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General Membership Meeting – February 10, 2026 – 7:00 PM
Big Lake Lions Recreation Center

MINUTES

1) Call to Order/Determination of Quorum

By: Jodi Time: 7:02pm Quorum: Yes Attendees: 21

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Agenda Approval: Motion to approve: Lisa Second: Larry

4) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval (January 13, 2026)

Motion to approve: Michael Second: Michelle Copy signed: Yes

5) Treasurer’s Report

Checking #1 (Community Revenue Sharing Funds):	\$27,532.84
Savings #1 (Membership Dues):	\$ 4,217.34
Money Market #1 (Jordan Lake Park Project):	\$65,936.33

6) Membership Report

Voting Members renewed for 2026: **52** Associates (non-voting) renewed for 2026: **3**

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

1. Hugh Leslie – MSB- Parks, Recreation, and Library Services:

He is reaching out to the community councils and community to let them know about the rec/library resources available to them. The Big Lake Library is next on the agenda to be renovated. Big Lake Library is the 1st or 2nd busiest libraries in the valley. The libraries help file PFDs, and so much more. 100K books were circulated through the libraries. Alaska has the highest juvenile drowning rate in the nation. Govt Peak Rec Area Chalet will be back under borough control by end of year and you’ll be able to schedule events there. Crevasse Moraine cross-country trails are groomed when conditions allow. He discussed the MSB ice rinks, rec centers, libraries, pools, campgrounds, parks, motorized and non-motorized trails, public lake access locations (URL available), trails and winter grooming map (URL available), recent improvements, additions, and ongoing projects, and LRMD projects. Trail pass parking is enforced so you need to purchase a pass. (URLs are in the presentation on the Council website under Files and Resources).

8) Reports

1. Legislative (State House & Senate)

Senator Rauscher: None

Representative McCabe: Linn McCabe: Kevin is in Juneau. It's his 6th year in office. Newsletters come out every week to 10 days. Kevin is also on Substack. Governor's Fiscal Plan: they want the entire plan to go through. Budget cuts are hard to push forward from the minority position. He's on 8 different committees. Bills on his radar: *AIDA* (AK Industrial Development and Export Authority) issues (article in Substack), *House B 250*: Will make it a class B misdemeanor for officers to wear face masks. *Defined Benefits*: AK 8B in debt to past year's obligations to the program (article in Substack). *HB 1*: Gold & Silver: bill has not moved. 20 states have or are working on making gold legal tender, (Gold Backs). *Rail extension/gas line update*: there's a couple of senators in Anchorage trying to kill the gas line. Military have been looking at the port. Seattle decided they don't want to harbor the 2 ice breaker ships so Port Mac may be an option.

2. Assembly (District 5) Representative Gamble: On the Fish and Wildlife Commission, Port Commission, and Joint Assembly School Board Committee. *Lake Setback Ordinance* was voted down but has been taken up by the Assembly. *Lot Size Ordinance*, to reduce lot sizes from 40K sqft to 30K sqft, will likely die. *Property assessments*: avg increase is 5-7% but that doesn't mean your taxes will go up. 10 Acre lot approved for *Camp Maranatha* for expansion with a hotel-type facility and larger venue for more groups. Upgrading the road is part of that project. Borough will bond for the *Jolley Creek Drainage project* Phase 1 to Jordan Lake. Hoping construction will start this summer. RSA has the *problem reporter and road service clearing app* on website. *L&G pipeline*: is moving forward, don't know if it will get done. The Port is not contingent on the pipeline. Crowley, and a biomass energy co interested in getting facilities near port. Andrew Traxler now on Port Commission to help with these projects.
3. Fire Service (West Lakes Fire Department) Chief Fairchild: For the month of December: 83 calls, 10 structure fires, 8 outside fires, 2 vehicle crashes, 4 vehicle fires, 22 medical injury calls. The *prevention campaign* is helping to keep those numbers down. 31 teams in Iron Dog this year and they'll have medical coverage for that this Saturday. *Outside burning (doesn't have to be permitted until April)*: Even if there's snow on the ground, please don't walk away from your burn, due to underground fire possibilities. *Pond Hockey next weekend*: They'll be on the lake for that event. Watch out for snow machines on the ice roads, and snowmachine and drive responsibly.
4. Road Service Area (RSA 21): Andrew Traxler: There are 3 public construction projects this spring: *Susitna Ave. upgrade*, *Gold Streak*, and a small section of *Purinton*. They have 30 miles of unmaintained roads and are focusing on the least cost roads to fix under public construction that don't require engineering. Maintained roads: hoping to build *Horseshoe Lk 2nd* entrance including the bad spots, and may include paving a portion; *Echo Lake*; *Jolley Creek Drainage project*. *MSB Problem Reporter*: It's amazing what you can do on the app. Let Andrew know if you don't get feedback after reporting something.
5. Jordan Lake Park Committee: Keith Dobson: See detailed notes attached or on the Council website. The trail will be built and paid for by the borough, and the Pioneer sign at the park entrance. The next committee meeting is this Saturday, February 14, 10am at the Big Lake Library.

9) Correspondence

1. MSB Public Notice – Public Utility Easement, Jay Nolfi Park power pole: put street light at Casey.
2. Regulatory Commission of AK – Notice of Utility Tariff Filings
3. MSB Platting Board – Rafter Ridge, subdivide lot

10) Unfinished Business

1. 2025 BLCC CIP (Community Improvement Projects) Committee – Update: We won't know anything until end of July/August for budget.

11) New Business

1. MSB USDOT Build Grant for planning study for Burma Road/Purinton Pkwy Corridor – Letter of Support, due Feb. 16, 2026: Question to Bill Gamble: What does this have to do with the Port? 25M fed grant not for construction, only to do prelim and engineering work, has more to do with W Susitna Access, not the mining trucks coming through Big Lake. RSA wrote a letter of support for this grant. No one opposed, so the council will send a letter of support

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

1. None

13) Audience Participation (3 Minutes per person)

1. None

14) Announcements

1. None

15) Board Member Closing Comments

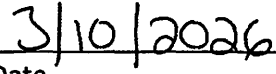
1. Jodi Riddell: Chamber Fun Run, March 7, on Big Lake and Bingo may be coming to the community.
2. Michael Dale: Drive safe and kindly.
3. Tina Dobson:
4. Lisa Behrens:
5. Dave Haggard:
6. Larry McKinstry:
7. Michelle Traxler:

16) Adjournment


By: Michael Second: Tina Time: 8:10pm



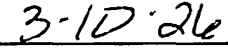
Signature – Jodi Riddell, President – Big Lake Community Council



Date



Attestation – Tina Dobson, Secretary – Big Lake Community Council



Date

Butte Community Council Meeting Minutes

Butte Community Center

3881 S. Butte Rd.

7:00 PM February 11th, 2026

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Call to Order- 7:03PM

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum-Officers present: Ron, Janet, Linda, Taylor, Eileen and Michelle. 40 total present

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Mike Bowles

Approval of Agenda-Moved by Steve, 2nd by Lucy

Officer's Reports

Secretary's Report – Approval of January 2026 minutes. Moved by Eileen, 2nd by Lucy

Treasurer's Report- General Fund (Misc.Exp): \$ 589.05

Savings (Compound Cleanup): \$ 2,388.50

Building: \$52,320.74

Neighborhood Watch: \$ 1,680.00

Correspondence- None (but we DID receive our grant, so the building fund is up) 😊

President's Report-Drains were frozen again so we had Larry Murray out again to thaw it. We have been running hot water every few days to keep it thawed. Greg Sullivan will install heat trace to prevent this in the future. Hugh Leslie wants to come and address us regarding properties the Borough owns. Will continue to work on the resolution to Borough concerning the "Compound" property.

Special Presentations

Oliver Querin, MSB Assessors Office

Land Revaluation in the Mat-Su Borough Oliver Querin explained how the current property valuations were arrived at. And that by Alaska State Statute properties must be valued at a goal of 90% of assessed value. This is an average increase of 7.41% for raw land and 9.41% for improvements. The Borough has a 6 year plan to achieve fairness across the board.

Committee Reports (2 minutes each)

Neighborhood Watch-Signs on order.

Community Patrol -None

Little Angels Playground -Petitioning for funds as nonprofit status to complete playground.

Butte Community Sign -None

Community Reports (3 minutes each)

Butte Fire Department – Ron read report from Chief Shipton

Road Service (RSA No. 26) – No complaints or calls. 907-861-7755 Problem Solver number for complaints or problems.

Assembly – Michael Bowles spoke of upcoming Ordinances and ideas. Will present idea for enacting a sales tax in order to minus out property tax. Many concerns and details to be worked out. Will be interesting to watch.

School District - None

Legislature – Sen Tilton staffer Forrest Musselman gave update on Bills and Resolutions being discussed and voted on in Legislature.

Old Business

Resolution Supporting Matanuska Peak Trailhead Improvements – Moved by Gregory 2nd Larry

New Business -Owner of Piton-Mineral Exploration—Geotechnical. Operate all over the state are now located in old Palmer Produce bldg. on McKechnie Lp.

Will continue to work on plans to finish deck and get Wi-Fi and Security cameras.

