from the west side lot line, and 30 feet from the north side lot line; and

WHEREAS, according to the application material, lighting is shielded and downward directional; and

WHEREAS, according to the application material, signage is backlit and does not cause glare; and

WHEREAS, the operation must comply with the maximum permissible sound level limits allowed, per the requirements of MSB 8.52 - Noise, Amplified Sound and Vibration; and

WHEREAS, ITE Trip Generation 9th Edition shows a "Quality Restaurant" of 4,436-square feet in size is expected to produce approximately 34 trips per peak PM hour; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT) was solicited for comments. ADOT did not submit any comments for the proposed use; and

WHEREAS, South Big Lake Road has commercial, recreational, and residential uses on its frontage; and

WHEREAS, the existing building is finished with metal siding; and

WHEREAS, according to the site plan, there is room for more than 53 parking spaces on site; and

WHEREAS, according to the site plan, five customer parking spaces designated for persons with disabilities will be provided; and

WHEREAS, there has been no information submitted indicating the applicant, R & B Alaska, Inc. is untrustworthy or unfit to conduct business in the borough or that the applicant is a potential source of harm to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on October 17, 2022 on this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby adopts the aforementioned findings of fact and makes the following conclusions of law supporting approval of Planning Commission Resolution 22-31:

1. The proposed use is compatible with and will preserve or not materially detract from the value, character and integrity of the surrounding area (MSB 17.70.100(A)(1)(a)).
2. The proposed use will not be harmful to the public health, safety, convenience, and welfare (MSB 17.70.100(A)(1)(b)).
3. Sufficient setbacks, lot area, buffers or other safeguards are being provided (MSB 17.70.100(A)(1)(c)).
4. There will not be any negative effects upon the properties in the area due to such factors as dust, noise, obtrusive advertising and glare (MSB 17.70.100(A)(2)(a)).
5. The proposed use will not negatively affect the safe, efficient flow of traffic on any highway, arterial, collector or street from which access to and from the establishment is obtained (MSB 17.70.100(A)(2)(b)).
6. Measures will be in place to reduce any negative effect upon adjacent and nearby properties (MSB 17.70.100(A)(2)(c)).

7. Adequate parking is provided (MSB 17.70.100(A)(2)(d)).
8. Access to the premises will not create an unreasonable traffic hazard (MSB 17.70.100(A)(2)(e)).
9. Traffic will not overtax existing road systems (MSB 17.70.100(A)(2)(f)).
10. The proposed use is compatible with the character of the surrounding area (MSB 17.70.100(A)(2)(g)).
11. The proposed use will not increase the crime rate in the area or increase alcohol-related accidents (MSB 17.70.110(B)(1)).
12. The applicant has not had a liquor license suspended or revoked in the 12 months preceding the application (MSB 17.70.110(B)(2)).
13. The applicant is trustworthy or fit to conduct business in the borough and the applicant is not a potential source of harm to the public (MSB 17.70.110(B)(3)).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Planning Commission finds this application does meet the standards of MSB 17.70 and does hereby approve the conditional use permit for the operation of a restaurant with full bar service, with the following conditions:

1. The operation shall comply with all other applicable federal, state, and local regulations.
2. All aspects of the operation shall comply with the description detailed in the application material and

with the conditions of this permit. An amendment to the Conditional Use Permit shall be required prior to any expansion of the conditional use.

3. The operation shall comply with the maximum permissible sound level limits allowed, per the requirements of MSB 8.52 - Noise, Amplified Sound and Vibration.
4. The alcohol service in the restaurant area and pub shall not exceed 9:00 a.m. to midnight Sunday to Wednesday and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., Thursday to Saturday.
5. All conditions not changed by subsequent modifications detailed in Conditional Use Permits #177020140002, #CUP 2006-0004, and #9802 shall remain in effect.

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ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission  
this 17th day of October, 2022.



STAFFORD GLASHAN, Chair

ATTEST



KAROL RIESE, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: (5) Commissioner Glashan,  
Rubeo, and Glenn  
Commissioner Kendig Recused.

Allen, Chesbro,

NO:  $\emptyset$

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By: Alex Strawn  
Introduced: October 3, 2022  
Public Hearing: October 17, 2022  
Action: Adopted

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 22-32**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 17.02 – MANDATORY LAND USE PERMIT TO EXPAND THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CHAPTER.

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WHEREAS, the requirement for a mandatory land use permit was originally adopted in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the permit was required in a variety of circumstances but most commonly applied to the construction of buildings over 480 square feet; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the permit was to improve compliance with Borough code, and minimize costly mistakes for Borough residents; and

WHEREAS, the permit provided important land use data that improved planning processes and studies; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the applicability of MSB 17.02 was amended to only apply to buildings within 75 feet of a waterbody; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance will expand the applicability of the permit while reducing the associated requirements to ensure ease of use and efficient service for the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby recommends approval of MSB 22-104 an ordinance of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly amending MSB 17.02 - Mandatory Land Use Permit.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission this 17 day of October, 2022.

  
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Stafford Glashan, Chair

ATTEST

  
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KAROL RIESE, Planning Clerk



(SEAL)

YES: (6) Commissioners Kendip, Allen, Rubeo, Chesbro, Glashan, and Glenn

NO:  $\emptyset$

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By: Fred Wagner  
Introduced: October 3, 2022  
Public Hearing: October 17, 2022  
Action: Adopted

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 22-34**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB TITLE 43 – SUBDIVISIONS.

