

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

Vern Halter, Mayor

Roger Anderson – Land Development Community
David Palmer – Pilots, Airport Owners, Private Airports
Vacant – Pilots, Airport Owners, Private Airports
Jim Kelley – Pilots, Airport Owners, Private Airports
Bernie Willis – Resident within One Mile of Airport

Kelsey Anderson - Staff



Michael Brown, Borough Manager

PLANNING & LAND USE DEPARTMENT
Alex Strawn, Planning & Land Use Director
Kim Sollien, Planning Services Manager
Jay Magers, Development Services Manager
Fred Wagner, Platting Officer

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

**Aviation Advisory Board Minutes
REGULAR MEETING
MSB DSJ, CONFERENCE ROOM 110, Palmer, AK
May 20, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

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- Phone Call: Dial 1-907-290-7880; Conference ID #763-441-367
- State your name for the record, spell your last name, and provide your testimony.

I. CALL TO ORDER 6:01 pm David Palmer

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

- A. Members present: David Palmer, James Kelley, Roger Anderson, Bernie Willis
- B. Staff present: Kim Sollien, Kelsey Anderson
- C. Guest speakers: None

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. Motion to approve by Mr. Willis with the addition of new business, Section IX, subsection B of the agenda, brought by Mr. Palmer. Mr. Anderson, 2nd. Mr. Kelley seconded. All in favor.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. March 4, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve by Mr. Palmer. Mr. Willis seconded. All in favor.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person, for items not scheduled for public hearing*)

- A. None.

VII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Kim Sollien on Aviation Overlay Districts

Ms. Sollien offered an overview of the issue regarding Aviation Overlay Districts as they pertain to Privately- Owned Restricted Use Airports. At this time, Borough Code does not define the overlay size for this type of airport. (There are currently hundreds of airports that fall under this category.)

Members of the Board asked Ms. Sollien and Ms. Anderson to write a resolution that would rescind this overlay regulation from MSB Code and would place the FAA airport GIS layer in the MSB Parcel Viewer so MSB residents have easy access to the information regarding airport locations.

B. Kelsey Anderson on HDL comment summary for Palmer Airport Runway (if any are available)

Ms. Anderson shared a letter from the Borough Manager, Michael Brown, dated May 7, 2021 regarding the Palmer Airport Runway extension. Mr. Brown recognized the importance of a functional and safe airport, and has given his support to working together with the City of Palmer and the Warren “Bud” Woods Municipal Airport to find solutions to the problem. Members of the Board reviewed the letter and were in favor of its message.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Vacancy in the board. Members discussed trying to recruit for more interest due to open board seats at the end of the year.
- B. MEA Fishhook to Pittman Power Improvement Project Study is currently underway and Mr. Palmer has been asked to sit on the Focus Group. He will be asking the MEA project managers to give the Aviation Advisory Board a presentation of recommended routes and alternatives at the next meeting.

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

A. None.

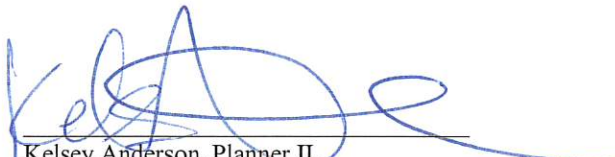
XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

A. Propose next quarterly meeting date: Board decided next meeting will take place 1-2 weeks prior to the MEA presentation on alternatives for Fishhook-Pittman power line placement. Meeting date was not set, but meeting time will be 3pm.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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Kelsey Anderson, Planner II



David Palmer, Chairperson

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. AAB 21-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY MOVE TO REPEAL MSB CODE 17.10, OVERLAY DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, the Aviation Advisory Board (AAB) advises the Assembly in matters pertaining to aviation in the Matanuska-Susitna valley; and

WHEREAS, the AAB Resolutions are the primary method of transmitting recommendations and observations to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 MSB Long Range Transportation Plan contains a recommendation that Airport Capacity is an important issue, and one strategy listed in the plan to ensure land use compatibility is to notify property owners of airport locations on MSB or DOT&PF maps, and proximity to an airport on plats; and;

WHEREAS, the current overlay district code has only been successfully utilized one time, Wolf Lake Aviation Activity Notice Area; and

WHEREAS, the current aviation activity notice area for privately owned, restricted use airports has no standard buffer for noticing, which requires Planning staff to assess hundreds of airports on a case-by-case basis; and

WHEREAS, the MSB Assembly has asked for Planning staff to

reduce efforts on this issue; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department is working on a GIS mapping effort that will be available for the public and will contain a layer from the Federal Aviation Administration showing all registered airports and owner submitted non-registered airports within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, this public map would fulfill the Long Range Transportation Plan strategy to "notify" property owners of their proximity to an airport; and

WHEREAS, the absence of an Aviation Activity Notice Area would not change land use or adversely affect the general public, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Aviation Advisory Board has reviewed and discussed the removal of MSB 17.10;

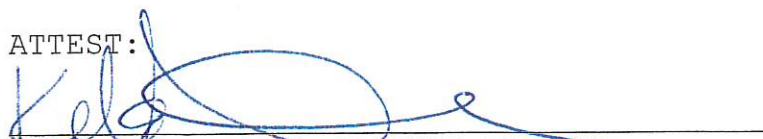
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Aviation Advisory Board hereby recommends the Assembly move to repeal MSB 17.10, OVERLAY DISTRICTS, from Matanuska-Susitna Borough code.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Aviation Advisory Board this 16 day of September, 2021.



