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MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

3:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Matthew Beck.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Assemblymember Jim Sykes, Assemblymember Matthew Beck, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Ted Leonard, Assemblymember Dan Mayfield, Assemblymember Jesse Sumner, and Assemblymember Tam Boeve

Excused: 1 - Mayor Vern Halter

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deputy Mayor Beck.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no one present who wished to testify.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Wetland Mitigation Banking in the Borough

Ms. Roberta Budnik, United States Army Corp of Engineers Alaska District, provided a power point presentation regarding Compensatory Mitigation.

Mr. Larry Engle, MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission Member, provided a power point presentation regarding Borough Fish and Wetlands Development and Responsibility.

Mr. Jonathan Kirsch, Alaska State Department of Fish and Game, Mat-Su Regional Manager, provided a power point presentation regarding Distribution, Value, and Protection of Wetlands in the Borough.

Mr. Matthew LaCroix, Environmental Protection Agency Alaska Operations Office Mitigation Lead, provided a power point presentation regarding Protecting the Borough's Aquatic Resources.

Ms. Gail Terzi, Wetland and Compensatory Mitigation Specialist, provided a power point presentation regarding the Process and Options for a Wetland Compensatory Mitigation Program for the Borough.

[Clerk's note: Mayor Halter entered the meeting at 5:16 p.m. but did not assume the duties of the chair.]

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Assemblymember Boeve thanked all the speakers for the presentations they provided.

Assemblymember Sumner commented that the United States Army Corp of Engineers is much easier to work with than in the past. Opined that there is no benefit to the Borough in having a wetland mitigation bank.

Assemblymember Leonard spoke to his appreciation for the presentations. Stated that he does not agree with adding more layers of government that add a cost to residents.

Mayor Halter thanked Deputy Mayor Beck for chairing the meeting. Thanked the presenters for their information.

Deputy Mayor Beck thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.