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WHEREAS, On April 17, 2012 the Assembly adopted Title 43, a major revision to the subdivision code. The Assembly directed the Platting Board and Planning Commission to review the new regulations and report back findings. Platting staff worked with the two boards to identify changes, and several amendments were subsequently adopted thereafter based on the findings; and

WHEREAS, In March 2017, the Assembly directed staff to continue to compile suggested changes to Title 43; and

WHEREAS, In May 2019, Platting Staff presented 29 recommendations to the Platting Board for consideration of amendments correcting errors and to make code more legally defensible; and

WHEREAS, The Platting Board held 10 public work sessions between 2019 and 2022, listened to public testimony and with the assistance of staff and the public, crafted language to address amendments to Title 43; and

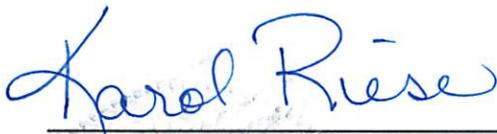
WHEREAS, On January 6, 2022 the Platting Board approved Platting Board Resolution 2021-149 to address proposed changes to Title 43 dealing with items compiled by Platting Staff; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby recommends assembly approval of ordinance 22-103.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission this 17th day of October, 2022.

  
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Stafford Glashan, Chair

ATTEST

  
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KAROL RIESE, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: 6 Commissioner Chesbro, Allen, Glenn, Rubeo,  
Glashan and Kendig

NO: 0

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Platting Board was held on SEPTEMBER 15, 2022, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough 350 E Dahlia Ave, Palmer, Alaska. The Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Alan Leonard.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Platting Board members present and establishing a quorum:

- Mr. Pio Cottini, District Seat #1
- Mr. Emmett Leffel, District Seat #2
- Mr. John Shadrach, District Seat #3
- Ms. Linn McCabe, District Seat #5
- Mr. Alan Leonard, District Seat #7, Vice Chair
- Mr. Eric Koan, Alternate B

Platting Board members absent and excused were:

- Mr. Dan Bush, District 4
- Wilfred Fernandez, District 6, Chair
- Amanda Salmon, Alternate A

Staff in attendance:

- Mr. Fred Wagner, Platting Officer
- Kayla Kinneen, Acting Platting Clerk
- Ms. Kimberly McClure, Platting Technician
- Ms. Amy Otto-Buchanan, Platting Technician
- Mr. Matthew Goddard, Platting Technician

**B. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Cottini led the pledge of allegiance.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Vice Chair Leonard inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved without objection.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- September 1, 2022 were approved as presented

**3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION & PRESENTATIONS** *(Three minutes per person, for items not scheduled for public hearing)*

*(There is no Audience Participation & Presentations)*

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

*(None)*

**5. RECONSIDERATIONS/APPEALS**

*(No Reconsiderations/Appeals)*

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. **ADALILLY EAST:** The request is to create six lots from Parcel 1, MSB Waiver 2000-263-PWm, recorded in Book 1106/Page 812 (Tax Parcel C13), to be known as Adalilly East, containing 7.45 acres +/- . Petitioner will dedicate 60' wide right-of-way and cul-de-sac for access and construct to residential street standards. Parcel is located east of N. Old Glenn Highway and north of E. Smith Road (Tax ID # 18N02E36C013); lying within the SW ¼ Section 36, Township 18 North, Range 02 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Lazy Mountain Community Council and in Assembly District #1. (Petitioner/Owner: Adalilly East, LLC, Staff: Amy Otto-Buchanan, Case # 2022-111)

Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report:

- Stating that 33 public hearing notices were mailed out on August 25, 2022.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends approval of the case.

Vice Chair Leonard invited the petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative to give a brief overview.

The petitioner passed on giving a brief overview.

Mr. Curt Holler, the petitioner's representative, provided an overview of the case.

Vice Chair Leonard opened the public hearing for public testimony.

There being no one to be heard, Vice Chair Leonard closed the public hearing and the discussion moved to the Platting Board.

**MOTION:** Platting Member McCabe made a motion to approve with 6 findings of fact and 11 conditions. Shadrach seconded the motion

Discussion ensued.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

- B. **LUPINE RANCHETTES:** The request is to create 14 lots and 2 tracts from Tax Parcel B1, to be known as Lupine Ranchettes, containing 80 acres +/- . The property is located north of S. Hayfield Road, south of S. Knik Goose Bay Road and directly north and south of W. Lupine Lane(Tax ID # 17N02W36B001); within the NW ¼ Section 36, Township 17 North, Range 02 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Knik-Fairview Community Council and in Assembly District #5. (Petitioner/Owner: Kurt Newcomb, Staff: Matthew Goddard, Case # 2022-113)

Mr. Shadrach recused himself at 1:22 p.m.

Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report, stating that 51 public hearing notices were mailed out on August 25, 2022.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends approval of the case with 6 findings of fact and 7 conditions

Vice Chair Leonard invited the petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative to give a brief overview.

Mr. Curt Holler, the petitioner's representative, provided an overview of the case.

Vice Chair Leonard had questions for the Petitioner representative, Curt Holler:

Vice Chair Leonard opened the public hearing for public testimony.

The following persons spoke:

- Janice Plante
- Christopher Secary

There being no one else to be heard, Vice Chair Leonard closed the public hearing and discussion moved to the Platting Board.

**MOTION:** Platting Member Cottini made a motion to approve with 6 findings of fact and 7 conditions. The motion was seconded by Leffel

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Shadrach returned to the room 1:40pm

**C. SNOWSHOE WOODS PHASE 2:** The request is to create twelve lots and one tract from Tract A, Snowshoe Woods, Plat No. 2021-9 and Government Lot 4, to be known as Snowshoe Woods Phase 2, containing 105.42 acres +/- . Petitioner will dedicate 60' wide rights-of-way, one t-turnaround and one temporary cul-de-sac for access and construct to residential street standards. Parcel is located west of E. Talkeetna Spur, north of E. Powers Road (Tax ID #s 26N04W31C001; 8204000T00A); lying within the SW ¼ Section 31, Township 26 North, Range 04 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Talkeetna Community Council and in Assembly District #7. (Petitioner/Owner: All Aspects Construction LLC, Staff: Amy Otto-Buchanan, Case # 2022-116)

Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report, stating that 71 public hearing notices were mailed out on August 25, 2022.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends approval of the case.