DAVID PALMER, AAB Chair

ATTEST:


KELSEY ANDERSON, PLANNER II

LOUISE / SUSITNA / TYONE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (LSTCA)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Jul 10, 2021, The Point Lodge

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The LSTCA Board Meeting was called to order at 11:03 by Joe Stam, President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Stam, President
JoAnn Hobbs
Kerin Fassler, Secretary
Jake Anders, Acting Treasurer
Wendy Simpson, Member
Kristina Murray, Member
Vacant Position

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

None

GUESTS PRESENT

Jenny Moser, Copper River Area Division of Forestry
George Rauscher, State of Alaska
Trooper Justin McGinnis, State of Alaska, Dep't of Public Safety, Alaska Wildlife Troopers

COMMUNITY ATTENDEES

Diane Stam
Mike Fassler
Susan Heubes
Lonnie & Cindy Kaler
Ken Hobbs, The Point Lodge
Karol LaWalter
Kelley Riley
Ann Otte
Robert Averett
John Hicks
Phil Tideman
Tami Huntsbury
Elizabeth Samuel
Julian Serazin
Harry & Jean Holt
Dennis & Linda Fairbanks
Pete & Eileen Probasco

QUORUM:

A quorum of board members was established.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joe Stam.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Minutes of the Mar 2021 board meeting were read. Motion made by Wendy Simpson to approve minutes, was seconded by Kristina Murray and MOTION PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report was presented by Jake Anders. Total funds available as of June 30, 2021 were \$82,040.94. \$79,703.34 is in Money Market Account, Share Draft has \$2,310.19 and Primary Share has \$27.41. We have currently used all of our remaining FY 2018 funding. A projected budget for the next fiscal year shows anticipated expenses of \$12,652.08 (plus an additional \$1,000.00 for the next annual meeting which was

inadvertently missed) and anticipated revenue of \$16,789.00 showing a net gain of \$4,136.92. Question on the DNR expense was raised and it was explained that this is the fee we pay for the shed at the channel used to store buoys and safety equipment. Also was mentioned was the Director's Insurance by Joe Stam. Motion made by Kerin Fassler to approve the treasurer's report and seconded by Wendy Simpson. MOTION PASSED.

REPORT BY MR. RAUSCHER:

Mr. Rauscher explained that the government is out of session until August but will reconvene in a special session to resolve budget issues not finalized during the past session. The PFD is one of the items to be discussed including the formula for discerning how much the amount of the PFD should be. The redo of Lake Louise Road from mile 9 to 19 will start this year with culvert updates. The "porpoising effect" of the road will not be completed until next year when funding will hopefully be received by the Feds who are holding it up. He also indicated that an additional \$20 billion had been added to the PFD fund this past year – but the PFD may or may not be increased – even though it should. Also, revenue sharing within the borough is not guaranteed in the future. We need to plan for it in case we no longer receive yearly funding from the MSB. At the end of his informative session Jean Holt suggested we all contact our representatives about the PFD and how we deserve to get what is due us.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sue Rodman was unable to be here to discuss the Fish and Game Prescribed Fire as planned. Unfortunately, they were not able to get the permit for the fire due to a Bald Eagle Habitat issue. They will try again next summer.
- By-Laws update was presented by Jake Anders. Using a Community Handbook template, the by-laws were rewritten to update the format and include a few minor changes. A duty for membership was added to the Vice-President position, clarification of terms of 3 years was made, and a map was added. Also an increase to raising the dues from \$5-10 for single membership and \$10-\$20 was made. An addition to President duties include also making that position the Registered Agent. Originally suggested that we download and review by the community, Joe Stam indicated that the changes were so minor that it would be a good idea if we voted on the changes now instead of letting it drag on another couple of years. All agreed. Member Pete Probasco motioned to approve and Wendy Simpson seconded. MOTION PASSED.
- Kerin Fassler gave an update on the Community Directory. Input from all concerned needs to be sent to Kerin by Aug 1, so that the Directory will be available at the next meeting if not sooner. Each family is to be given one free directory and additional copies will be available for a fee to be determined later.
- DNR Firewise Update was provided by Jenny Moser. She detailed the expansiveness of the plan and requested input from the community by going to their website and submitting comments. They are soliciting input on proposed boundaries and any other information regarding the threat of fire. She provided informational handouts on fire-wising your property.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Trooper Justin McGinnis of the Alaska Wildlife Troopers out of Glenallen listened to our concerns regarding the caribou hunters and the problems encountered this past winter. Proposals made by the community included hunters requiring taking a safety course prior to getting a license, a road corridor, more presence by more troopers.
- Trooper McGinnis explained that they are currently short staffed and the process for hiring will take several months so the ability to provide more troopers at this time is extremely remote. He did suggest writing the Fish and Wildlife Commission is one avenue to take forward our concerns.
- Another issue raised was the usage of drones invading personal spaces.
- In both cases, drones and hunting violations, he suggested calling dispatch to report a violation, take pictures if you can of activity and license plates of offenders. Timely reporting has in the past afforded the troopers the ability to catch violators in the process of committing a crime. But we need to call in a timely manner so they can use the helicopter and troopers on the ground to coordinate a faster response. Be a good witness.
- John Hicks provided an update on fire boxes and indicated if there is a fire, it is advisable to go by one of the boxes and pick up the equipment on your way to the fire. He also indicated that laminated instructions would be made and put into the boxes as it is very difficult to get people to come to classes.
- Eileen Probasco brought up the Wolf Pack Snowmachine Club effort to raise funds for a new groomer. A grant writer has been hired to submit for available grant funds. She also suggested we write letters to people for sponsors, write a personal check, a Go Fund Me account is in the process of being set up, and a raffle is in the works. Raffle tickets are available and are \$100 each. The drawing will be November 13 at the Palmer Moose Lodge.
- The Life Med Helicopter and Team (Brett, Gerry, and Brian) visited and explained the role of Life Med in providing life-saving support for our community. They are a 365 days a year 24/7 critical care ambulance that operates in the air. A nurse, paramedic, and pilot are on board. King Air can also respond if weather is poor and can land on our airstrip. It was mentioned that we should always call 911 for help as if the helicopter cannot fly, then substitute transportation will already be process for evacuation. It costs \$49/year and is