Adjournment - Janet 9:04

Next Meeting March 11th

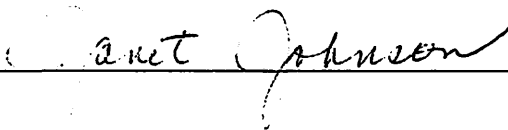
Upcoming Items of Interest:

MSB Public Meetings Calander - The Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Mat-Su Transportation Fair February 25th 3:00-7:00 PM Raven Hall



President, March 11, 2026



Secretary, March 11, 2026

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LOCAL ROAD SERVICE AREA 17 BOARD

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REGULAR MEETING by TEAMS and IN PERSON

March 3, 2026, 7:00 PM, at Point Mackenzie Community Council Building
20810 W. Point Mackenzie Road

Teams Meeting ID: 272 369 070 627 8 Passcode: c95Pf3vT

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL – John Szymik, John Jobe

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: John J Motion, John S second

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: John S Motion, John J second

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Review last meeting topics

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Vote on Resolution of Support for M&O remaining budget of \$1M to be transferred to RSA 17 budget
 - a. Motion to pass resolution of support and to submit to assembly members Sumner, McGee, and Gamble. Also to submit to Matsu borough legislation: john s motion, John j second
- B. RSA 17 M&O bid results: Smithsons was low. Anchorage based contractor. Will take over in new fiscal year.
- C. Investigate mailing flyers for problem reporter notice to public in RSA 17
 - a. Motion to support by John S, Second by John J
- D. Ask Jennifer about procedure to bring another member on the board
 - a. Support Motion by John J, Second by John S.
- E. To set up a special meeting we have to give a 2 weeks advanced notice
- F. Review M&O report

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G. Member Reports

PUBLIC COMMENTS

OTHER BUSINESS

BOARD COMMENTS

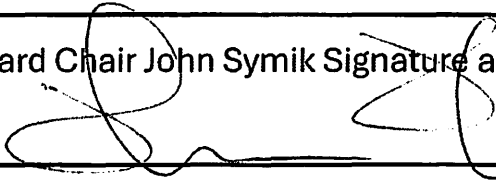
ADJOURNMENT John J motion, John S Second

Next Meeting April 7, 2026

John Szymik

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3-10-26

Board Secretary John jobe Signature and Date

REPORT from Operations & Maintenance

Current operations:

Big Dipper has been busy serrating roads and applying traction control sand or chips throughout the RSA. Although the current temperatures limit the efficiency of serration efforts. Snow wind drifts have been managed these last couple weeks, mostly in zone 4.

We have seen improvements in road conditions since the last RSA Board meeting as an example Point Mckenzie had uneven hard pack that presented hazardous conditions. Currently most of that hard pack has been removed through extensive serration operations.

Glaciation areas have seemed to be holding up currently with minimal issues. Cardiff, though, was observed today (3/3/26) to have started encroaching onto the north travel lane. I have directed Big Dipper to mitigate this hazard starting tomorrow with an open ice mitigation PO we have in place.

Other considerations:

The MSB authorized a PO to Big Dipper to move sand/chips from the Ayrshire sand storage site to the Turnstone sand storage site as they had depleted their stockpiles at Turnstone site. Big Dipper's application rate of traction control sand/chips has been of concern to the MSB. Additionally, some residents have commented they feel that the roads in RSA 17 are "over sanded".

The MSB Purchasing department has recommended "Smithsons" to be awarded the RSA 17's FY27 road maintenance contract as they were the apparent low bidder contractor. This decision, though, will be formalized at the next Assembly meeting.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Seth Hansen

Road Maintenance Superintendent

Public Works – Operations & Maintenance

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
LOCAL ROAD SERVICE AREA ADVISORY BOARD RESOLUTION 26-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH LOCAL ROAD SERVICE AREA ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING CHANGES TO ORDINANCE 26-020 ESTABLISHING AN EXEMPTION TO THE WEIGHT RESTRCITIONS ON BOROUGH ROADS.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Local Road Service Area Advisory Board (LRSAAB) advises the Mayor, the Assembly, and the Administration on local road policies; and

WHEREAS, OR 26-020 - as written - does not contain enough safeguards to prevent road damage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Local Road Service Area Advisory Board recommends Borough Code be amended to include:

1. A primary and alternate (if applicable) route to and from destination be forwarded to Road Maintenance Superintendent (RMS).
2. Permits are to be issued on a limited basis, and only if emergency conditions exist. They shall not be issued for convenience or expedience.
3. RMS and Roads Branch Manager to inspect condition of subject road prior to approval and issue of permit, and following completion of the move.
4. RMS to provide both the LRSAAB Chair and the Board Chair of affected RSA via email when permit is approved or denied.
5. Include requirement for permit holders to pay for repairs to damaged roads.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Local Road Service Area Advisory Board this 19th day of March 2026.

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Andrew Traxler, Board Chair


Kelly Gordon, Board Secretary

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
LIBRARY BOARD

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Chairperson – Mary Fischer - Talkeetna
Vice Chair – Kathy Kysar - Sutton
Chad Scott – At Large 1

Karen Crandall – Big Lake
Georgia Knazovich - Wasilla
Mark Spohn - Willow

Sally Pollen - Palmer
Virginia Robson – Trapper Creek
Martha Kincaid – At Large 2



MEETING MINUTES

Big Lake Lions Recreation Center and Teams
Meeting ID: 289 421 144 590 Passcode: Zw9Cj63Y

REGULAR MEETING

1:00 PM

DECEMBER 9, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Called to order at 1:00

II. ROLL CALL

A. Present: Kathy Kysar, Mary Fischer, Mark Spohn, Virginia Robson, Sally Pollen,
Karen Crandall, Chad Scott, Georgia Knazovich, Martha Kincaid @ 1:02pm

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Martha Kincaid moved to accept agenda, Kathy Kysar seconded. Motion passed.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. November 18, 2025 - Kathy Kysar moved to accept minutes, Virginia Robson
seconded. Motion passed.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Community Development Director Jillian Morrissey read her memo on the Final Decision on Flagged Library Materials
- B. "White Lotus: Seasons 1-3" (Adult Fiction, Media Collection) - Do not purchase.
- C. *Mate* (Adult Fiction, Book) - Do not purchase.
- D. *Heart of the Lover* (Adult Fiction, Book) - Do not purchase.
- E. *The Haunting of Edgar Lovejoy* (Adult Fiction, Not Currently in System) - Approve for purchase.

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B. Recreation & Library Services Manager Hugh Leslie gave an update on storm recovery at Sutton Public Library, and he updated that one parent has signed up for the email notice system. He announced that the LCAC passed a resolution to sunset their committee which will now go before the mayor and assembly, possibly in January. The resolution recommends that book challenges be passed back to the Library Board.

C. Librarians

1. Geri Denkewalter (presented by Mary Fischer) – Talkeetna Library – Updates on Fall/Winter programs, attendance, and storm recovery.
2. Zane Treesh – Wasilla Library – Updates on storm recovery, circulation numbers, expansion project, holiday events, Friends' fundraisers, and Fall/Winter programs.
3. Cassidy Drake – Big Lake Library – Updates on December and January programs, and Advocates' fundraisers.
4. Julie Mitchell – Willow Library – Updates on Fall/Winter programs.
5. Marita Crosby - Trapper Creek - Updates on Christmas events and programs.
6. Juli Buzby – Sutton Library – Updates on storm recovery and holiday events and programs.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – (3 Minutes Per Person)

- A. Jackie Goforth – Spoke about *When We Were Monsters*, *Death in the Jungle*, and civil discourse.
- B. Jenny Goetsch - Spoke about Ginny Robson's service to libraries.
- C. Jeanne Troshynski – Thanked Ginny Robson, Kathy Kysar, Georgia Knazovich, and all borough librarians for their service to libraries. Spoke about civil discourse and the parent email system.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Items pulled from November list

1. *When We Were Monsters* - Karen Crandall spoke about Kathy Kysar's review of the book and "dark academia."
2. Martha Kincaid spoke about age recommendations for the book.
3. Karen Crandall moved to not order *When We Were Monsters*, Chad Scott seconded. Motion passed - 5 votes yes, 4 votes no.

B. ChatGPT format for materials review

1. Martha Kincaid moved that the board be provided training on Collection Development with the use of AI.
2. Discussion ensued, motion did not move forward

C. Secretary office nomination - All officers up for election in January.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. December library materials list

1. Chad Scott flagged 2 materials
 - a. *Brimstone* by Callie Heart for the Adult Fiction collection in Talkeetna
 - b. *Quicksilver* by Callie Heart for the Adult Fiction collection in Talkeetna
2. Karen Crandel flagged *Death in the Jungle* by Candace Fleming for the Young Adult Fiction collection in Talkeetna

- X. ADVOCACY
 - A. None
- XI. CORRESPONDENCE
 - A. Informational articles in packet
- XII. MEMBER COMMENTS
 - A. Martha Kincaid – Spoke about using ChatGPT for book reviews, children’s library use, and parent email system. She thanked Ginny Robson, Georgia Knazovich, Mary Fischer and Kathy Kysar for their work on the Library Board.
 - B. Karen Crandall – Spoke about library materials lists and requesting books to be ordered.
 - C. Mark Spohn – Spoke about budget questions.
 - D. Kathy Kysar – Spoke about library board membership and censorship.
 - E. Mary Fischer – Spoke about censorship.
- XIII. NEXT MEETING
 - A. January 13, 2026 – Big Lake Public Library
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT
 - A. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm

X Karen Crandall
Chair

X 3/10/2026
Date

ATTEST:

X _____
Sarah Thomas - Staff Support

X _____
Date

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
LIBRARY BOARD**

Cindy Redmond - Talkeetna
Julie Endle - Sutton
Chad Scott - At Large 1

Karen Crandall - Big Lake
Laura Anderson - Wasilla
Mark Spohn - Willow

Sally Pollen - Palmer
Vacant - Trapper Creek
Martha Kincaid - At Large 2



MEETING MINUTES

Willow Public Library and Teams

Dial in: 907-290-7880 Conference ID: 993 810 560#

REGULAR MEETING

1:00 PM

FEBRUARY 10, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Called to order at 1:00 pm

II. ROLL CALL

A. Present: Julie Endle, Karen Crandall, Mark Spohn, Sally Pollen, Marty Kincaid
B. Absent: Cindy Redmond, Chad Scott, Laura Anderson

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Julie Endle motioned to move item IX. A. Officer Elections up to the next item of business, Mark Spohn 2nd. Unanimous consent.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Pledge of Allegiance conducted

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. December 9, 2025 - Marty Kincaid moved to amend the minutes, Mark 2nd. Mark moved to approve the minutes as amended, Julie 2nd. Passed unanimously.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Jillian Morrissey - Community Development Director - Ms. Morrissey explained that agenda is very full and to keep on track. Staff changes were announced, board members were asked to verify their contact information, reminded that all correspondence with staff is subject to public record, packets will no longer include citizen correspondence, LCAC has officially sunset and their work will be transferred to the library board.