Vice Chair Leonard invited the petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative to give a brief overview.

The petitioner passed on giving a brief overview.

Vice Chair Leonard opened the public hearing for public testimony.

There being no one to be heard, Vice Chair Leonard closed the public hearing and discussion moved to the Platting Board.

**MOTION:** Platting Member Leffel made a motion to approve with 6 findings of fact and 9 conditions. The motion was seconded by Cottini

Discussion ensued.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

- D. KATAGNIK RANCH 2022 MASTER PLAN:** The request is to create twelve lots and one tract (to be a private road) from Lot 1 and Tract A, Katagnik Ranch, Plat 2017-115, to be known as Katagnik Ranch 2022 Master Plan, containing 40.0 acres +/- . The petitioner is constructing one interior road to be a private road. The property is located east of S. Knik-Goose Bay Road, directly west of W. Connor Court, and northwest of Nichols Memorial Park (Tax ID # 7689000L001 & T00A); lying within the NW ¼ Section 35, Township 17 North, Range 02 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Knik Fairview Community Council and in Assembly District #5. (Petitioner/Owner: Mike & Terry Dennison, Jimmie Chynoweth & Nicole Baston, Case # 2022-112)

Mr. Shadrach recused himself at 1:56pm

Ms. Kayla Kinneen provided the mailing report, stating that 61 public hearing notices were mailed out on August 25, 2022.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends approval of the case.

Vice Chair Leonard invited the petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative to give a brief overview.

Mr. Tim Carmen, petitioner representative provided an overview of the case.

Vice Chair Leonard had questions for the petitioner's representative.

Platting Board member Cottini wanted a better explanation on the ADT count

Vice Chair Leonard opened the public hearing for public testimony

The following person spoke:

- Emily Secary
- Christopher Secary
- Diane Tracy

There being no one else to be heard, Vice Chair Leonard closed the public hearing and discussion moved to the Platting Board.

MOTION: Platting Member Cottini made a motion to approve with 5 findings of fact and 11 conditions. The motion was seconded by McCabe

Discussion ensued

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Shadrach returned at 2:33pm

**7. ITEMS OF BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS**

*(There is no Items of Business & Miscellaneous)*

**8. PLATTING STAFF & OFFICER COMMENTS**

A. Adjudicatory *(if needed)*

B. Upcoming Platting Board Agenda Items

- Mr Wagner stated we do not have the count of the cases for the October 6 meeting

**9. BOARD COMMENTS**

- Platting member Leffel had comments on the discrepancies about ADT counts

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

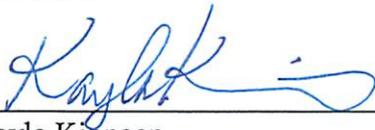
With no further business to come before the Platting Board, Vice Chair Leonard adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.



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Alan Leonard  
Acting Platting Board Chair

ATTEST:



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Kayla Kinneen  
Acting Platting Board Clerk

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Platting Board was held on OCTOBER 6, 2022, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough 350 E Dahlia Ave, Palmer, Alaska. The Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Wilfred Fernandez.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Platting Board members present and establishing a quorum:

- Mr. Emmett Leffel, District Seat #2
- Ms. Linn McCabe, District Seat #5
- Mr. Wilfred Fernandez, District Seat #6, Chair
- Mr. Alan Leonard, District Seat #7, Vice Chair
- Ms. Amanda Salmon Alternate A
- Mr. Eric Koan, Alternate B

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Platting Board members absent and excused were:

- Mr. Pio Cottini, District Seat #1
- Mr. John Shadrach, District Seat #3

Staff in attendance:

- Mr. Fred Wagner, Platting Officer
- Theresa Taranto, Platting Clerk
- Ms. Kimberly McClure, Platting Technician
- Ms. Amy Otto-Buchanan, Platting Technician
- Mr. Matthew Goddard, Platting Technician

**B. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Bush led the pledge of allegiance.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved without objection.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- September 15, 2022 were approved without objection

**3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION & PRESENTATIONS** *(Three minutes per person, for items not scheduled for public hearing)*  
*(There is no Audience Participation & Presentations)*

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. **SUNRISE TRAILS MASTER PLAN:** The petitioner is requesting to bring the approved Sunrise Trails Master Plan back for minor alterations. The original master plan was approved on September 1, 2005 under Title Code 16. The Petitioner is proposing to eliminate three sections of Right-of-Way and minor alignment alterations to the roads and lot lines. The proposed master plan contains 579.73 acres +/- . The property is located

south and west of E. Maud Road and east of N. Old Glenn Highway (Tax ID # 17N02E13B001 / A008 / A001 / C006 & 17N02E12C004); within Section 13 & the S ½ Section 12, Township 17 North, Range 02 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Butte Community Council and in Assembly District #1. (*Petitioner/Owner: S4 GROUP, Staff: Matthew Goddard, Case # 2004-229*)

Chair Fernandez read the statement regarding Ex-Parte & Interest on quasi-judicial action into the record; there was no objection noted by the platting board.

Theresa Taranto provided the mailing report:

- Stating that 42 public hearing notices were mailed out on September 14, 2022.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends approval of the case with findings of fact and conditions.
- Staff stated this case is being heard under Title 16.

Chair Fernandez invited the petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative to give a brief overview.

The petitioner's representative, Mr. Craig Bennet provided an overview of the case.

Chair Fernandez opened the public hearing for public testimony.

The following persons spoke:

- Brian Tatlow
- Susan Sarasmith
- Jeff Heard
- Ms. Wright
- Edward Vey
- Jessica Aerosmith
- Harvey Kolberg
- Arthur Stocken
- Justin Morvro
- George Alder
- Joe Kuliadko
- Stacy Bovay
- David Mays
- Jay Thornsley

Platting Board member, Mr. Leffel, had questions for Jay Thornsley.

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

Chair Fernandez invited the petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative to address the public's concerns.

- The petitioner's representative, Mr. Bennet answered the public's questions.

