

- President: Jodi Riddell
- Vice President: Michael Dale
- Secretary: Tina Dobson
- Treasurer: Lisa Behrens
- Director at Large: Dave Haggard
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General Membership Meeting – March 10, 2026 – 7:00 PM
 Big Lake Lions Recreation Center

MINUTES

1) Call to Order/Determination of Quorum:

By: Jodi Time: 7:04pm Quorum: Yes Attendees: 20

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Agenda Approval: Motion to approve: Michael Second: Yes

4) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval (February 10, 2026)

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

5) Treasurer's Report

Checking #1 (Community Revenue Sharing Funds):	\$27,262.91
Savings #1 (Membership Dues):	\$4,285.04
Money Market #1 (Jordan Lake Park Project):	\$66,730.51

6) Membership Report

Voting Members renewed for 2026: 56 Associates (non-voting) renewed for 2026: 3

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

1. Kenny Kleewein, MSB GIS Division Manager – MSB online Problem Reporter

Kenny discussed the tools available to report issues in your area and how they are handled on the backside. New website matsugov.com, select Problem Reporter at the bottom of the page. Also located on the Community Council website. <https://problemreporter.matsugov.us/>

They are still moving information from the old website and making improvements. You can currently report on 4 areas of concern (vehicles, animal care, road maintenance, and trash in the right of way). They are working on a 5th option which is trail issues. You no longer need to call the hotline (only open 8-5pm). You will get a quicker response if you report online 24/7, with more detailed information using your computer or phone, and your issue will be directed more quickly to the appropriate department. You can drop a pin from the problem location, or pinpoint the location (if you're no longer there) on the map for easier location by the response team. If there is a red dot on the MSB map already someone has already reported on that issue. If the issue hasn't been reported, report it. There is also a new app, Survey123, that you can put on your phone, create a report on the app even if you have no service, and as soon as your phone has service again the app will send your report. You can report problems on any road, not just borough roads, they will send the report to the appropriate dept. You can check the status of any report and plowed/graded road status. Contact email, gis@matsugov.us

2. Michael Dale – BLCC Website Tour

Michael went through a tour of the Big Lake Community Council website which is full of helpful information like area events, upcoming area meetings, photo gallery, council meeting minutes and agendas, Jay Nolfi Park reservations, area resource links, etc.; and urges everyone to visit the site and become familiar with it. He is looking into adding social media links to local groups and the 511 link for valley and Anchorage road conditions. If you have any suggestions for additions or would like to put any information on the site, please send it to Michael Dale at biglakecommunitycouncil@proton.me

8) Reports

1. Legislative (State House & Senate)

Senator Rauscher: None. Please direct any questions you may have to www.georgerauscher.com -or- Sen.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov -or- (907)465-4859.

Representative McCabe: Via phone: 1) There's been a lot of data center discussions based on the recent assembly resolution. W. Susitna Access area, Flatlands Energy clean coal project and Terra Energy (the business portion of that

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project), possibly planning a data center in Point MacKenzie. There's a lot of misinformation out there, especially regarding energy required to cool the center, but Alaska does not have that problem being in a cold climate. Refer to his Substack data center article. 2) DOT is committed to study speed limits around Talkeetna spur to decrease speed limit in that area, between May to Sept. Rep. McCabe can be reached at www.kevinjmccabe.com -or- (907)465-2679 -or- Representative.Kevin.McCabe@akleg.gov

- 2. Assembly (District 5) Representative Gamble: None
- 3. Fire Service (West Lakes Fire Department) Chief Hightower: Her presentation is available on the Council website. There will be a Basic training class in the spring. The Board of Supervisors has 2 open positions.
- 4. Road Service Area (RSA 21): Andrew Traxler: Special meeting regarding the road contract bid. They retrieved data for the last 25 years of service providers for complaints and divided by 3 to account for discrepancies: based on that information, the recommendation is to not award the bid as was approved previously by the Assembly.
- 5. Jordan Lake Park Committee: Jim Faiks: 1) Jolly Creek drainage project: 90% chance it will happen this season. Flood water from Wasilla Lake Lucille will be directed to the park. 2) Plans for this year: finish pickleball court, brick entry, soccer field goals put up, 1600ft walkway, wellhouse with drinking water and power. The Big Lake Chamber of Commerce will have a large event in August. Next mtg: April 4, Big Lake Library 10-12pm.