B. Librarians

1. Cassidy Drake – Big Lake – explained current programs and events. They have just hired a new on-call staff person.
2. Juli Buzby – Sutton – shared information about current programs and events.
3. Marita Crosby – Trapper Creek - gave an update on current programs and events.
4. Julie Mitchell – Willow - reported on ongoing programs and events.
5. Zane Treesh – Wasilla - provided an overview of current programs and events.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – (3 Minutes Per Person)

- A. Jackie Goforth – Spoke about library values.
- B. Mary Fischer – Spoke about citizen tax dollars being spent in the libraries.
- C. Kathy Kyser – Spoke about censorship.
- D. Jeanne Troshynski – Gave her opinion on the board meetings and thanked Hugh Leslie for his service to the board.
- E. Melinda Dale – Thanked Hugh Leslie for serving the libraries and spoke on her support of the libraries.
- F. Carol Goltz – Gave her opinion on the library board.
- G. Dana Raffaniello – Spoke about book censorship and thanked the board for their service.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Items pulled from December list
 1. Brimstone by Callie Hart – voted unanimously Do Not Purchase.
 2. Quicksilver by Callie Hart – voted unanimously Do Not Purchase.
- B. Items pulled from the January list
 1. Flesh by David Szalay – voted unanimously Do Not Purchase.
 2. The Bewitching by Silvia Moreno-Garcia - voted unanimously Do Not Purchase.
- C. Library budgets
 1. Director approved budgets were presented.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Officer elections
 1. Julie Endle nominated Karen Crandall for Chairperson, she accepted and was voted in unanimously.
 2. Mark Spohn nominated Julie Endle as Vice Chair, she accepted and was voted in unanimously.
 3. Mark Spohn nominated Chad Scott for Secretary, he was voted in unanimously in absentia. Marty Kincaid volunteered as second choice if Chad Scott declines.
- B. February library materials list
 1. Karen Crandall flagged Wicked: For Good Adult DVD, The Devil's Daughter by Danielle Steel Adult Fiction, Bad Asians by Lillian Li Adult Fiction, The Blood Countess by Shelley Puhak Adult Nonfiction, Haunted Mansion by Ridley Pearson Easy, War Games by Alan Gratz Juv Fiction, My Sister the Werebeast by Aline Tysoe Juv Fiction and Enola Holmes and the Clanging Coffin by Nancy Springer YA Fiction from the Big Lake Library.

- Julie Endle motioned to extend the meeting until 3:45 pm, Mark Spohn 2nd. Passed unanimously.
- C. Possibly dividing materials list amongst members (M Kincaid)
 - 1. Discussion ensued; no motions made.
- D. Robert's Rules of Order, 48:2 regarding minutes content (M Kincaid)
 - 1. Item tabled for March meeting
- E. Possible letter from the board to Legislators recommending and requesting funding to support the Alaska Library Catalog system changes for an automatic opt-in to parental notifications (M Kincaid)
 - 1. Discussion ensued; Marty will draft a letter for review.
- F. Review of the Mat-Su Borough Library Strategic Plan FY 2026-2030 (J. Endle)
 - 1. Clarification on bullet point
 - 2. Documented Authors of the FY 2026-2030 plan
 - Tabled for March meeting.

X. ADVOCACY
A. None

XI. CORRESPONDENCE
A. Included in the packet

- XII. MEMBER COMMENTS - (3 minutes per person)
- A. Sally Pollen – Asked about the process for final decisions.
 - B. Julie Endle – Thanked Juli Buzby and Hugh Leslie and spoke about where she lived growing up.
 - C. Marty Kincaid – Thanked Hugh Leslie for his leadership with the board, mentioned the United States 250th anniversary and asked about the collection decisions.
 - D. Mark Spohn – Thanked the new board members for coming on and asked about the final decision process.
 - E. Karen Crandall – Mentioned the United States anniversary and recommended everyone take their book requests to their librarian.

XIII. NEXT MEETING
A. March 10, 2026 – Wasilla Public Library

XIV. ADJOURNMENT
A. Adjourned at 3:23 pm

X 
Karen Crandall - Chair

X 3/10/2026
Date

ATTEST:

X _____
Sarah Thomas - Staff Support

X _____
Date

*Minutes drafted by staff

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission
REGULAR MEETING: October 9, 2025
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present

Andy Couch
Michael Bowles
Marty Van Diest
Tim Hale
Gabe Kitter
Bill Gamble
Jim Sykes

Absent

Pete Probasco
Kendra Zamzow

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MB moved to approve the agenda as written, BG seconded, No obj, passed

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sept 25, TH moved to approve the minutes, seconded by MB, No obj, Passed

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person*)

Jessica Speed
Michelle Heun
Stephen Braund
Corey Berg
Chennery Fife
Stefan Hinman
Bill Stoltze
Neil Dewitt

VII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- A. Staff Report
- B. Chair's Report

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Waterbody Setback staff update and discussion

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. North Pacific Fishery Management Council

BG made a motion that the Chair, or his designee, plus one or two other commission members would go to Anchorage to meet with Eugenio Piñeiro-Soler of NOAA. MB seconded. No obj, passed

- B. Board of Fisheries work session

BG made a motion that Andy Couch in Consultation with Pete Probasco would write a letter that the Borough Mayor or Manager could sign regarding better management for Mat-Su Salmon Stock. It will be sent to the Governor, Commissioner and the Board of Fisheries. TH seconded. No obj, passed

- C. Deshka Resolution 25-02

- D. State Legislative priorities

BG moved to adopt legislative priority changes as written. TH seconded. No obj, passed


- E. State of Alaska Community Hunts

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

- XI. NEXT MEETING DATE: November 13, 2025, 4-6pm Back of the Assembly Chambers

XII. ADJOURNMENT


**BG moved to adjourn at 5:53pm, seconded by MB
No objection, motion passed unanimously**



 Peter Probasco, FWC Chair

3/12/26

 Date



 Paul Clark, MSB Staff

3/12/26

 Date

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission
REGULAR MEETING: November 13, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 4:00 PM

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present

Andy Couch

Michael Bowles

Marty Van Diest

Gabe Kitter

Bill Gamble

Jim Sykes

Pete Probasco

Kendra Zamzow

Absent

Tim Hale

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Andy Couch moved to approve agenda, Marty Van Diest seconded, no objections, motion passed

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 9, 2025

Andy Couch moved to approve October 9 minutes, Gabe Kitter seconded, no objections, motion passed

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person*)

Samantha Oslund

Stephen Braund

Chennery Fife

Jessica Speed

Sue Mauger

Danny Tanis

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Gary Foundrey
Bill Stoltze
Ben Americus
Margaret Stern
Angela Stephl
Oliver Querin

VII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Staff Report

i. Healthy Riparian Area Education & Outreach project

B. Chair's Report

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Waterbody Setback staff update and discussion

B. Deshka Resolution 25-02 – Classify Borough Lands as Watershed Lands

C. Board of Fisheries Work Session – Andy

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation Shell Lake Flow Control Feasibility Study (15 min)
- Danny Tanis, Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association


B. ADF&G Summary meeting

C. Preparation for Board of Fisheries 2026-2027 Cycle

X. MEMBER COMMENTS (10 minutes)

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE: December 11, 2025, 4:00-6:00PM Back of Assembly Chambers

XII. ADJOURNMENT



Peter Probasco, FWC Chair

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Date



Paul Clark, Planning Division Staff

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission
JANUARY 8, 2026
REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 4:01pm

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present

Pete Probasco

Andy Couch

Gabe Kitter

Kendra Zamzow

Michael Bowles (left meeting at 5:48PM)

Marty Van Diest

Jim Sykes

Absent

Bill Gamble

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AC – request to include hatchery plan up for comment – Chair added as
Item F under new business

AC moves, GK seconds, agenda as amended approved

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 13, 2025 (packet pg. 4)

AC moves, GK seconds, no objections, minutes are approved

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person*)

Rep Kevin McCabe

Ben Americus

Stephen Braund

Margaret Stern

Sue Mauger

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Sam Oslund
Bill Stoltze
Chennery Fife

VII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Staff Report

1. Post-Salmon Symposium Opportunities for Engagement – Susitna River Watershed Plan, Mat-Su Salmon Habitat Partnership Strategic Plan Update
2. BLM Preliminary EA – authorize ROW for construction vehicles on existing Routes in Knik River SRMA - EA Glacier View Access
3. Availability of ADF&G for Game Summary Meeting – April 9 Game Mtg.
4. Upcoming State & Federal Meetings
 - Jan 22, 2026, 9:00am, Wrangell - AK Board of Game work session
 - Feb 2-11, 8:00am -5:00pm, Anchorage – NPFMC Meetings
 - Feb 2-4 – NPFMC Scientific and Statistical Committee
 - Feb 2-7 – NPFMC Advisory Panel
 - Feb 5-11 – NPFMC Council Meeting

B. Chair’s Report

1. Response to Mayor’s Letter from Governor’s Office
Copy of letter (pg. 9)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Board of Fisheries 2026 March Meeting Strategy
BOF Proposal 186 (pg. 11)

AC moves for the FWC to participate in the BOF meeting addressing BOF Proposal 186, GK second.

No objection, motion passed.

Vincent-Lang & Couch discussion summary (pg. 13)
Mac Minard interest email (pg. 15)
Mac Minard proposal (pg. 16)

AC moves to hire Mac Minard for consulting services for the 2026 Statewide BOF meeting as outlined in the proposal, GK seconds. No objections, motion passes

AC moves to accept offer from KRSA to split the cost of the conference room with KRSA, GK seconds.