- The petitioner's representative, Mark Cottini, addressed the concerns of the public about access.

Platting Board had questions for the petitioner's representatives:

- Jeff Walker, the developer answered questions from the board.

MOTION: Platting Member Leonard made a motion to approve with 11 findings of fact and existing conditions. Salmon seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued

Chair Fernandez called for a recess at 2:05 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 2:17 pm.

Chair Fernandez asked the board if they approve the motion as presented.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

## **5. RECONSIDERATIONS/APPEALS**

*(No Reconsiderations/Appeals)*

## **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. **ALL ELKS ESTATES:** The request is to create six lots from Parcel 1, MSB Waiver 2005-238-PWm, recorded at Reception No. 2005-033972-0 (Tax Parcel D5), to be known as All Elks Estate, containing 10.00 acres +/- . Parcel is located north of N. Glenn Highway, east of N. 58 Mile Road and directly north of E. All Elks Road (Tax ID # 19N02E25D005); lying within the SE ¼ Section 25, Township 19 North, Range 02 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Sutton/Alpine Community Council and in Assembly District #1. *(Petitioner/Owner: Bryant & Heather Smith, Staff: Amy Otto-Buchanan, Case # 2022-123)*

Chair Fernandez read the statement regarding Ex-Parte & Interest on quasi-judicial action into the record; there was no objection noted by the platting board.

Theresa Taranto provided the mailing report:

- Stating that 13 public hearing notices were mailed out on September 14, 2022.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends approval of the case with findings of fact and conditions.

Platting Board member, Amanda Salmon had questions for staff.

Chair Fernandez invited the petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative to give a brief overview.

The petitioner/petitioner's representative passed on giving a brief overview.

Chair Fernandez opened the public hearing for public testimony.

There being no one to be heard, Chair Fernandez closed the public hearing and discussion moved to the Platting Board.

**MOTION:** Platting Member Leonard made a motion to approve with 7 findings of fact and 8 conditions. McCabe seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

- B. **JENNY'S LAKE:** The request is to create three lots from Tax Parcel C2 to be known as Jenny's Lake, containing 84.80 acres +/- . Access will be fly-in only via Unnamed Lake. The property is located southwest of W. Willow Fishhook Road, southeast of N. Darrel Drive and south of Twelvemile Lake (Tax ID # 19N02W06C002); lying within the W ½ Section 06, Township 19 North, Range 02 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Willow Area Community Council and in Assembly District #7. (*Petitioner/Owner: David Owens & Lawana Gates, Staff: Kimberly McClure, Case # 2022-085*)

Chair Fernandez read the statement regarding Ex-Parte & Interest on quasi-judicial action into the record; there was no objection noted by the platting board.

Theresa Taranto provided the mailing report:

- Stating that 10 public hearing notices were mailed out on September 14, 2022.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends approval of the case with findings of fact and conditions

Mr. Leonard had questions for staff regarding access.

Chair Fernandez invited the petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative to give a brief overview.

The petitioner, Mr. Monty Gates provided an overview of the case.

Chair Fernandez opened the public hearing for public testimony.

There being no one to be heard, Chair Fernandez closed the public hearing and discussion moved to the Platting Board.

Chair Fernandez invited the petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative Mr. Monty Gates to speak again on the case.

- Petitioner asked for condition #8 to be removed

Discussion ensued

**MOTION:** Platting Member Leonard made a motion to approve with 9 findings of fact and 10 conditions. Bush seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

- C. SUMMERS ESTATES 2022:** The request is to create two lots from Lot 2, Summers Estates, Plat 2021-42 to be known as Summers Estates 2022, containing 2.14 acres +/- . The petitioner is requesting a variance for proposed Lot 2A having 43' of frontage onto E. Forest Drive. The property is located directly northwest of N. Wasilla-Fishhook Road, directly east of E. Forest Avenue and south of E. Spruce Avenue (Tax ID # 8120000L002); lying inside the City of Wasilla and within the NE ¼ Section 03, Township 17 North, Range 01 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In Assembly District #4. *(Petitioner/Owner: Aaron Summers, Staff: Kimberly McClure, Case #2022-125)*

Chair Fernandez read the statement regarding Ex-Parte & Interest on quasi-judicial action into the record; there was no objection noted by the platting board.

Theresa Taranto provided the mailing report:

- Stating that 143 public hearing notices were mailed out on September 14, 2022.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends approval

Platting Board member Leffel had questions for staff.

Chair Fernandez invited the petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative to give a brief overview.

Mr. Gary LoRusso, petitioner's representative provided an overview of the case.

Chair Fernandez called for a recess at 3:04 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 3:15 pm.

Chair Fernandez opened the public hearing for public testimony.

Mr. Gary LoRusso, petitioner's representative answered questions from the board.

There being no one else to be heard, Chair Fernandez closed the public hearing and discussion moved to the Platting Board.

**MOTION:** Platting Member Leonard made a motion to approve with 10 findings of fact and 10 conditions. Salmon seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection

- D. LITTLE SUSITNA FLATS MASTER PLAN: The request is to create four lots from Lot 5, Pittman Flats, Plat 2021-121 and Tax Parcel C4 to be known as Little Susitna Flats Master Plan, containing 44.71 acres +/- . The petitioner is dedicating a public use easement over the flag pole portions of Lots 3 and 4. The property is located directly north of N. Pittman Road, northwest of N. Aycock Place and south of Little Susitna River. (Tax ID # 18N02W14C004 & 8182B01L005); lying within the SW ¼ Section 14 and NW ¼ Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 02 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Meadow Lakes Community Council and in Assembly District #7. (*Petitioner/Owner: Aleksandr Baletskiy, Staff: Kimberly McClure, Case #2022-127*)

Chair Fernandez read the statement regarding Ex-Parte & Interest on quasi-judicial action into the record; there was no objection noted by the platting board.