very affordable. They request an 80' x 80' spot on which to land the helicopter. They have a cabin registration program that can provide them with exact locations in case of an emergency. To sign up, call Life Med at 1-855-907-LIFE (5433).

- Election of Board members. Due to only 2 positions being available and there are only 2 persons on the ballot and no write-ins from the floor, a motion was made by Kerin Fassler to accept the 2 persons on the ballot as duly elected members of the board. Motion was seconded by Jake Anders, voted on by the community. MOTION PASSED. Wendy Simpson and James Hastings are duly elected for a 3-year term effective July 10, 2021.

MISCELLANEOUS

A short Executive Board Meeting will follow after adjournment to determine Board Member positions for the coming year.
Join us for a community picnic today after meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting will be on Oct 2 at 11:00 location to be determined. Kerin Fassler motioned to adjourn, Jake Anders seconded. MOTION PASSED. Meeting adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The following Board Members had agreed to take on the roles of the Board as follows:

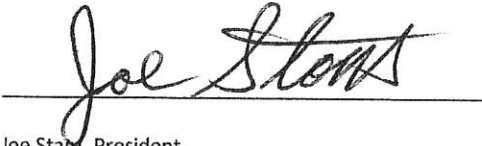
Joe Stam, President
JoAnn Hobbs, Vice-President
Kerin Fassler, Secretary
Jake Anders, Treasurer
Wendy Simpson, Member
James Hastings, Member
Kristina Murray, Member



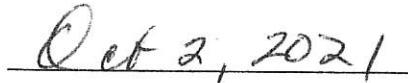
Kerin Fassler, Secretary



Date



Joe Stam, President



Date

RSA #9, MIDWAY, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

September 29, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

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The meeting of the Midway Road Service Area Board of Supervisors was called to order at 3:30 p.m. via TEAMS and at the Robert Vroman Public Works Building, 1420 South Industrial Way, Palmer, Alaska, by Primary member, Dan Tucker on Wednesday, September 29, 2021.

ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Board members in attendance establishing a quorum were Dan Tucker and Lisa Harrison. Also present were Will Barickman, Road Service Area Superintendent and Cole Branham, Project Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All joined in the "The Pledge of Allegiance".

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

As this was the first meeting of this board with enough members to make a quorum in over three years, and a new board member was added, there was an outline agenda. A past-practice format was used as a guide.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Primary member, Dan Tucker

Alternate member, Lisa Harrison

Recording Secretary – Dan this time, Lisa will assume the role after this meeting.

APPROVAL OF PRECEDING MEETING MINUTES

No prior meeting minutes were available for approval.

MOTION: None

VOTE: None

STAFF REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A – Will Barickman, RSA Superintendent

Updates on activities from this summer. Outline of projects. Status of projects.

RSA #9, MIDWAY, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

B – Cole Branham

Cole provided information on Capital Projects and Planning

Discussion on projects followed.

C – Dan/Will/Cole

Outline of structure of DPW, Hierarchy of Dept and Roles; Hotline process; General RSA guidelines and information; RSA#9 special features

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction and discussion of Resolution RSA#9-1— RIP list for 2022 to Assembly.
Motion; passed unanimous

OTHER BUSINESS

CIP funds transfers were presented, discussed and signed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience to participate.

BOARD COMMENTS

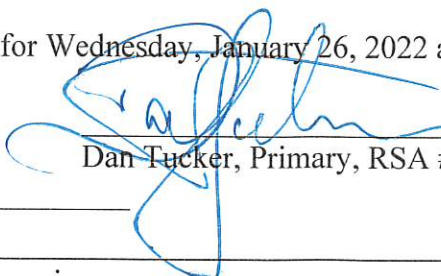
Miscellaneous Board comments and discussion inre first meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:40 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. at TBD

Minutes approved on:  _____


Dan Tucker, Primary, RSA #9 BOS.