KZ objects

Motion passes 5-1

Yes – AC, GK, MB, PP, MVD

No – KZ

Schedule special meetings every 2 weeks starting on Jan 29 (Andy will be chair)

***All FWC decide how you want to be involved in the meeting**

B. Prep for 2026-27 Board of Fisheries Cycle – Goals, Tasks, Budget

Proposal deadline announcement – April 10, 2026 (pg. 22)

Strategy document (pg. 25)

AAR from 2024 cycle (pg. 28)

If FWC commissioner has ideas, draft the proposal and bring them forward at our special meetings, or we can also collectively work on proposals at our special meetings

C. Waterbody Setback Ordinance Staff Update and Discussion

D. Scheduling ADF&G Summary Meetings

E. Doshka Watershed Land Classification Resolution (RS 25-02)

Gamble-Metzger Email (pg. 63)

GK moves to have Bill Gamble bring forward the resolution to the Assembly

No objection, motion passes

To-do – follow up with BG to get on the assembly agenda

F. Other Follow-Up from Task List

- Gabe Kitter – Resource Development Council Email (pg. 66)

End of August, Gabe will reach back out to RDC to participate

- Jim Sykes – North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (pg. 67)

Keep an eye out for SAFE document

Add to Jan 29 Agenda - Consider how we want to proceed for participation at the NPFMC meeting at the Jan 29 meeting.

- MSB – Subcommittee/Working Group Rules

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mayor's Offer for Follow-Up with Governor
Mayor email to Paul (pg. 69)

Gabe will write first draft for the Jan 29 meeting agenda.

**KZ moves to extend meeting to 6:15, AC seconds
No objections, motion passes.**

B. Letter or Resolution supporting HB 203 / SB 161 (request from Rep. McCabe) – “An Act relating to the use of certain trawl or dredge fishing gear in state water; and providing for an effective date.”
HB 203 (pg. 71)

**MB moves to have the FWC develop a letter or resolution of support, AC seconds
No objections, motion passes**

Kendra will take the lead on drafting a letter.

**Ask Mayor and/or Assembly if we want to co-sign the letter
MB is willing to bring forward a resolution for the Assembly**

C. Changing Pike from Sport Fishery to Commercial Fishery (introduced by Mayor)
(Establish a pick commercial fishery)

D. Inviting presenters from the Salmon Symposium – Kendra
(Ex. ADF&G Fish Pathologist sharing info on the Pacific Salmon Health Monitoring Initiative), Also Erin Larson – Habitat Web Mapper

FWC will consider presentations in May or beyond

E. 2026 FWC Meeting Calendar and Officers

**Schedule meetings for the second Thursday every month through May with a
start time of 4:00pm**

F. Announcement of hatchery plan – comments are due January 31


**GK moves to extend meeting by 5 minutes, AC seconds, no objections, motion
approved**

X. MEMBER COMMENTS (10 minutes)

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE: January 29, 4:00-6:00 PM

XII. ADJOURNMENT

AC moves to adjourn, GK second, no objections meeting adjourned at 6:17pm



Peter Probasco, FWC Chair

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Date



Paul Clark, MSB Long Range Planner

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Marty Van Diest
Jim Sykes – Ex officio member

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*Assembly Chambers
Dorothy Swanda Jones Building
350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer*

January 29, 2026
SPECIAL MEETING
4:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

AC called meeting to order at 4:00pm

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present

Andy Couch (AC)
Gabel Kitter (GK)
Bill Gamble (BG)
Kendra Zamzow (KZ)
Michael Bowles (MB)
Marty Van Diest (MVD)
Jim Sykes (JS)

Absent

Pete Probasco

Quorum is confirmed

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

GK moves, KZ seconds, no objections, agenda approved

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person*)

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Stephen Braund
Oliver Querin
Margaret Stern
Mac Minard

VI. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- A. Staff Report
- B. Chair's Report

VII. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Board of Fisheries 2026 March Meeting Strategy

1. [Comments](#) (Deadline – March 2, 2026)

GK moves that Mac draft a letter for the FWC in support of Proposal 186, KZ seconds, no objection, motion passes

2. FWC Member Level of Participation & Tasks

Gabe will work with Paul and Mac to develop a slimmer version of It Takes Fish to Make Fish, maintaining statement about habitat work/fish passage, expectations of productivity, preservation of conservation corridor, able to provide some assistance on updating and slimming down the book

Andy will write a plain-language one pager to make proposal clear

Kendra moves that the FWC members bring a list of invitees to participate in the BOF meeting to the next FWC meeting, GK seconds, no opposition, motion passes.

3. Mayor's Response to Governor's Letter

GK moves to send the letter as written to the Mayor, MVD seconds.

BG moves to amend to go to the state delegation as well - passed

GK moves to amend to send it to DVL and BOF chair - passed

Motion as amended passes.

B. 2026-27 Board of Fisheries UCI Cycle

1. Goals, Tasks, Budget

Jim will update 2027 BOF goals to better depict the dire nature of our fisheries

2. [Proposals](#) (Deadline – April 10, 2026)

FWC members will develop proposals and bring them to the next meeting

C. North Pacific Fisheries Management Council Meetings

GK moves to have Kendra, Jim and/or Pete represent the commission at the NPFMC meetings, MVD seconds, no objections, motion passes

GK moves to have Paul submit the 2025 comment letter to the NPFMC with a comment that updates will be made during oral testimony due to insufficient time to update our written comment, KZ seconds, no objection, motion passes. (Submit comments prior to 12:00pm on 1/30).

VIII. MEMBER COMMENTS (10 minutes)

MVD – no comments

KZ – spoke about the possibility to collaborate on work and goals with Chickaloon, but goodwill is probably not currently there.

GK – Excited about the public outreach and engagement that FWC will be doing in the near future

BG – Spoke about the importance of finding agencies and groups as allies. Need to get the word out more about what we are doing as a commission

MB – Wanted to let the FWC know that lake management plan policy will be discussed soon

AC – Stocking plan. Israel Payton suggested that when we have our summary meeting with ADF&G, we could come up with questions about the plan to be able to make informed comments about it. Add agenda item to include stocking plan in state fisheries summary meeting in Nov-Dec 2026

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE: Regular Meeting, February 12, 4:00-6:00 PM

X. ADJOURNMENT

KZ moves to adjourn, GK seconds, no objection, meeting adjourned at 5:39pm



Pete Probasco, FWC Chair

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Paul Clark, MSB Staff

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

Chairperson – James Jones – At Large 1	Vacant – District 3	Vacant – District 5
Vice Chair – Ruth Wood – District 7	Vacant – District 4	Maksim Revutskiy – District 6
Ky Friedman – District 1	Michael Rovito – District 2	Cachet Garrett – At Large 3
Steve Menard – At Large 2	Harry Hillman – At Large 4	



MEETING MINUTES

Lower-Level Conference Room and Teams

Meeting ID:258 440 394 545 55 Passcode: eb3AH9aG

350 EAST DAHLIA AVE, PALMER

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

February 23, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Called to order at 6:00 pm

II. ROLL CALL

A. Present: James Jones, Ky Friedman, Steve Mendard, Michael Rovito, Harry Hillman, Maksim Revutskiy, Cachet Garrett.
B. Absent: Ruth Wood.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Mr. Hillman moved to approve the agenda, unanimous consent.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. November 24, 2025 – Mr. Hillman moved to approve the minutes, unanimous consent.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Hugh Leslie – Operational Branch Manager – Outdoor Recreation
1. Mr. Leslie was not in attendance. Jillian Morrissey, Community Development Director gave updates about projects and initiatives within the department.
B. Adam Madson – Operational Branch Manager – Recreation Facilities
1. Mr. Madson gave updates on the recreation facilities and usage increases.

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Regular Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2026

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VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – (3 Minutes Per Person)

- A. Roy Wahl – spoke about ADA signage at Wild Pink Rose trail at GPRA.
- B. Lee Brian – spoke about electric bikes.
- C. Dewey Bitler – spoke about Visnaw Little Susitna trail.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Matanuska Valley Moose Range at Jonesville PUA
 - 1. Joe Metzger, Land and Resource Management Division Manager, gave updates on the range.
- B. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation
 - 1. In legal review
- C. Electric Motorbikes
 - 1. Discussion ensued. Mr. Jones moved to table for the next meeting, unanimous consent.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rabideaux creek crossing (Menard)
 - 1. Mr. Menard presented the materials, discussion ensued. Staff suggested nominating for CIP next year.
- B. NLCC Cottonwood Lake (Hanson/Hillman)
 - 1. Mr. Hanson presented the materials, discussion ensued. Staff suggested nominating for CIP next year.
 - Mr. Jones moved to extend the meeting until 8:30 pm, unanimous consent.
- C. Commercial Permits for Talkeetna Lakes Park (Wood)
 - 1. Tabled for next meeting in Ms. Wood's absence.
- D. GPRA Draft Management Plan (Metzger)
 - 1. Mr. Metzger gave an update on the progress of the GPRA Management Plan, a draft should be available in few weeks.

X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

- A. None

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. All correspondence was presented

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. James Jones – Thanked the everyone for attending the meeting.
- B. Harry Hillman – Thanked everyone for their comments and thanked staff.
- C. Maksim Revutskiy – Great to see everyone, good meeting.
- D. Cachet Garrett – Introduced to the board, excited to be on the board.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

- A. March 23, 2026

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Adjourned at 8:10 pm

x James Jones
Chair

x 23 March 2026
date

Attest:

x Colin Paul R
Staff Support

x 3/23/2026
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Brendan Carpenter, District 3
Michael Collins, District 4
Linn McCabe, District 5
Ivan Fonov, District 6
Curt Scoggin, District 7



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Lacie Olivieri, Planning Clerk

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PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2026

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

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission’s regular meeting was held on March 2, 2026, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: – Commissioner Collins
Commissioner McCabe
Commissioner Glenn
Commissioner Allen
Commissioner Fonov

Absent/Excused: Commissioner Carpenter
Commissioner Scoggin

Staff Present: – Mr. Wade Long, Development Services Manager
Ms. Lacie Olivieri, Planning Department Admin

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved without objection.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Fonov.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES: Regular Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2026

B. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS
(There were no Quasi-Judicial Introductions)

C. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING LEGISLATIVE MATTERS
(There were no Legislative Introductions)

Resolution 26-01 A Resolution Of The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission Recommending Approval Of An Ordinance Repealing A General Standard Of MSB 17.30 Conditional Use Permit (CUP) For Earth Materials Extraction Activities.