Theresa Taranto provided the mailing report:

- Stating that 29 public hearing notices were mailed out on September 14, 2022.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends continuation to the November 3, 2022 meeting.
- Petitioner is looking at redesign.

Platting Board member Leffel had questions for staff.

Chair Fernandez invited the petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative to give a brief overview.

The petitioner/petitioner's representative passed on giving a brief overview.

Chair Fernandez opened the public hearing for public testimony.

The following persons spoke:

- Nathan Griswold

There being no one else to be heard, Chair Fernandez closed the public hearing and discussion moved to the Platting Board.

**MOTION:** Platting Member Leffel made a motion to continue Little Susitna Flats Master Plan to November 3, 2022 meeting. Leonard seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

**7. ITEMS OF BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS**  
*(There is no Items of Business & Miscellaneous)*

**8. PLATTING STAFF & OFFICER COMMENTS**

- A. Adjudicatory (*if needed*)
- B. Upcoming Platting Board Agenda Items

- Platting Officer, Fred Wagner stated there is only one case on the agenda for October 20, 2022 meeting.
- Platting Technician Amy Otto-Buchanan stated the November 3 meeting would be at the Animal Care Facility.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

- Platting member McCabe, Thank you to staff.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Platting Board, Chair Fernandez adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm.

ALAN LEONARD  
VICE CHAIR  
FOR 

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WILFRED FERNANDEZ  
Platting Board Chair

ATTEST:

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THERESA TARANTO  
Platting Board Clerk

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Platting Board was held on OCTOBER 20, 2022, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough 350 E Dahlia Ave, Palmer, Alaska. The Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Leonard.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Platting Board members present and establishing a quorum:

- Mr. Pio Cottini, District Seat #1
- Mr. Emmett Leffel, District Seat #2
- Mr. John Shadrach, District Seat #3
- Mr. Dan Bush, District Seat #4
- Ms. Linn McCabe, District Seat #5
- Mr. Alan Leonard, District Seat #7, Vice Chair

Platting Board members absent and excused were:

- Mr. Wilfred Fernandez, District Seat #6, Chair
- Ms. Amanda Salmon Alternate A
- Mr. Eric Koan, Alternate B

Staff in attendance:

- Mr. Fred Wagner, Platting Officer
- Theresa Taranto, Platting Clerk
- Ms. Amy Otto-Buchanan, Platting Technician
- Mr. Matthew Goddard, Platting Technician

**B. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Bush led the pledge of allegiance.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Vice Chair Leonard inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved without objection.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- October 6, 2022 minutes were approved as corrected

**3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION & PRESENTATIONS** *(Three minutes per person, for items not scheduled for public hearing)*

*(There is no Audience Participation & Presentations)*

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

*(None)*

**5. RECONSIDERATIONS/APPEALS**

*(No Reconsiderations/Appeals)*

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. **COOPER WOODS PHASE II RSB:** The request is to adjust the utility easements and the Right-of-Way of E. Mariah Drive that lies between Lots 8, Block 2 and 16, Block 1, Cooper Woods PH II, Plat # 2020-31, to be known as Block 1, Lot 16A and Block 2 Lot 8A, containing 2.35 acres +/- . The property is located south and east of N. Wasilla-Fishhook Road, and Directly west of E. Gemini Lane (Tax ID # 7995B01L016 & 7995B02L008); within the NE 1/4 Section 19, Township 18 North, Range 01 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the North Lakes Community Council and in Assembly District #6. (*Petitioner/Owner: Hanson Land Solutions/Cutting Edge Homes/Cabins, LLC, Staff: Matthew Goddard, Case # 2022-129/130*)

Vice Chair Leonard read the statement regarding Ex-Parte & Interest on quasi-judicial action into the record; there was no objection noted by the platting board.

Theresa Taranto provided the mailing report:

- Stating that 106 public hearing notices were mailed out on September 29, 2022.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends approval of the case with findings of fact and conditions.

Platting Board member, Mr. Cottini had questions for staff.

Vice Chair Leonard invited the petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative to give a brief overview.

The petitioner/petitioner's representative passed on giving a brief overview at this time.

Vice Chair Leonard opened the public hearing for public testimony.

The following person spoke:

- Eileen Everett

Platting Officer, Fred Wagner answered public's questions.

There being no one else to be heard, Vice Chair Leonard closed the public hearing and invited the petitioner's representative to give a brief overview.

Craig Hanson, petitioner's representative gave a brief overview.

**MOTION:** Platting Member Shadrach made a motion to approve with 9 findings of fact and 7 conditions. McCabe seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

**7. ITEMS OF BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS**

*(There is no Items of Business & Miscellaneous)*

**8. PLATTING STAFF & OFFICER COMMENTS**

A. Adjudicatory *(if needed)*

B. Upcoming Platting Board Agenda Items

Platting Officer Fred Wagner informed the board:

- November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be at Station 6-2, Mile 7 Knik Goose Bay Rd. and there are 4 cases on the agenda.
- The Planning Commission approved Title 43 amendments and the amendments have moved forward to the Assembly for approval.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

*(None)*

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Platting Board, Vice Chair Leonard adjourned the meeting at 1:24 pm.

ATTEST:



THERESA TARANTO  
Platting Board Clerk



WILFRED FERNANDEZ  
Platting Board Chair



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## Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2022 7:00pm

Upper Susitna Senior & Community Center

- a. Establish Quorum – Ned Sparks, Clark Smith, Joe Pride, Brian Kirby & Sheena Fort.
- II. Call Meeting to Order – 7:04pm
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda
  - a. Motion by: Clark Smith
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Sheena Fort
  - c.
- V. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion by: Joe Pride
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Clark Smith
  - c.
- VI. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Checking Account – \$12,176.28
  - b. Savings Account – \$225.94
- VII. Persons to be Heard (suggested 3 minutes each)
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
- VIII. Correspondence –
  - a. Public notices for platting
  - b.
  - c.