Reso # 21-1

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A RESOLUTION OF ROAD SERVICE AREA #9, MIDWAY SUBMITTING AN
APPROVED 2022 ROAD SERVICE AREA IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR ROAD
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO THE ASSEMBLY FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

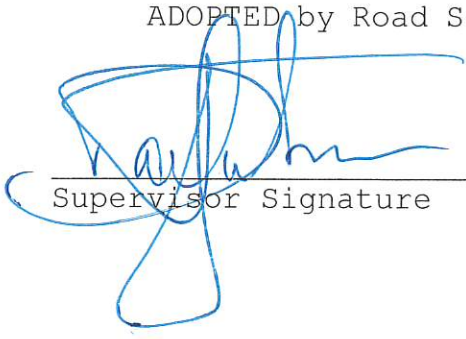
WHEREAS, the Annual Road Improvement Project List is
developed for road improvement projects in each road service area;
and

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

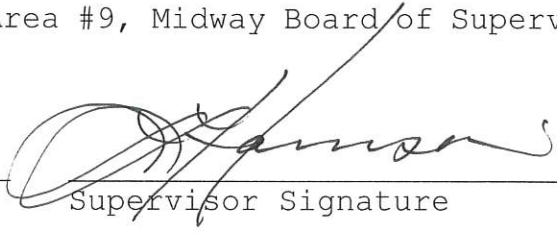
WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly reviews and
approves the Road Improvement Project List; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Road Service Area #9,
Midway Supervisors concur with this Road Improvement Project List
and request the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly approve it as
submitted.

ADOPTED by Road Service Area #9, Midway Board of Supervisors:



Supervisor Signature



Supervisor Signature

Supervisor Signature

Date: 09/29/21

SPECIAL MEETING 4 P.M. April 22, 2021

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I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; ESTABLISH QUORUM

Meeting called to order at 4:03 PM by Mike Wood.

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Roll Call:

Present: Mike Wood (MW), Howard Delo (HD), Tam Boeve (TB), Kendra Zamzow (KZ),
Andy Couch (AC), Larry Engel (LE), Tim Hale (TH).

Absent: Pete Probasco (excused).

Quorum established.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Motion: Moved to approve by LE
- Second: AC
- Discussion: None
- Action: Passed unanimously without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lead by AC; MW read a land acknowledgment.

V. AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS & PARTICIPATION (3 min./person, chair's discretion)

1. Bill Stoltze, MSB Lobbyist.
2. Steve Braund, Northern District Set Netters Association.

VI. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- a. Ted Eischeid – staff report

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider FWC position on Governor's nominees to Board of Fisheries; Resolution FWC 21-02.
 1. Motion: AC moved FWC 21-02 to recommend all four of the Governor's nominees for confirmation to the Alaska Board of Fisheries: John Wood, John Jensen, Märit Carlson-Van Dort, McKenzie Mitchell, and Abe Williams.

2.Second: LE

3.Discussion:

1. Bill Stoltze gave a report of Senate Resources hearing on nominees.

a. HD moved to amend motion: to recommend Jenson, Wood, Mitchell, and Carlson-Van Dort; and add the following language to FWC 21-02: NOW THEREFORE, IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED taking no position in opposition or support of Abe Williams due to lack of information.

b. TB seconded.

Vote:

Aye- KZ, TH, LE, TB, HD, MW.

Nay - AC

Amendment passed, 6-1, with AC opposed.

4.Action on amended motion: Amended motion passed unanimously without objection.

b. Consider FWC position on Alaska State Senate Bill 97/House Bill 120; FWC 21-03

1.Motion to approve Resolution FWC 21-03: AC

2.Second: LE

3.Discussion: discussion ensued;

HD caught an error: blue page 4, line 4, change 6,2224 to 6,224.

4.Action: Motion passed unanimously with the aforementioned correction without objection.

VIII. MEMBER COMMENTS

1. HD- great meeting, good discussion, good compromise.

2. TB- thanks to Ted for writing the resolutions; easier to amend; Friday at 3:30 Senate Resources Committee will be having a Susitna River Dam presentation.

3. AC- went ice fishing today and caught fish.

4. LE-

5. TH-

6. KZ- happy how things went.

7. TE – good meeting.

8. MW – would like TE to send out the MSB FWC mission statement; request we send a letter of thanks to BM, SI, and DVL about dialoguing with us about EOs.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE: May 20, 2021, 4 PM

X. ADJOURNMENT

1.Motion: LE

2.Second: KZ

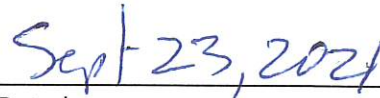
3.Discussion:

4.Action: Passed unanimously without objection.

- Meeting stands adjourned at 5:06 PM.

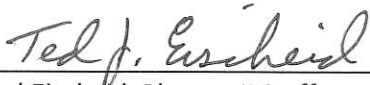


Mike Wood, Chair

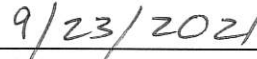


Dated

ATTEST:



Ted Eischeid, Planner II Staff



Dated

MSB FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION Regular Meeting: May 20, 2021 – Minutes

MSB Lower Level Conference Room //TEAMS Remote Participation Option

Minutes prepared by Ted Eischeid, Planner II

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; ESTABLISH QUORUM

Meeting called to order at 4:07 PM by chair Mike Wood.

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM /LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Roll Call:

Present:

- Mike Wood (MW)
- Howard Delo (HD)
- Tam Boeve (TB)
- Kendra Zamzow (KZ)
- Andy Couch (AC)
- Larry Engel (LE)
- Pete Probasco (PP)

Absent:

- Tim Hale (TH)

Quorum (5+) established.

Land Acknowledgement: Read by MW

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Motion: Moved to approve by LE
- Second: HD
- Discussion: None
- Action: Passed unanimously without objection.