Public Hearing Date: March 16, 2026

Staff: Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Director

Chair Allen read the Consent Agenda into the record.

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**

VIII. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** (Three minutes per person.)

There being no persons to be heard, Audience Participation was closed without objection.

IX. **PUBLIC HEARING QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS**

X. **PUBLIC HEARING LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

XI. **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**
(Correspondence and information were presented, and no comments were noted)

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

XIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

XIV. **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

XV. **DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Glenn: No comment

Commissioner McCabe: No comment. See you next week.

Commissioner Collins: No comment

Commissioner Fonov: I appreciate you all welcoming me to the commission I look forward to serving the community.

Lacie Olivieri: The clerks office wanted me to remind you all to fill out your APOC paperwork.

Wade Long: I'd like to welcome Commissioner Ivan Fonov to the Planning Commission. We are glad to have him on board. Planning Staff is here to support you with respect to the permitting processes, and we are available at any time to answer questions or provide guidance. That goes for all commissioners! I would also like to congratulate Commissioner Rick Allen on his appointment to the Palmer City Council. As a reminder, there will be a joint meeting of the Assembly and the Planning Commission next Tuesday, March 10, at 6 p.m. Recently some meetings seem to have had light agendas, and last month we did not have a meeting, this is not due to a lack of permit applications. Each of your agenda packets includes a list of **Future Planning Commission Items**, which reflects the substantial volume of work currently in progress. I just wanted you to be aware that our Current Planners are processing applications. Part of that process is to **Request Additional Information called RFAIs**. These are sent to applicants when clarifications or supplemental documentation are needed to complete an application review. Once the requested information is received, Planners continue processing the applications.

We are currently awaiting information from several applicants across multiple projects. We have issued some tower permits recently that didn't come before the commission because they are considered administrative due to their height. Rest assured, we expect to see many more applications advancing to the Commission in the near future. Finally, I want to provide the most recent update on the **Shoreline Cannabis** permit. As you may recall, this Commission denied their permit. That decision was appealed to the **Board of Adjustment and Appeals (BOAA)**, which overturned the Commission's decision. The Borough then appealed the BOAA's determination to Superior Court. The Court remanded the matter back to the BOAA for revised action, and on **February 19th**, the BOAA affirmed the Commission's original decision to deny the permit. The applicant is still within the appeal window. Because this continues to be a **quasijudicial matter**, I strongly advise Commissioners **not to discuss this case with anyone**. If you would like a copy of the most recent order, please let me know and I will provide it. This update is for informational purposes only and is not open for discussion at this time.

Commissioner Allen: Welcome, Commissioner Fonov. It is great to have a full panel of folks.

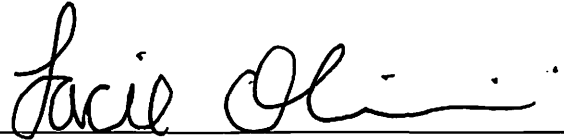
XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.



RICHARD ALLEN
Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:



LACIE OLIVIERI
Planning Commission Clerk

Minutes approved:

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLATTING BOARD MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING
February 4, 2026**

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The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Platting Board was held on February 4, 2026, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough 350 E Dahlia Ave, Palmer, Alaska. Chair Traxler called the Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Platting Board members present and establishing a quorum:

Mr. Michael Liebing, District Seat #2
Mr. Michael Gillson, District Seat #3
Ms. Michelle Traxler, District Seat #5
Ms. Karla McBride, Alternate A

Platting Board members absent and excused were:

Mr. Chris Chiavetta, District Seat #1
Ms. Amanda Salmon, District Seat #4
Vacant, District seat #6
Vacant, District seat #7
Vacant, Alternate B

Platting Board members absent were:

Staff in attendance:

Mr. Fred Wagner, Platting Officer
Mr., Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Director
Ms. Kayla Smith, Platting Board Clerk

B. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Platting Member Traxler led the pledge of allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made motion to approve the Agenda. Platting Member McBride seconded.

VOTE: The Agenda was approved unanimously.

2. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION & PRESENTATIONS

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

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(None)

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

- A. **RESOLUTION 26-01:** Resolution of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Platting Board recommending approval of an Ordinance amending Chapter 43.20 Subdivision Development Standards to allow lots to be reduced to 30,000 sq ft with Single Family Residential land use districts. *(Staff: Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Director)*

MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made a motion to reopen public testimony. Platting Member Gillson seconded.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously.

The following persons spoke:

- Sandra Kreger
- Chuck Lee

Platting Member Liebing had questions.

Platting Member Traxler had questions.

- Ellery Gibbs

There being no one else to be heard, Platting Member Traxler closed public testimony.

Discussion ensued.

Platting Member Liebing had a question for Planning and Land Use Director, Alex Strawn.

Platting Member Traxler had questions for staff.

Platting Member McBride spoke.

Discussion ensued.

Recess 1:44 PM

Reconvened 2:00 PM

MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made motion to amend the Ordinance. Platting Member McBride seconded.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The motion passes unanimously.

MAIN MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made a motion to approve the ordinance with the amended changes. Platting Member Gillson seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

4. PLATTING STAFF & OFFICER COMMENTS

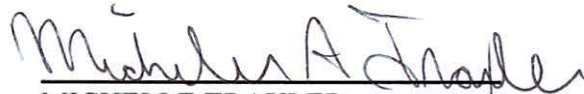
- A. Adjudicatory (*if needed*)
- B. Platting Officer, Fred Wagner 4 Cases tomorrow.

5. BOARD COMMENTS.

- Member Liebing – I would like to congratulate the board. I think that we have taken our responsibilities in this matter seriously and everyone gave a lot of consideration to it and I'm proud of our actions today so thank you.
- Member McBride – No comment
- Member Gillson – I agree with the previous comments, thank you.
- Member Traxler – I thank you to the board members that showed today and good work.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Platting Board, Chair Traxler adjourned the meeting at **2:11 PM**.


MICHELLE TRAXLER
Platting Board Chair

ATTEST:


KAYLA SMITH
Platting Board Clerk

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The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Platting Board was held on February 5, 2026, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough 350 E Dahlia Ave, Palmer, Alaska. Chair Traxler called the Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Platting Board members present and establishing a quorum:

- Mr. Michael Liebing, District Seat #2
- Mr. Michael Gillson, District Seat #3
- Ms. Michelle Traxler, District Seat #5
- Ms. Karla McBride, Alternate A

Platting Board members absent and excused were:

- Mr. Chris Chiavetta, District Seat #1
- Ms. Amanda Salmon, District Seat #4
- Vacant, District seat #6
- Vacant, District seat #7
- Vacant, Alternate B

Platting Board members absent were:

Staff in attendance:

- Mr. Fred Wagner, Platting Officer
- Ms. Kayla Smith, Platting Board Clerk
- Mr. Matthew Goddard, Platting Technician
- Mr. Chris Curlin, Platting Technician
- Mr. Cayman Reynolds, Platting Technician

B. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Platting Member McBride led the pledge of allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made motion to approve the Agenda. Platting Member McBride seconded.

VOTE: The Agenda was approved unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 15, 2026.

MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made motion to approve January 15, 2026 Minutes. Platting Member McBride seconded.

VOTE: The Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION & PRESENTATIONS

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

(None)

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **VANDA VALLEY:** The request is to create 37 lots and one tract from Tax Parcel C6, (Tax ID#18N01E19C006) to be known as Vanda Valley, containing 49.29 acres +/- . The petitioner is requesting a variance from MSB 43.20.300 Lot and Block Design. The property is located directly west of E. Kilo Drive, directly north of E. Foxtrot Avenue, and southeast of N. Wasilla-Fishhook Road; within the SW ¼ Section 3, Township 19 North, Range 01 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the North Lakes Community Council and in Assembly District #1. *(Petitioner/Owner: Kov's LLC, Staff: Chris Curlin, Case #2025-128)*

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

Kayla Smith provided the mailing report:

- Stating that 91 public hearing notices were mailed out on October 14, 2025.
- Stating that 91 revised public hearing notices were mailed out on January 20, 2026.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends approval with 10 conditions and 6 findings of facts.

Platting Member Liebing had questions for staff.

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

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

Chair Traxler opened the public hearing for public testimony.

The following persons spoke:

- Rod Hanson

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

The petitioner's representative, Craig Hanson spoke.

MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made a motion to approve the variance of Vanda Valley. Platting Member McBride seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made motion to amend the conditions of approval to add a 10th condition. Platting Member Gillson seconded.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MAIN MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made a motion to approve the preliminary plat and Variance of Vanda Valley. Platting Member McBride seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

5. RECONSIDERATIONS/APPEALS

(None)

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. **FEATHER LAKE**: The request is to create eight lots from parcels 217N04W13A002 through A006 and 17N04W13B004, to be known as Feather Lake, containing 168.2 acres +/- . The plat is located east of Horseshoe Lake, north of West Lakes Drive, and north of Big Lake, located within the NE ¼ Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 04 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Big Lake Community Council and in Assembly District #5. *(Petitioner/Owner: Chris & Miranda Wallstrum, Staff: Chris Reynolds, Case #2025-176)*

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

Kayla Smith provided the mailing report:

- Stating that 23 public hearing notices were mailed out on January 9, 2026.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends a continuance to March 19, 2026 Platting Board Hearing.

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

The petitioners representative Dayna Rumfelt, spoke.

Chair Traxler had questions.

There being no one to be heard Chair Traxler left the public hearing.

MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made a motion to continue the preliminary plat of Feather Lake to the March 19th, 2026, Platting Board Hearing. Platting Member McBride seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. URSULA ACRES: The request is to create 2 lots from Tax Parcel C3,(Tax ID# 18N02W13C003), to be known as Ursula Acres, containing 39.98 acres +/- . The petitioner is dedicating a 30' easement along the northern boundary of the property for W. Sunshine Road. The property is located directly south of W. Sunshine Road and east of N. Mahoney Road; within the SW ¼ Section 13, Township 18 North, Range 02 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. . In the Meadow Lakes Community Council and in Assembly District #7. (*Petitioner/Owner: Timothy Stowell, Staff: Chris Curlin, Case #2025-179*)

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

Kayla Smith provided the mailing report:

- Stating that 23 public hearing notices were mailed out on January 9, 2026.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends approval with 8 conditions and 5 findings of facts.