*Sheena Fort 10/6/22*  
*RN Sparks*

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IX. Committee and Governmental Reports

- a. Road Service Areas (15 & 29) – N/A
- b. Jason Ortiz - (The MatSu Borough Development Services Manager)  
Answered questions the community had about the Skyland Air Park and gave instructions how to use the Boroughs new website. August 15th will be the Planning Commission Meeting.
- c. Borough Assembly Update – The Borough Mayor, Edna DeVries introduced herself to the Council. The Assembly meeting this month has been moved to Wednesday instead of Tuesday due to voting. She also informed the Council of vacancies in Talkeetna for water and sewer and the Fire Dept. All propositions on July 12th voting ballot passed.
  - i. Kevin McCade, Representative of District 8 as a member of the Alaska House of Representatives, also introduced himself to the community council. He wanted to answer any questions or concerns the community has.
- d. Election Committee - Announcement made, waiting for community response.
- e. Neighborhood watch / Community safety - Still working on starting a nonprofit. They are patrolling at night in Montana Creek and Caswell areas and keeping on eye out for squatters who are harassing locals.
- f. Fire District – Talkeetna received 20 calls for the month, most calls have declined with rain fall. Talkeetna Fire Department has two new fire fighters joining. Chief Boothby will take over as Caswell Fire Department August 15th.

X. Old Business

- a. Fund Raising Committee - Tabled.
- b. Park Properties - Marti Goff, Garrett Davidson and Brandon Stevenson will lead the park Committee for Fishermans Hop Park, returning next meeting with more information and committee ideas.

XI. New Business

- a.
- b.
- c.

XII. Adjournment – 8:41pm

**Talkeetna Community Council Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 6th, 2022**  
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1. The September 6, 2022 regular Talkeetna Community Council meeting at the Talkeetna Library and on Zoom was **called to order** at 7:01 PM. Kathy Trump, Jon Korta, Jodi Rodwell, Krister Bowman, Frannie Christensen, and Pam Young were in **attendance**. Jeffrey Hesse was absent.
2. Kathy Trump will take **minutes**
3. **Approval of agenda**. Two additions: Doyle Holmes under persons to be heard and under announcements add Mat Su Preparedness Expo. Motion by Jon to accept the agenda as modified. Seconded by Krister. Motion approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes** from 8/1/2022. Motion by Kathy to approve the minutes with the following correction. Seconded by Krister. Correction to 13. Road Service Area Board report. Should read: RSA 29 Road Board met on July 14, 2022:  
Johnny Murdock, representing the Chase Community Council, explained a wintertime problem with folks parking in front of the snow storage areas, and asked the Board's support in providing appropriate no parking signage. The Board supports this request.

The Board discussed the following topics:

- Striping Main street this year has been canceled due to an excessive increase in cost.
- Calcium Chloride was applied this year only to D street.
- The Woodpecker RAP project is moving forward and is still expected to be completed by the end of September.
- The drainage project on Jefferson has been completed for this season. The project to fix the drainage problem at the South Alley west of D Street is moving forward.
- Repair of the upstream breach of the Kalispell Dike is now in the hands of the Borough for engineering and funding.
- Deterioration of the chipseal surface on Yoder Road be addressed
- D&S has a Materials Contract with the Borough to purchase gravel from the Beaver Pit over the course of this construction season
- Priority roads for reconditioning are sections of Wolf Track, Yoder Hill east of Montana Creek, Madison hill to Freedom Hills, and Hillside.
- The Board asked that in the future use of the vibratory compactor/roller be avoided in densely populated areas.

Motion passed.

5. **Treasurer's Report**. See report. Addition to council funds include the Denali Landfill Initiative check of \$10,000 for recycling.
6. **Out-of-Town Guest(s)**
7. **Correspondence**. Jon ran through the correspondence packet

**8. Announcements:**

- a. MSB Bike and Pedestrian Planning: For more information go to [matsubikeandped.com](http://matsubikeandped.com)
- b. Mat-Su Preparedness Expo. September 24 at the Menard Center from 10 to 3

**9. Persons to be heard:** Doyle Holmes

Introduced himself and is running for House District 30.

**10. Assembly Update.** Ron Bernier. No report

**11. Fire Dept. Report.** Chief Chappel. Things are beginning to slow down. Only 1 major call for the last month.

**12. Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board.** No report. The board does not have a TCCI representative.

**13. Talkeetna Road Service Area Report.** John Strassenburgh. The Woodpecker project to resurface the road with RAP (Recycled Asphalt Pavement) will most likely not happen this year. The Yoder road project is to remove the chipseal surface (which is broken up and potholed). We hope to get that fixed this season.

**14. Committee/Board Reports**

- a. **TPAC.** Roger Robinson. Met on August 16. Trail at Fish Lake is in and walkable. Eventually a dock will be added. Signage for lakes park signed off by the Borough and should be in place soon. Approved Pam Young to be a core member. See New Business C. Next Meeting is October 18.
- b. **Recycling.** Cici Schoenberger  
Received and deposited check from Denali Landfill Initiative for \$10,000. Recycling Committee plans to have a concrete pad poured in front of the baler. Project will start in the spring. Looking at holding an electronics and book collection in October.
- c. **Community Assistance Program.** No report
- d. **Comsat Quarry.** See New Business A.
- e. **CERT:** Sarah Russell will purchase CO detectors, and CERT and Fire Dept will hand them out to the community as part of the Sunshine and Talkeetna Community Council grants. CERT plans joint training with the Fire Dept on Stop the Bleed program. Willow CERT is offering a basic CERT course in November. Talkeetna CERT is trying to schedule a CERT course here. Next meeting is Weds, September 14.
- f. **Technology Committee.** No report. Who is supposed to update the website? Jodi will bring this topic to next committee meeting.