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IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by AC

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. April 15, 2021

- Motion: Moved to approve by AC
- Second: HD
- Discussion: Trevor's last name needs correction: Rollman.
- Action: Passed unanimously without objection as corrected.

VI. AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS & PARTICIPATION (3 min./person, chair's discretion)

1. Bill Stoltze, MSB
2. Becky Long, Talkeetna – thanks FWC on SWMO, that this is an important ordinance; disturbed about 8.5 million appropriation in CIP state budget for WSAR project – doesn't support this when AIDEA has money for this project in its own budget.
3. Melissa Heuer, Susitna River Coalition.
4. Stephen Braund, N. District Set Netters Assoc.
5. Trevor Rollman, N. District Set Netters Assoc.

VII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- a. Ted Eischeid – staff report
Some discussion around staying engaged on the Recreation Rivers Act.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. West Susitna Access Road Project
- B. Committee report on April 15 draft letter to ADFG
 - Committee had been formed on April 15th consisting of MW, AC, Trevor Rollman, and Neil Dewitt. Neil Dewitt was unable to participate due to illness.

- Committee Work:
- Discussed mission.
- Some consensus around asking ADFG for continued weir management; and around fisheries habitat.
- No consensus that the ADFG did conservative management last year.
- Successes: Took 65 questions and reduced to 4; the Emergency Order decision making flow chart increased understanding; ADFG is aware of the questions FWC asks of them, and are responsive to them with limited resources; ADFG Commissioner is sensitive to impacts of his decisions on Mat-Su fisheries.
- Recommendations: none were consensed to for the FWC; would be beneficial for Ted to create a database of all former FWC questions to ADFG.
- Questions: PP - So the April 15 draft letter is on hold until the September FWC meeting? MW: Yes.
- Additional discussion ensued.
- Future Recommendation that FWC draft letters not be put on FWC letterhead until approved by FWC to eliminate confusion.
- SB: would like to have a written committee report for consideration at the September meeting; clarification – will consider the committee report, not the original April 15 draft letter.
- LE: Supported SB's comment about not putting draft letters yet to be approved on formal letterhead.
- SB: what do we really need to focus on in the N. District?

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion about FWC mission.

- Chair asked staff to include this since even he doesn't always know the mission, and that the discussion of FWC longtimers might add to our understanding.

- LE: Gave a history of how the FWC formed; the then Mayor, Curtis Menard, didn't feel BOF at that time was representing the MSB well, so the FWC was formed to leverage resources and have a larger impact on the regulatory process on behalf of MSB citizens; as a compliment to ACs, but with even more impact.
- Bill Stoltze: It was Mayor Menard, but also LE had a big impact on the FWC. The FWC was respected and impactful on policy makers. FWC provided forums for discussion and action.
- MW: How does the FWC be relevant without being political? BS: You need the forum to communicate; what's key is having good information/science, like the fish genetics.
- HD: at 2008 UCI BOF meeting, a number of FWC members were there, talking and making an impact.

B. Consider letter thanking ADFG Marston, Ivey, Vincent-Lange for conservative fisheries management

- HD Moved to send this letter; PP seconded.
- LE: supports the concept, but worried about some of the wording; "The conservative management we laud..."
- PP: EOs are a key tool for management, and agrees with LE;
- Amendment: HD: to strike the sentence: The conservative management... and the ..., especially by minimizing; and to reword the letter thusly: We encourage the Dept. to continue to manage the Cook Inlet salmon fishery conservatively in 2021 ...
- Seconded by PP
- Amendment passes unanimously.
- Amended motion: Motion passes unanimously.

C. Consider request to staff to compile and post data from previous ADF&G/FWC dialogues

- AC moved to have staff do this over the summer with a report at the Sept. meeting; seconded by KZ.
- Motion passed unanimously without objection.

X. MEMBER COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS TO CONSIDER

1. HD: Glad to see the members on the FWC and the good stuff we do; thanks to Bill Stoltze for his work.
2. KZ: independently commissioned a 4-page comic strip explaining the SWMO; requested tips on how to distribute these comics.
3. AC: Has a slower fish guiding season, so would love to offer a fishing trip to individual FWC members as his calendar allows.

4. PP:

5. LE:

6. MW: Would like to see our nine member state legislative delegation help us on some of our priorities; hope everyone has a good and safe fishing season, and for the public that attends our meetings.

XI. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: September 23, 2021, 4 PM (note that this is the 4th Thursday of the month, contrary to our usual third Thursday of the month meeting day).

XII. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion: HD

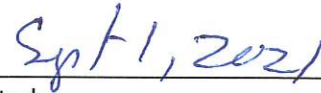
2. Second: LE

3. Action: Passed unanimously without objection.

- Meeting stands adjourned at 5:55 PM.



Mike Wood, Chair

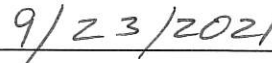


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ATTEST:



Ted Eischeid, Planner II Staff



Dated

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
August 16, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission was held on August 16, 2021, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Colleen Vague.