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

The petitioner's representative Owen Dicks chose not to speak.

Chair Traxler opened the public hearing for public testimony.

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

The petitioner's representative spoke.

MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made a motion to approve the preliminary plat of Ursula Acres. Platting Member Gillson seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

7. ITEMS OF BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS
(None)

8. PLATTING STAFF & OFFICER COMMENTS

A. Adjudicatory *(if needed)*

B. Upcoming Platting Board Agenda Items

Platting Officer, Fred Wagner informed the board of upcoming items:

- There are 3 cases scheduled for February 18, 2026 Platting Board. This is a Wednesday.
 - Chopper Industrial Park
 - Rafter Ridge
 - Lucas 2025

9. BOARD COMMENTS.

- Member Liebing – Ill think ab out you on the 18th while you are here in the meeting and I am playing golf in Hawaii.
- Member McBride – We'll miss you
- Member Gillson – I will miss you too, who is going to submit motions.
- Member Traxler – Have a great time.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Platting Board, Chair Traxler adjourned the meeting at **2:04 PM**.


MICHELLE TRAXLER
Platting Board Chair

ATTEST:


KAYLA SMITH
Platting Board Clerk

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Platting Board was held on February 18, 2026, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough 350 E Dahlia Ave, Palmer, Alaska. Chair Traxler called the Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Platting Board members present and establishing a quorum:

- Mr. Michael Gillson, District Seat #3
- Ms. Michelle Traxler, District Seat #5

Platting Board members absent and excused were:

- Mr. Chris Chiavetta, District Seat #1
- Mr. Michael Liebing, District Seat #2
- Ms. Amanda Salmon, District Seat #4
- Vacant, District seat #6
- Vacant, District seat #7
- Ms. Karla McBride, Alternate A
- Vacant, Alternate B

Ms. Kayla Smith stated that there was not a quorum for this meeting.

Chair Traxler stated that the next meeting will be held March 5th, 2026, where these cases will be heard.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Platting Board, Chair Traxler adjourned the meeting at **1:01 PM**.


 MICHELLE TRAXLER
 Platting Board Chair

ATTEST:


 KAYLA SMITH
 Platting Board Clerk

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLATTING BOARD MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
March 5, 2026**

CLERKS OFFICE

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Platting Board was held on March 5, 2026, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough 350 E Dahlia Ave, Palmer, Alaska. Chair Traxler called the Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Platting Board members present and establishing a quorum:

- Mr. Chris Chiavetta, District Seat #1
- Mr. Michael Liebing, District Seat #2
- Mr. Michael Gillson, District Seat #3
- Ms. Michelle Traxler, District Seat #5
- Mr. Steve Kevan, District seat #6
- Ms. Karla McBride, Alternate A

Platting Board members absent and excused were:

- Ms. Amanda Salmon, District Seat #4
- Vacant, District seat #7
- Mr. Igor Galloway, Alternate B

Platting Board members absent were:

Staff in attendance:

- Mr. Fred Wagner, Platting Officer
- Ms. Kayla Smith, Platting Board Clerk
- Mr. Matthew Goddard, Platting Technician
- Mr. Chris Curlin, Platting Technician
- Mr. Cayman Reynolds, Platting Technician

B. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Platting Member Liebing led the pledge of allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made motion to approve the Agenda. Platting Member McBride seconded.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The Agenda was approved unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 4, 2026
- February 5, 2026

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- February 18, 2026

MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made motion to approve the Minutes presented.
Platting Member McBride seconded.

VOTE: The Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION & PRESENTATIONS

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

(None)

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **CHOPPER INDUSTRIAL PARK:** The request is to create 10 lots and from Parcel 117N01E04C030, to be known as Chopper Industrial Park, containing 15.2 acres +/- . Proposed Chopper Circle is to serve as a private road, providing access for all proposed lots. The property is located south of East Mountain Heather Way, west of North Blue Ridge Circle, and east of North Hyer Road, within the SW ¼ Section 04, Township 17 North, Range 01 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska, in the South Lakes Community Council and in Assembly District #3. **This case was continued from the February 18th 2026 Platting Board Hearing.** *(Petitioner/Owner: Whiskey Romeo LLC, Staff: Cayman Reynolds, Case # 2025-157)*

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

Kayla Smith provided the mailing report:

- Stating that 119 public hearing notices were mailed out on December 22, 2025.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends approval with 8 conditions and 6 findings of facts.

Platting Member Liebing had questions for staff.

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

The petitioner's representative Craig Bennett spoke.

Chair Traxler opened the public hearing for public testimony.

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

The petitioner's representative thanked staff.

MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made a motion to approve the preliminary plat of Chopper Industrial Park. Platting Member Kevan seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

- B. **RAFTER RIDGE:** The request is to create 2 lots from Government Lots 15 & 16, (Tax ID #'s 17N04W25A004 & 17N04W25A005), to be known as Rafter Ridge, containing 8.59 acres +/-, to be accessed by water. The property is located directly east of Big Lake, in the NE ¼ Section 25, Township 17 North, Range 04 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Big Lake Community Council and in Assembly District #5. **This case was continued from the February 18th 2026 Platting Board Hearing.** *(Petitioner/Owner: James Rafter & Patricia Rafter, Staff: Chris Curlin, Case # 2025-169)*

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

Kayla Smith provided the mailing report:

- Stating that 19 public hearing notices were mailed out on January 28, 2026.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends approval with 7 conditions and 6 findings of facts.

Platting Member Liebing had questions for staff.

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

The petitioner/petitioner's representative was not present.

Chair Traxler opened the public hearing for public testimony.

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

The petitioner/petitioner's representative was not present.

MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made a motion to approve the preliminary plat of Rafter Ridge. Platting Member McBride seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

- C. **LUCAS 2025**: The request is to create one lot from lots 8, 9, 15, and 16 Lucas Subdivision, Plat 5-65, (Tax ID: 5012B02L008-1) to be known as Lucas 2025, containing 0.53 acres +/- . The plat is located east of South Glenn Highway, south of West Evergreen Avenue, and north of West Elmwood Avenue, located within the NE ¼ Section 5, Township 17 North, Range 02 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. No community council, Assembly District is 002. **This case was continued from the February 18th 2026 Platting Board Hearing.** (Petitioner/Owner: Valley Feed LLC, Staff: Cayman Reynolds, Case # 2026-002)

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

Kayla Smith provided the mailing report:

- Stating that 128 public hearing notices were mailed out on January 28, 2026.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends approval with 5 conditions and 6 findings of facts.

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

The petitioner's representative chose not to speak.

Chair Traxler opened the public hearing for public testimony.

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

The petitioner's representative, Gary LoRusso, spoke.

MOTION: Platting Member Liebinger made a motion to approve the preliminary plat of Lucas 2025. Platting Member McBride seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

5. RECONSIDERATIONS/APPEALS

(None)

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. **WILMINGTON HILL**: The request is to create 76 lots from Parcel 18N01W21C005, to be known as Wilmington Hill, containing 80.00 acres +/- . The property is located directly north of West Wilmington Drive, east of North Infinite Road, and south of West Schrock Road; within the SW ½ Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 01 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Tanaina Community Council and in Assembly District #6.

(Petitioner/Owner: Wilmington Development LLC, Staff: Cayman Reynolds, Case # 2026-003)

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

Kayla Smith provided the mailing report:

- Stating that 20 public hearing notices were mailed out on February 10, 2026.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends approval with 8 conditions and 7 findings of facts.

Platting Member Gillson had questions for staff.

Chair Traxler asked for clarification on Condition of Approval #4.

Platting Member Liebing had questions for staff.

Platting Member Kevan had questions for staff.

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

The petitioners representative Gary LoRusso spoke.

Chair Traxler opened the public hearing for public testimony.

The following persons spoke:

- Patricia O'Neil
- Thomas O'Neil
- Beth Hastings
- Will Hastings

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

The petitioner's representative, Gary LoRusso and Jesse Sumner spoke.

Discussion ensued.

Max Sumner spoke.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made a motion to approve the preliminary plat of Wilmington Hill. Platting Member Chiavetta seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The motion passed without Platting Members Gillson and McBride in opposition.

7. ITEMS OF BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

(None)

8. PLATTING STAFF & OFFICER COMMENTS

A. Adjudicatory *(if needed)*

B. Upcoming Platting Board Agenda Items

Platting Officer, Fred Wagner informed the board of upcoming items:

- There is 1 case scheduled for March 19, 2026 Platting Board.
- Feather Lake

9. BOARD COMMENTS.

- Member Gillson – Welcomed new Platting Member Kevan.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Platting Board, Chair Traxler adjourned the meeting at **2:23 PM**.