**15. Unfinished Business.** No unfinished business.

**16. New Business**

- a. **Request for Letter to MSB re: CUP at Comsat Quarry:**

Motion by Krister to submit the Comsat Quarry letter to Alex Strawn and Mike Brown of the Mat Su Borough. Seconded by Pam Young. Addition to the letter includes a request for the Borough's hydrologist to meet with CALLA's hydrologist to discuss and explain the inconsistencies in reports.

**b. Selection of Nomination Committee for Upcoming TCCI Election**

Motion by Kathy to have Whitney Wolff, Ashley Kaso, Krister Bowman on the nominating committee for the upcoming TCCI election. Seconded by Krister. Motion passed.

**c. Approval of TPAC Core Member**

Motion by Krister to approve Pam Young as a Core Member of TPAC. Seconded by Kathy. Motion approved.

**d. Update Talkeetna Priorities and Projects for CIP to MSB.**

In future years, CIP list must be in by August 1. List goes to the Planning Commission for approval and then to the Assembly.

Kelsey from the Borough would be happy to come and have a work session on how to draft CIP. Committee for CIP list should be started by Jan.

Information on the CIP process is at <https://cip.matsugov.us/>

Motion by Kathy to send CIP annotated list and priority letter from the CIP Committee to Kelsey at the Borough. Seconded by Krister. Motion passed.

Kevin McCabe introduced himself. He is running for House District 30. Considered the incumbent because Borough house districts changed due to the 2020 census.

**17. Board Comments**

Krister: Thanks for the support of the council for the Comsat Quarry Committee

Jon: appreciate the committee chairs. That's where the work gets done. Thanks to the council members for serving.

Pam: Thanks to the community and candidates for attending our meeting and thank you council for approving my TPAC membership

Kathy: Glad Doyle Holmes and Kevin McCabe attended our meeting in person and Mike Showers was on zoom.

Frannie: Thank you to those who volunteered for the nominating committee

Jodi: Thanks to the nominating committee and those who came to the meeting.

**18. Adjourn.** Motion by Pam to adjourn at 8:48. Seconded by Frannie. Meeting adjourned.

Attested to:



Witnessed by:



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**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

Date: Sept 27, 2022 Time: 7:00pm Location: Zoom  
 Join Zoom meeting: Meeting ID: 88093777213  
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**Requested Attendees:**

Gretchen Watson, Rachel Lund, Corine Hickey, Michelle Larose, Will Hastings

**7:09pm Call to Order-Corine Hickey**

Approval of current General Meeting Agenda-Motion to approve Rachel Lund/ Second Gretchen Watson

**Treasury Report-Zoom** submitted by Rachel **balance \$30,941.83**

**7:10pm Old Business:**

- **Heather Way Property:** going to auction on 10/6/2022 per Corine Hickey she may attend just to see what happens. Council may want to consider purchase if at extreme low bid.
- **Community Sign:** Corine to handle the Shushana metal sign by getting borough language and approval
- **Community Sign:** entry to council area: Rachel and Gretchen discuss contacting Career Teach with specifics on 5x4 size "Welcome to Tanaina Community"

**7:16pm New Business:**

**TCC Community Working Group: Will Hastings proposes:** Group would be comprised of 3-4 active members of the council area to have in depth discussions on borough activity including but not limited to, power line projects, subdivision development impacts, incoming marijuana businesses or other, road improvements. In other words "assess impacts of development activities in and outside of the TCC area".

- Group would have a 1 year term and be up for vote or expand representation
- Prepare Responses, TCC Policy , Resolutions or presentations
- Present proposals to TCC Board for approvals
- Will to draft TCC Bylaw if necessary and volunteer to be first member
- Corine Hickey volunteers to participate once she vacates her Board position
- Michelle La Rose also volunteers

**Vote:**

Motion to create group-Will Hastings  
 Second to motion-Rachel Lund  
 No opposition recorded

- Corine Hickey to reach out to Jeff Carney for assistance on council responses and/or representation.
- Mail update: Rachel reports two checks received from City of Wasilla and Will Hastings. Marijuana notice on the Clark Check Mate and 2 new subdivisions. Rachel to email Will copies of documents related to subdivisions.

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minutes

7:55pm-Adjourn

*Motion to Adjourn by Corine Hickey and Second to Motion by Gretchen Watson, no objections*

**Rachel Lund, TCC Vice President & acting President**  
**Gretchen Watson, TCC Secretary**

*Rachel Lund*  
*Gretchen Watson*

WILLOW FIRE SERVICE AREA 35 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

TEAMS Online Meeting & In Person at Willow Station 12-6, Nancy Lake, Mile 64.5 Parks Hwy, Willow AK 99688

Called to Order at 6:57pm- by Chair

Board Quorum: Mike Jonrowe and Ron Forsyth (Chair) Present

Others in Attendance:

Vic Snell (Willow/Caswell FD) Brian Davis (DES) Garret Davidson (Willow/Caswell FD) Tiffany Davidson (Willow/Caswell) Talon Boeve (Willow Resident & DES) Tam Boeve (Willow Resident)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda: Approved- No Objection.

Approval of Minutes from November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Joint Meeting: Approved - no objections.

Chiefs Report- See Attached.

Open Business: Status of New Fire Truck being removed from Agenda. Truck is In Service.

FY23 Budget presented to BOS for review. Motion by Mike Jonrowe to Approve proposed FY23 Budget. Second by Ron Forsythe. Proposed FY23 Budget supported by Willow FSA BOS.

Stations: Covered in Chiefs Report

New Business- None

Persons to Be Heard: Covid update by Deputy Director.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday March 10th 7:00pm at Station 12-6

Adjourn 7:55pm by Chair

Submitted 10/12/2022

WBOS Chair [Signature]

Secretary [Signature]

Date 03/10/2022

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## Fire Chief's Report

To: Willow Board of Fire Supervisors  
From: Vic Snell  
Date: January 13, 2022

### RUN STATISTICS HIGHLIGHTS:

November: Willow- Caswell total: 18

Willow: 14 (3 structure fires, 1 MVA w/ injury, 10 EMS)

December: Willow- Caswell total: 19

Willow: 13 (4 structure fires, 1 CO detector, 1 MVA w/ injury, 5 EMS, 1 Search, 1 canceled enroute)

### PERSONNEL:

Asst. Chief Garret Davidson was hired by MSB as Willow-Caswell's new Fire Service Assistant. He started January 3. Congratulations Garret!