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

Planning Commission members present and establishing a quorum:

Ms. Mary Anderson, Assembly District #1, Vice-Chair
VACANT, Assembly District #2
Ms. Patricia Chesbro, Assembly District #3
Ms. Colleen Vague, Assembly District #4, Chair
Mr. Stafford Glashan, Assembly District #6

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Planning Commission members absent and excused were:

Mr. Chris Elder, Assembly District #5
Mr. Sassan Mossanen, Assembly District #7

Staff in attendance:

Mr. Alex Strawn, Planning & Land Use Director
Mr. Jason Ortiz, Development Services Manager
Ms. Shannon Bodolay, Assistant Borough Attorney
Ms. Peggy Horton, Planner II
Mr. Emerson Krueger, Natural Resource Manager
Ms. Tracy McDaniel, Asset Manager
Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director
Ms. Karol Riese, Planning Commission Clerk
Assemblymember Tam Boeve

*Indicates that the individual attended telephonically due to COVID safety protocols.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Vague 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 Assemblymember Boeve.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

1. August 2, 2021, regular meeting minutes

B. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING: QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

1. **Resolution PC 21-22**, A Conditional Use Permit In Accordance With MSB 17.30 –

Conditional Use Permit (CUP) For Earth Materials Extraction Activities, For The Extraction Of Approximately 1,800,000 Cubic Yards Of Earth Material From a 61.9-Acre Site Within A 120-Acre Parcel, Tax ID # 17N02W02C003, Within Township 17 North, Range 2 West, Section 003, Seward Meridian. Public Hearing: September 20, 2021 (Applicant: MSB Land & Resource Management Division; Staff: Mark Whisenhunt).

2. **Resolution PC 21-23**, A Resolution Of The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission Approving A Variance To MSB 17.55 For The Construction Of A Single-Family Residence To Be Placed Approximately 38.1 Feet From The Shorelands Of Finger Lake On Government Lot 5, Tax ID # 18N01E34B002; Within Township 18 North, Range 1 East, Section 34, Seward Meridian. Public Hearing: September 20, 2021 (Applicant: Shaun Krautkremer; Staff: Mark Whisenhunt).

- C. **INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING: LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**
(None)

GENERAL CONSENT: The consent agenda was approved without objection.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. School Site Selection Committee
Commissioner Anderson gave a report on the three sites that the committee selected.

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

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

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following person spoke regarding concerns with public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING: QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

- A. **Resolution PC 21-17**, A Conditional Use Permit In Accordance With MSB 17.60 - Conditional Uses, Was Submitted By Greg Smith Of 2nd Amendment, LLC; Allowing For The Operation Of A Marijuana Cultivation Facility, Located At 20357 West Susitna Parkway, Tax ID#17N04W35C001; Within Township 17 North, Range 4 West, Section 35, Seward Meridian (Applicant: Greg Smith, dba 2nd Amendment; Staff: Peggy Horton).

Chair Vague read the resolution title into the record.

Ms. Horton provided a staff report:

- staff recommended approval of the resolution with conditions.

Commissioners questioned staff regarding:

Tenants, shared driveway, and air filtration system.

Chair Vague invited the applicant or their representative to provide an overview of their application.

Mr. Greg Smith, applicant, provided an overview of their application.

Commissioners questioned the applicant regarding:
Greenhouse height

Chair Vague opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke regarding concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Glashan moved to approve Resolution PC 21-17. The motion was seconded.

Discussion ensued

MOTION: Commissioner Glashan moved a primary amendment to strike the 5th Whereas. The motion was seconded.

Remove: "WHEREAS, there are two commercial use properties to the east, a tower approximately 2600 feet away and a gravel extraction pit approximately 2900 feet from the subject property; and"

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

X. PUBLIC HEARING LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- A. **Resolution PC 21-18**, A Resolution Of The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission Recommending Assembly Adoption Of An Ordinance Amending Timber Salvage Sales Terms In MSB 23.20.130 And Repealing The Timber Transport Permit In MSB 28.60 (Staff: Emerson Krueger, Natural Resource Manager – Community Development).

Chair Vague read the resolution title into the record.

Mr. Krueger provided a staff report:

- staff recommended approval of the resolution.

Commissioners questioned staff regarding:

Safety precautions, presented to Transportation Advisory Board and Road Service Area.

Chair Vague opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in regarding Resolution PC 21-18: Ms. Donna Massay

The following person spoke regarding concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

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

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

MOTION: Commissioner Glashan moved to approve Resolution PC 21-18. The motion was seconded.

Discussion ensued

MOTION: Commissioner Vague moved a primary amendment to strike the word “Can” with “Shall”. – at the bottom of page 2 The motion was seconded.

To Read: “WHEREAS, Borough road maintenance concerns related to Borough timber sale contracts shall be adequately addressed in timber sale contracts that have been reviewed by the Borough Attorney’s office; and”

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The main motion failed as amended for lack of a majority. (3-1)
Yes: Commissioner Vague, Commissioner Glashan, and Commissioner Chesbro
No: Commissioner Anderson

- B. **Resolution PC 21-20**, A Resolution Of The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission Recommending Approval Of An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.23 To Exempt Pipeline And Conveyor Structures From Setback Requirements Pursuant To MSB 17.55 (Staff: Tracy McDaniel, Asset Manager – Community Development).

Chair Vague read the resolution title into the record.

Ms. McDaniel provided a staff report:

- staff recommended approval of the resolution.

Commissioners questioned staff regarding:

Placing conveyor next to a private property, lease lot line, and abutment to private lands

Chair Vague opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke regarding concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

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

- Two callers, Mr. Strassenburgh and Ms. Ruth Wood, spoke regarding Resolution PC 21-18 – said they could not get through

MOTION: Commissioner Glashan moved to approve Resolution PC 21-20. The motion was seconded.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Commissioner Glashan moved a primary amendment to add ...except along the non-waterfront boundary of the port district on page 2; bold item #1, before the period. The motion was seconded.