MICHELLE TRAXLER
Platting Board Chair

ATTEST:


KAYLA SMITH
Platting Board Clerk

South Knik River Community Council
Regular Meeting Minutes – Thursday Feb. 19th 2026

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Location: SKRCC Building
17958 E Knik River Rd.
Palmer, AK 99645

1. SKRCC President, Vlastic Marek, called meeting to order at 7:05pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Quorum was reached with 5 council members and 22 residents.
3. Agenda was approved.
4. Nov. 20th 2025 Meeting Minutes. - November Meeting Minutes were provided in print and were approved
5. Reports:
 - a. President Report –
 - i. CAP Funds Application was submitted. A copy of the Application was requested and will be provided prior to or at next meeting. A confirmation it was submitted, was received.
 - ii. Information regarding the Mat-Su Transportation Fair was provided via document.
 - iii. Provided via document was info regarding “Why many raw land parcels have seen taxes decline, while homeowners continue to see increases?”
 - iv. Provided National Well Testing Report that Vlastic had conducted on his private land if anyone is interested in seeing results.
 - b. Legislative Report – N/A
 - c. Treasure Report –
 - i. CAP Grant Funds: \$7,042.23
 - ii. Savings: \$2,645.41
 - iii. It was asked and discovered that CAP Funds for 2026 have not yet been received. A Council member will reach out to the POC to see what the status is and if there are any issues.
 - d. Building Progress Report –
 - i. Waiting for summer/funds to proceed with next steps on extension project. It was suggested that the generator get installed first, prior to walls and roof of extension being completed.
 - e. Old Cabin Sale status – No new offers have been received. Will keep it listed on Facebook and add info to listing to market also as a State Fair Booth.
 - f. Generator – It was decided to wait till closer to Spring/summer to look at completing the install for a cheaper and more proper completion. All quotes/estimates are welcome. It was mentioned that \$7,000 appears to be a bit high possibly. Wires being to code was something that was discussed.
6. Guest Speakers –

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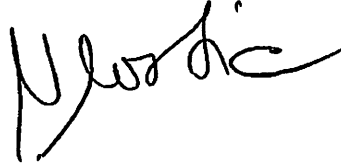
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- a. **Forrest Mussleman – Staff to Sen. Cathy Tilton – Dist. M. = New Senator**
 - i. Is part of the Judiciary Committee and is starting to see more bills come in.
 - ii. Brought forth Resolution SR4 that was passed this session.
 - iii. Is working on SB 239 – Is a Loophole of sorts, regarding DOT, Vehicle Registration and regulations on vehicles 25 years and older
 - iv. Is working on SB249 – which will try and mitigate fraud that is being conducted using AI at digital currency kiosks. Currently, fraudsters are targeting people, mainly elderly, by using AI technology by using a family members voice and calling saying they are in trouble with law, etc. and getting people to go to Digital Currency Kiosks where then they enter their financial info and it is converted into digital currency and sent to fraudsters. We will work on getting her info so people can contact her directly. At this time, it can be found at akleg.gov and click on her info.
 - b. **Hugh Leslie – Community Development Department**
 - i. Has been involved with similar areas for 33 years and with the Borough for 13 years.
 - ii. Dept. is working on doing an outreach program of sorts, getting out and informing the public of what their tax dollars go towards.
 - iii. Gave a presentation regarding what is Borough owned and available for access to public. Presentation will be provided to Council who will work on posting to website, when able.
 - c. **Mike Bowles – Was not present**
7. **Unfinished Business –**
- a.
8. **New Business –**
- a. Discussion was had regarding the renting of the Community Building to include: fee, donation, cleaning deposit, regulation/guidelines, and waiver/insurance. It was decided for immediate requested event, any donation to be accepted with a \$50 cleaning deposit. Treasurer will grant access and do an initial inspection and inspect to determine if cleaning deposit is kept. Guidelines at this time are “leave it in same if not better condition than you got it”. Enter at own risk.
9. **Announcements and Correspondence**
- a. It was asked if still having issues with accessing the website. Access to website still not received but will continue to be worked on. Resident recommended everyone should be taking issue and looking into the proposal for eliminating property tax and replacing with a sales tax. Mentioned that an article said that the proposed sales tax of 6% wouldn't cover the current amount needed/received from the current property tax revenue. Another resident mentioned that people should also be looking more into where the money is actually being applied and if it is being used wisely so that maybe

the large amount received from property taxes, wouldn't be needed/could be cut.

10. Meeting ended, was approved to be adjourned.

Vlastic Marek
SKRCC President



Date: March 19
2026

Attest:

Sable Anderson
Secretary



Date: 3/19/26



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Monday February 23rd, 2026

Location: Curtis Menard Sports Complex Meeting Room
and/or via Zoom.com meeting ID: 898 6138 3709 or telephone 346-248-7799

Attendee: Hugh Leslie MSB, Ellerg Gibbs, Senator Rauscher District O, Mary Ravetta
Assemblyman Dmitri Fonov, Rachel Lund, Amanda Kern, Corine Hickey (via zoom), Rachelle
Christensen (via zoom)

Called to order 7:01 pm AKST

I. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Agenda

Motion -I move to approve today's agenda as written and the previous meeting dated
January 26, 2026 Motion Rachel Lund , 2nd by Ellerg Gibbs no discussion and Motion
passed unanimously.

II. Treasurer's Report Discussion – February 2026 Purchases limited to Zoom fees.

III. Guest Speaker and/or Assembly Representative:

A. Senator Yundt District N - None

B. Senator Rauscher District O

a. Resources report senator

- i. Bill 227 to rewrite Alaska oil policy is out of committee. The bill now includes a flat 17.5% tax on the gross value of oil production.
- ii. Bill 216 is mainly administrative requiring more permits for AK railroad to transfer 5 parcels of land to the city of Whittier. This bill did not pass.
- iii. SB75 Timber Bill was set aside. The timber bill manages timber leases on state lands.

b. Transportation report senator

c. JR Arm services

C. Assemblyman representative Dimitri Fonov

a. Budget full time cleaning coordinator

b. Lean spending

c. Auto junk car

D. Rachelle Christensen – Mat-Su Health Foundation (Via Zoom)

a. Education grants available in our community from Mat-Su health foundation
partner Mat-Su Regional Hospital

- i. Academic scholarship closes March 5th -any lives Matsu going to college
for health or human service field

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- ii. Vocational scholarship for health and human services including first aid, and EMT etc. has to be a resident MSB and can apply all year long
- iii. Councils are eligible up to \$25,000 very broad category promote wellness in community purchase sport equipment and building parks in area, create TCC signage. Mat-Su health foundation is Currently working point Mackenzie community council to create food distribution site.
- iv. Technical assistance program. This is a service not a specific amount of money. This service will provide access to a pool contract to help design part of program or Help design park or playground, assistance draw up quote and facilitate meeting, assistance on grant writing put together proposal.

Motion -I move to amend the agenda to add presentation by Hugh Leslie MSB Motion Rachel Lund 2nd by Mary No discussion and Motion passed unanimously.

E. Hugh Leslie MSB Parks and Recreation

a. Power point presentation

- Encompasses swim lessons, ice skating, trails (non-motorized and motorized), motorized sports, library, soccer fields, campgrounds, foraging
- Big Lake lions club was purchased by parks and recreation for \$400,000. It is naturally refrigerator rink, working on grant to make refrigerated rink and in summer play Pickle ball.
- Government peak Challet will be able to book online
- Alcantra sports complex with soccer fields, baseball, disc golf, year
- Upgraded Jim creek campground towards butte by raceway mile 102.5 sunshine creek campground
- Parks are mostly operated by city. The borough doesn't maintain too many parks
- Fees going up Trails daily pay fee \$6 and annual \$45 (9 different trail heads) fees going up July 1st, when foraging no extra permit
- use on parcel viewer access from MSB webpage view trails
- Public Lake Access almost every lake has a public access look at the borough website <https://shorturl.at/1RWca> and link to DNR and show when last stocked with what fish
- Recent improvement, additions and ongoing projects - reservations can be made today
- problem reporter will access via the QR code

o Questions

- Can TCC receive donation annual trail head parking pass to give a prize for annual clean up.
- Will help TCC identify parcel borough land available for TCC park? Hugh said yes he is happy to help.

IV. Old Business

A. TCC Meeting dates for May 2026

1. Due to Memorial Day holiday TCC general membership meeting Moved. The TCC meeting will be Tuesday, May 26, 2026 .

B. CIP Project and Land Search – Borough land update form Dimitr Fonov not much foreclosure land available.

C. Corrine said land on N Sushana Dr & Schrock with agricultural lease. The land is managed by borough, but the owner does not live in Alaska and not used for agricultural purposes. TCC would like to know if this land is available. Suggested to follow up with

Community Development, Joseph Metzger, Land & Resource Manager 907-861-7864 or via email joseph.metzger@matsuegov.us

D. Grant search- no new information

E. Election of Officers –Mary Ravetta will help with social media/outreach.

V. New Business

A. Community Clean Up- May 9th, 2026. Extend to the 10th? Weekend and raffle items (little miller, trail heads, pool and ice-skating rink,

B. Proposed community drives (food, clothing, etc) Host back to school drive, Prom dress drives and somewhere host.

C. Signage discussion

1. Reach out to Career Tech or Wasilla High to design signage. What is the process for getting TCC sign posted in a Lucille round. Suggestion to talk with Rod Hansen North Lake community council to ask him with questions. North Lakes just install signs. Ellerg Gibbs suggested submitting as Eagle Scout project, or getting donations. If sign paid via grant then need three quotes.

A. Persons to Be Heard- none

B. Roundtable Discussion

Ellerg Gibbs

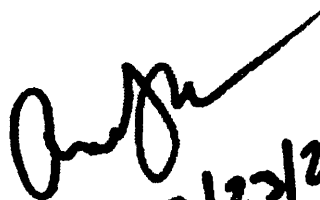
1. Land Survey – Comment gravel extraction coded. Recommend TCC attend borough assembly borough assembly meeting. And change to subdivision requirement down to 30,000 sq ft down from 45,000 lot. Concerning how this will influence the aquifer and well water and septic
2. Shooting range on Zero Lake area was proposed and met with opposition.
3. Encourage involvement with MSB assembly meetings.

Assemblyman Fonov - promote growth in our area.

Mary Ravetta -Matsu transportation Expo. Mary will attend and ask questions about TCC signage.