**Active Responders: 20** (2 Full time)

- 10 Willow
- 9 Caswell
- 1 Chief
- 2 Part time assistants
- 0 Inactive Responders
- 2 Applicants have been offered employment as Paid on Call responders (1 for Willow)

## TRAINING:

December:

- Hazardous Materials: DOT Guidebook exercises both classroom and outdoors
- Live structure fires
- Live practice burn: enclosed building with Christmas tree on fire
- Holiday Secret Santa gift exchange & 2021 review
- Off Road Snowmachine training with GPS coordinates

January: Building Construction is main topic

- Jan. 4: Classroom Power point presentation on building construction types with emphasis on modern construction collapse hazards
- Jan 11: Tour of local buildings under construction that reveals framing and methods of construction

## OPERATIONS:

- Conducted hire interviews for 5 Paid on Call applicants. Job offers to 3.
- Conducted FSA interviews for 6 applicants. Hired Garret Davidson.
- Final budget proposals submitted.
- NFPA 1670 Hazardous Analysis completed. (Risk of particular event occurrence vs. our available resources and qualifications to mitigate it.)
- Listed Willow-Caswell requests for inclusion in Homeland Security Grant
  - a. Emergency generators for fire stations currently without. Includes Stations 12-4, 12-5 and 12-6.
- Other Homeland Security Grant Requests to benefit Areawide: MSB Fuel Truck, Clean Cab Decon systems, SCBA /gear Decon washer, Haz,Mat tow vehicle, decon shower trailer, Rehab vehicle, Air Bottle vehicle (40 SCBA bottles)
  
- Recent Wind Storm: Brunt of damage was to Core Area, Willow did have some short term power outages from toppled trees. Neither Caswell nor Willow received any storm related 911 calls. Whether or not Willow stands to benefit indirectly from any disaster assistance applied for by MSB I cannot say.

## COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION:

- One home smoke detector installation

## EQUIPMENT:

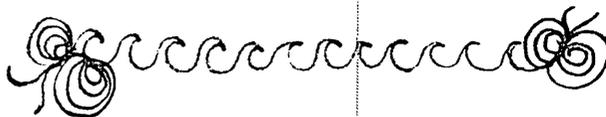
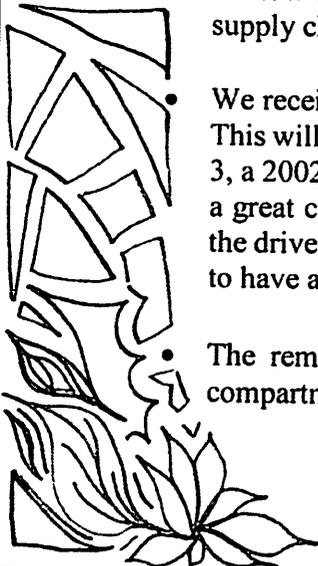
- Rescue tools funded from Areawide Rescue Budget.: water rescue throw bags, air lift bags for rescue purposes, Amkus hydraulic Rescue tools
- This month we will make application for the annual State of Alaska Forestry Grant. Willow can receive up to \$5,000 for which Willow FSA must contribute a minimum 10% match. Replacement of out of date, non-compliant hose is the target item.

## STATIONS:

- Cold weather is affecting building cyber lock devices. O&M lubricated locks at all stations and Station 12-5 doors required some adjustment so they would properly latch. Issue is resolved for now.
- The Assembly approved the \$250K transfer of funds from reserve to complete the Crystal Lake water tank project next spring. Project Management has already been advised to get the bid process moving so contract can be awarded and work can commence asap. This additional funding makes it possible to complete this project as originally envisioned.
- The generator for Station 12-2 is still being manufactured, and that project will commence when it arrives, hopefully in the spring. Foundation slab was poured last fall and location for the service panel has been determined.
- The Station 12-2 water well project has been downgraded for the time being, but we plan to revisit it after higher priority projects are assured adequate funding.
- Station 12-6 furnace and water heater replacement is in Project Management's hands with latest news that it won't be completed this winter. We have other building maintenance issues such as a major roof repair necessity and inadequate circulation of the in-floor heat.

## APPARATUS:

- Willow's new utility truck chassis has still not been shipped from factory due to nationwide supply chain disruptions. Flat bed body is also on backorder.
- We received a skid mounted sanding unit donated to us from surplus in Central's district. This will be shared between Willow and Caswell as needed. We have it in service as SV12-3, a 2002 Ford F-250 with only 65,000 miles also donated from Central surplus. This was a great catch for us and replaces an older worn out truck. Training is being arranged for the drivers who may be called upon to operate it. We're also working to secure permission to have an access key to the Transfer Station.
- The remaining mounting brackets necessary for securing tools and equipment in the compartments of the new Engine have finally arrived and we hope to have this unit fully



equipped for full service in the coming few weeks. When it is finished, it will go into service as Rescue Engine 12-1 and housed at Station 12-1.

- The current Engine 12-1 will move to Station 12-6 (here) and become Engine 12-6. Pumper Tender 12-6 will move up to Station 12-4 to replace the engine that was surplus last year. It is the best location for it because of its 2000 gallon water capacity and all-wheel drive makes it well suited for Willow-Fishhook Rd responses.

**BUDGET:**

Final FY 23 CIP and Operating Budget for discussion under New Business.

**OTHER:**

- McKinley Fire lawsuit has been announced to public. So far my office has not received any calls from local residents or other public or private agencies requesting information. All such inquiries to fire dept personnel, myself included, must be deferred without comment to the Borough Attorney through the chain of command.

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