So it will read: **“(1) pipeline and conveyor structures are excluded from all setback requirements except along the non-waterfront boundary of the port district.”**

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

C. **Resolution PC 21-21**, A Resolution Of The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission Recommending Approval Of An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.67.030, Exemptions, Under Chapter 17.67, Tall Structures Including Telecommunication Facilities, Wind Energy Conversion Systems, And Other Tall Structures (Staff: Alex Strawn, Planning And Land Use Director).

Chair Vague read the resolution title into the record.

Mr. Strawn provided a staff report:

- staff recommended approval of the resolution.

Chair Vague opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in favor of Resolution PC 21-21: Mr. Doug Smith, Ms. Ruth Wood, Mr. John Korth, Ms. Trump and Mr. John Strassenburgh,

The following person spoke regarding concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Chesbro moved to approve Resolution PC 21-21. The motion was seconded.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Commissioner Glashan moved a primary amendment to addother temporary tall structure that” on page 2; bold item #3,. The motion was seconded. By Commissioner Anderson

It reads: (2)temporary tall structures, including but not limited to drilling derricks and construction cranes which are utilized on active construction projects or other temporary tall structures that are on site less than **30** [180] calendar days total within a consecutive 12-month period and are not intended to routinely reoccur on the same site;

Discussion ensued.

VOTE:The primary amendment passed without objection.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

A. Changes To Public Hearings – Quasi-Judicial Time Removal

MOTION: Commissioner Anderson moved remove the public hearing start time of 6:15 p.m. from the Agenda. The motion was seconded.

VOTE: The main motion passed without objection.

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

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

XIV. COMMISSION BUSINESS

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

Commission Business was presented, and no comments were noted.

XV. DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



COLLEEN VAGUE, Planning Commission
Chair

ATTEST:



KAROL RIESE, Planning Commission Clerk

Minutes approved: October 4, 2021

Regular Meeting of the Talkeetna Community Council
Tuesday, September 7th, 2021 7pm
Via Zoom
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1. **Call to order and establish a quorum:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Jon Korta, Chris Hall, Jodi Rodwell, and Kathy Trump. Cortni, Lora, and Kristy were absence

2. **Minutes.** Kathy Trump will take the minutes

3. **Approval of agenda**

Jodi made a motion to approve the agenda and seconded by Chris with additions: Add Matthew Beck who is running for Borough Mayor under Persons to Be Heard. DEC under announcements. Motion passed.

4. **Approval of Minutes from 8/2/21**

Motion by Chris to approve the minutes. Seconded by Jodi. Motion passes.

5. **Treasurer's Report.** TCCI has four accounts. 2 are dormant and all are in good financial shape.

6. **Out-of-Town Guest(s)** - none

7. **Correspondence:** Correspondence was not sent out because the Secretary was unavailable. Jon Korta went briefly over the correspondence

8. **Announcements**

- BOAA Re: Comsat Quarry 10/13/21: The Borough does not agree with the State regarding CUP. TCCI is an interested party and the date for an appeal was changed to October, 13 at 10AM
- Flood Meeting 9/22 6-8pm;
- Election Reminder. The Borough needs election officials.
- DEC is administering rapid tests. Funding from MatSu Health Foundation. They will have set hours and days until at least March. They will begin advertising.

9. **Persons to be heard**

A. Matthew Beck, who is running for Borough Mayor, introduced himself

to the community.

10. **Assembly Update:** Tam Boeve. She could not make it to our meeting, because the Assembly meets today too.

11. **Committee/Board Reports**

A. **TPAC:** Roger Robinson

Ridge Trail is mostly finished, and it's muddy right now. A Street Trail is in.

Jon and Roger are working on signs for the parks.

Next meeting October 19 via Zoom.

B. **Recycling:** Jodi Rodwell

Next meeting Thursday, September 16.

C. **Community Assistance Program:** 15 grants given with 10 MOAs returned. 5 still out. MOAs need to be returned for distribution of checks. CAP is funded for 2022.

D. **Skatepark.** No report

E. **Playground.** No report

F. **Comsat Quarry.** BOAA meeting date changed. See announcements. FAQs posted at P.O. but someone removed them. Will post them at the TCCI bulletin board at P.O.

Next meeting is Monday, September 20.

G. **RSA.** John Strassenburgh

RSA board talked about the proposed repeal of the traffic safety plan and timber transport plan. Mike Lachelt said he expected all projects slated to be completed this season would be completed this season.

H. **TWSB:** Whitney Wolff

Meeting held at the new site and they received a tour of the facility. Amanda Fleming introduced herself as the new Talkeetna Water and Sewer Supervisor.

I. **CERT.** They e-mailed a report.

J. **Fire Dept.** Fire Chief Chappel was not at the meeting.

K. **Nominating Committee:** Whitney Wolff

Nominating Committee is working hard to bring good candidates to the board.

12. **Unfinished Business** none

13. New Business

A. MSB's proposed Timber Salvage Ordinance

Support of a proposed Timber Salvage Ordinance considered but not passed by the Planning Commission. Our council did not get any notice from the borough prior to consideration by the planning commission.