C. Adjournment 8:31

Our next TCC Community meeting 4th Monday of the Month March 23, 2026


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Trapper Creek Community Council

Minutes

6:30pm Thursday, February 19th, 2026

P.O. Box 13021 Trapper Creek, AK. 99683

Telephone Conference (907) 373-2663 Enter Code: 991090#

- I. Call to Order- 6:32pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Determination of Quorum- 6 members
- IV. Board Members in Attendance Jason Kresge, Tom Amalfitano, Mike Volin, Stephen Strong Jr, Jeff Spotts, Dave Rittenburgh.
- V. Others in Attendance- Mark Gutman, via telephone Senator George Rauscher, Rachel Christensen
- VI. Approval of February Agenda- Approved
- VII. Minutes of the regular January Meeting- Tom made a motion to accept the minutes. Jeff Seconded. Board voted. All approved
- VIII. Borough Assembly Report (If current Representative has reached out)- No Report
- IX. Treasurer Report- Steve read the treasurer report. Jeff made a motion to draft a letter to the bank to get Steve on the account and get him issued a debit card. Dave seconded. Board voted. All approved.
- X. Community Reports.
 - A. TCCSA Water Committee- Water point dispensed 15576 Gallons during 4th quarter (October thru December) of 2025.
 - B. Trapper4 Creek Volunteer Fire Department- No Report
 - C. CERT Team- Mike reported that Cert is looking to add members to the team. Classes are held Saturday March 14th, Sunday March 15th, and Saturday March 21st from 9am to 5pm at the Senior Center at the Y. 20-hour course. Open to Talkeetna, Trapper Creek, and Willow residents. Flyers will be posted. Talon will be the trainer. There will also be a class in Palmer.
 - D. Youth Council Liaison. They are taking the winter off.

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A. Water Point email.

B. Letter from the Regulatory Commission of Alaska

C. Letter from the Department of Transportation giving notice about the Parks Highway drainage and culvert improvements continuing this summer. Information will be available on Council website, Facebook page as well as posted at Post Office.

D. Letter from the Department of Transportation giving notice of the Matsu Transportation Fair. Information will be posted at the Post Office as well as posted on the council Facebook page and website.

XII. Public Forum

A. State Senator George Rauscher called in. He spoke about the size of the district that he represents. He is fighting for road maintenance and snow removal. He is also going to try to help get our local speed limit reduced. He provided contact information. The council will be sending him a copy of the meeting minutes and agendas. Jason will be sending him the information he requested about the Trapper Creek Community Council.

B. Mark Gutman attended the meeting. He is working with a group of people trying to bring back the Upper Susitna Soil and Water Conservation District. They are looking to get more members and get a board together for the program. He wants to address the issue with the salmon in the area as well as other issues. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has expressed interest in getting the Soil Conservation District reformed. Information will be posted on the Council website.

C. Rachel Christensen from Mat-Su Health Foundation called in. She is with the community engagement department. She spoke about the foundation and what it does for people. The foundation focuses on all forms of health for the communities (physical, spiritual, emotional, and mental). She spoke about current programs they have available. She spoke about scholarships available (until March 5th) for individuals living in the Mat-Su valley going to college for a health or social service field. They also have vocational scholarships for people studying health and human services. They have other programs available. Information about this will be posted.

XII, Unfinish Business

Mike contacted the borough regarding last meetings question from Dave regarding the snow removal/berms. He read through the entire contract that DNS has for the snow removal of our borough roads and looked for the answer regarding the berms. He was able to locate a section which mentioned, berms cannot exceed 12 inches measured on the owner's side contractor has six hours to remove them. It was suggested by Jason to attend a road board meeting and speak your complaints regarding berms and snow removal.

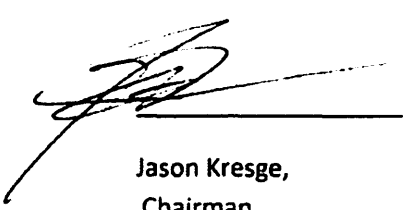
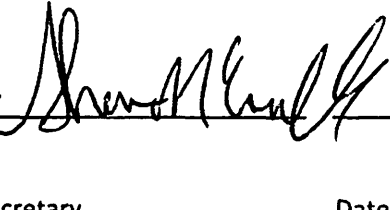
XIV. New Business-

Mark Gutman requested contact information on who to speak to about the bridge, repair and replace of Bradley Road. Steve and Mike provided him with requested information.

XV. Meeting Adjourned:

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. Board voted. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Next meeting will be on March 19th at 6:30pm.

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Jason Kresge, Chairman	Date	Secretary	Date

Shawn McConnell

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Randy Newcomb, Vice Chair
Cathi Kramer

DISTRICT CHIEF

Tawnya Hightower

Minutes

Regular Meeting
Monday January 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Public Safety Building, West Lakes Fire, Station 7-3

I. CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting of the West Lakes Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:05 pm by Cindy Michaelson on January 12th, 2026

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Board members establish quorum:

West Lakes Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors

Chair: Cindy Michaelson present, **Vice-Chair:** Randy Newcomb present,

Members: Cathi Kramer by phone

Present from West Lakes Fire Department

Tawnya Hightower, Chief

Mary Hauge, Admin Assistant

Also Present: Brain Davis, MSB Deputy Director of Fire

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IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Cindy Michaelson moved to approve the agenda

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: Cathi Kramer moved to approve the minutes

Randy Newcomb 2nd the motion

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Responder Appreciation Night and 2025 in Review at Station 73 on January 13th at 6:00 PM

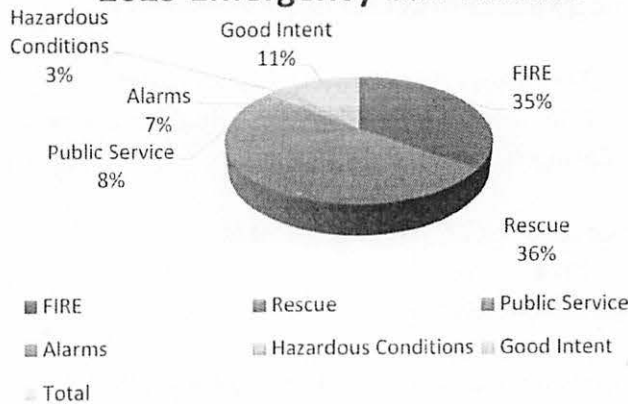
VII. CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Chief's Report – Tawnya Hightower – WLFSA

DECEMBER Calls 128

		Public			Good Intent	Total
FIRE	Rescue	Service	Alarms	Haz-Mat		
59	42	10	3	0	14	128
46%	33%	8%	2%		11%	

West Lakes Fire Dept.
2025 Emergency Call Volume



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- YTD Calls 862
- Responded to 59 fire events in December
- 128 Emergency Calls
- 18 Structure Fires, 9 were within West Lakes FSA, 8 CMSFD and Houston FD
- Discovery Loop Fire was in West Lakes Fire Service Area, a high-profile case, required State Fire Marshal investigation, CMSFD was there along with Houston Fire as Auto-aide.
- State Fire Marshal, sent a letter to West Lakes Fire extending gratitude to the crew who assisted during the W. Discovery Loop Fire investigation
- 44 calls already for the month of January

TRAINING:

- Regular Tuesday night training and single station training
- Fire Instructor Class Completed with 9 students
- Basic Firefighter Class begins January 20th
- ETT begins February 17th

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION:

Installed in December

YTD

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| • 32 Smoke Alarms | 2025: 196 |
| • 13 CO Alarms | 2025: 88 |
| • 1 Address Sign | 2025: 27 |
| • Shop with a Hero | |
| • Santa Cops & Heroes on Christmas Day, installing 4 of those homes with Smoke and CO alarms | |
| • Big Lake Holiday Parade | |

B. UPDATE/STATUS REPORT ON EQUIPMENT:

- Tender 73 had freeze up problems
- Pumper Tender had a frozen drain line
- RE-73 valve replacement
- Rescue engine for Station 71 is on order, Chassis to arrive to Rosenbauer in May 2027.

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UPCOMING:

- West Lakes Fire is hosting a State offering of NFA: Strategy and Tactics for Company Operations.
- Iron Dog starts in Big Lake on February 12th with the Ambassador and Expedition Class. February 14th starts with the Pro-Class and finishes in Fairbanks. We provide response readiness for the racers and public, with snowmachines and ETT's on standby. Extremely busy time on the lake. Ice road is now open with 23" of ice depth, light pickups and ambulance will be there. Brush 81/plow truck will be equipped with ice rescue resources.
- Responder Appreciation January 13th at 6:00 PM.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. New Budget Review

- Cindy Michaelson had concerns about Responder Wages, 411.400. She would like to see where the extra \$400,000 has been beneficial. Number of calls when you have people scheduled on.
- Chief Hightower will provide number of calls when people were on shift, call run volume vs the wages. It does cost more money to have a shift on, but the impact is we are getting to calls quicker and saving more lives and property.
- No changes or updates to the budget from the last meeting. No Finance numbers yet.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2026 BOS Meeting Schedule

- BOS meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month
- Joint meetings in May and October with Central Fire FSA Board
- Chief Hightower will be absent from the February 9th BOS meeting
- February BOS meeting will be cancelled

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CANCELLATION OF THE FEBRUARY 2026 BOS MEETING

MOTION: Cathi Kramer moved to cancel the February 2026 meeting

Randy Newcomb 2nd the motion

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH - DECEMBER 2026 BOS MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION: Randy Newcomb moved to approve the BOS Meeting Schedule

Cathi Kramer 2nd the motion

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VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

B. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

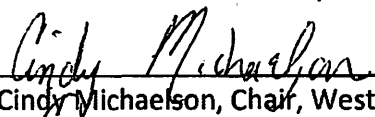
- Deputy Director Brian Davis
- For December, the call volume doubled for our 4 primary departments: Butte, Sutton, Central Fire, and West Lakes
- Borough Wide:
 - 43 Structure fires for December
 - 4,521 total Fire/Rescue calls in 2025
 - 11,500 EMS calls
 - December we had 18 Wildland fires, busiest wildland fires of the year
 - Average of December calls per day was 20
 - 1,000 combined Address signs, Smoke Alarms and CO Alarms for 2025. Over 150% increase from the year before
 - 2024 we had 6 fire fatalities and 2025 we had 2 fire fatalities
 - Over 96,000 On Call hours Borough wide
- Chief Tawnya Hightower
 - We keep statistical data on our installs. The circles on the map indicate where we installed Smoke and CO Alarms, the stars indicate where we have installed, and that smoke alarm has woken someone up, alerted them to the fire, and they got out.

C. ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Randy Newcomb 1st motion to adjourn

Cathi Kramer 2nd the motion to adjourn

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm


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

ATTEST:


Mary Hauge – Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on 3/10/26