On September 21, the ordinance will be introduced at the Assembly meeting for public hearing on October 5th. Problems brought to the council's attention by Ruth Wood:

1. Ordinance would repeal the timber transport permit and safety plan. The information given by the planning department was not complete and did not reflect history in our area.
2. Staff stated they would not log in recreation areas. That language needs to be in the ordinance.
3. Salvage logging of trees that are part of the commercial timber base should not be automatically excluded from the annual allowable cut as it is important to maintain a sustainable forest.

Introduced on September 21 and public hearing and vote on October 5, the day after our meeting.

Motion by Kathy that the Talkeetna Community Council write a letter asking the Borough not to repeal MSB 28.60.070 and MSB 28.60.080, and which expresses concern over MSB's proposed ordinance amending MSB 23.20, and asks for any changes to the proposed ordinance come before the community. The council wants the Borough to know we object to the lack of public engagement. These changes were not brought to the council and RSA boards attention. Seconded by Chris. Motion passes.

During discussion of the issue, community members stated:

The Borough's new proposal does not take into account Natural Resource Management Unit (NRMU), which community members helped craft.

Timber safety traffic report. It's important because in 2005 a timber truck flipped and caused a safety hazard. We need to keep our roads safe.

Process should have come before the Council and Borough transportation advisory board and the 16 RSAs.

The goal of the Borough is to reduce fire danger, which is admirable, but not necessarily well-thought out.

Timber harvest is not allowed in the Bartlett Hills. Would the Borough do harvest health in the Bartlett Hills? Borough has a lot of work to on the proposed timber salvage ordinance.

Borough is not making a distinction between commercial forest land and noncommercial forest land.

Borough talked to timber people but not residents in the affected areas.

When the ordinance change came to the Planning Commission the phones did not work properly, so people who wanted to object and ask questions, but could not. Alex Strawn promised an IT person will be available at the next meeting.

Kathy and Ruth will write the letter and send it to Jon.

B. Improve Communication between Borough Staff and Community

Ten years ago, when Ruth was chair, TCCI had a good working relationship with the Borough and Planning Commission. The Council at the time worked hard to do so.

Now, the Borough often forgets to let us know about issues which affect our community. As an example: we do not have a lot of Borough land in the Council district. The Borough put up 6 acres for sale, and many community members objected. The land was pulled, and then put up for sale at the last minute. Is the Borough doing any 20 year planning?

Ruth suggests we invite Mike Brown and Eric Phillips to a council meeting

Jon contacted Eric Phillips and Mike Brown to let them know we would like more input in issues that affect the community. Also, he asked what land the Borough owns in our area.

Alex Strawn will provide that map.

Alex is in regular communication with Mike Brown. He can get a message to him.

Also Alex told us: the temporary tall structures change of language will be Introduced September 21 at the Assembly meeting. Based on Planning Commission comments he will get rid of the language "drilling derricks" from the temporary tall structures ordinance.

A Street trail is completed. Signs are up. Compaction done recently.

Roger wants sign made by the Historical Society put up. Alex promised to do so.

C. Letter of Support to MSB for mask mandate in schools

Letter from concerned parents due to safety concerns. School district is not pushing a mask mandate. Large population of students who cannot get vaccinated, specifically those under twelve

Motion by Chris to accept the letter from parents as written and distribute it to the school board and superintendent. Seconded by Jodi. Motion passes.

14. Board Comments

Jodi: Thank you to Debbie and Ashley for giving a community voice about a mask mandate. Call DEC for a rapid covid tests. 733-7303

Chris: Chris supports the letter for mask mandate and suggests others write a letter too. (Mail letters to: Matanuska Susitna Borough School District, 501 N Gulkana St Palmer, AK 99645)

Kathy: Thanks to Jennifer Crosby and Frannie Christensen for attending our meeting

Jon: Thank you to Brian Okonek for hard work on the A Street Trail and Alex and his staff for working with the community.

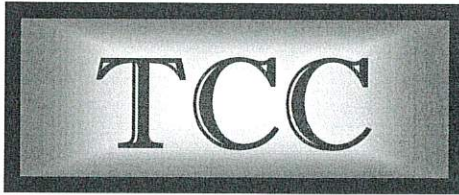
15. Adjourn. Motion by Jodi Rodwell to adjourn the meeting at 8:46. Seconded by Chris. Motion passes.

Meeting minutes taken by Kathy Trump

Attested to:



Jonathan Korta, 9/9/21



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Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sept 14, 2021

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Zoom

Join Zoom meeting: Meeting ID: 88093777213

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Requested Attendees:

Gretchen Watson; Corine Hickey Michelle LaRose

Absent Rachel Lund

7:03pm Call to Order-Corine Hickey

Treasury Report-n/a

7:05pm Old Business:

- Insurance Application- Gretchen Watson still pending contact with another agent for quote.
- In person meeting to be suspended pending insurance coverage requirement

7:10pm Action Items:

Matsu Borough confirmed election mailer request and Karol Riese committed to mailer week of 9/13/21

Facebook Fundraising: Gretchen and Corine not comfortable with doing this fundraising at this time

Matsu Borough Election workers short- Michelle to take the attached flyer and post to our facebook page

7:12pm Heather Way address: Corine recommends a written statement from the council to the Assembly to take action on outstanding code enforcement concerns. Corine to provide the address in future email.

7:15pm-Adjourn

Corine Hickey, TCC Vice President & acting President

Gretchen Watson, Secretary

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