9) Correspondence

- 1. Mat-Su Borough to sell property on W. Susitna and Purinton. Public comment deadline March 31. Public Notice is on the Council website.

10) Unfinished Business

- 1. 2025 BLCC CIP (Community Improvement Projects) Committee – Update: None

11) New Business

- 1. Add a non-voting Youth Advisory position to the Executive Board, and add them under the monthly reports on the General Membership meeting agenda. This was approved and will be added to the Bylaws with a \$5 youth membership option.

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

- 1. None

13) Audience Participation (3 Minutes per person)

- 1. None

14) Announcements

- 1. The Big Lake Chamber of Commerce, Big Lake Trails, and Susitna Brewing Fun Run event, March 7th was a huge success!
- 2. Ducks Unlimited Event @ Everett's on March 21st

15) Board Member Closing Comments

- 1. Jodi Riddell:
- 2. Michael Dale: Please use the online Problem Reporter to report road issues.
- 3. Tina Dobson:
- 4. Lisa Behrens:
- 5. Dave Haggard:
- 6. Larry McKinstry: Added an article about Jordan Lake Park on the Council website.
- 7. Michelle Traxler:

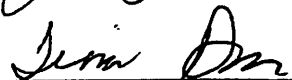
16) Adjournment

By: Michael Second: Yes Time: 8:15pm



Signature – Jodi Riddell, President – Big Lake Community Council

4-14-2026
Date



Attestation – Tina Dobson, Secretary – Big Lake Community Council

4-14-26
Date



Minutes from Big Lake RSA #21
Monday February 9, 2026 6:30 pm
Big Lake Lions Club, Big Lake

Board Members Attending: Andrew Traxler- Primary, Terry Gorlick- Secretary, Randy Richards, Nate Suing

Borough Staff: Dustin Spidal- Ops Branch Manager,

Seth Hansen- Road Maintenance Superintendent O&M

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Action Items

- Terry Gorlick - **Sign and Send Letter of Support for Jolly Creek Drainage Funding** Work with Terry Gorlick to finalize and send the letter to Representative McKay and Senator Raucher before the state capital budget is finalized.
- Andrew Traxler - **Draft Letter of Support for Jolly Creek Drainage** Prepare a draft letter for board review, referencing sample letters and ensuring alignment with funding match requirements.
- Andrew Traxler - **Coordinate with Board on Letter Approval** Run the draft letter by Andrew Drexler and the board before sending.
- Andrew Traxler - **Present GIS System at Community Council** Coordinate with Jody to present a modified version of the GIS problem reporting system at the community council meeting.

Overview

- Meeting focused on **road maintenance**, funding, and project updates for Big Lake RSA 21.
- Approval of previous meeting minutes and agenda, including a **letter of support** for state funding.
- Detailed discussion on **road conditions**, contractor performance, and snow removal challenges.
- Financial updates: **\$180,000** left for public construction, **\$245,000** in COLA adjustment, and **\$529,000** encumbered for Jolly Creek drainage.
- Implementation and review of a **GIS-based problem reporting system** and its impact on efficiency.
- Board elections: **Andrew Traxler** continues as primary, **Terry Gorlick** as secretary.
- Action taken to support further state funding for the **Jolly Creek drainage project**.

Roll Call, Quorum, and Meeting Start

- Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.
- Roll call confirmed five members present: Andrew Traxler, Terry Gorlick, Nate Suing, Garland Morrison (via Teams), Randy Richards.
- Quorum of five members established.

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Agenda Approval and Letter of Support for Jolly Creek Drainage

- Added agenda item: letter of support to state representative for match funding for Jolly Good Day.
- Approved February 9th agenda and December 8th, 2025 meeting minutes; June 9th, 2025 minutes to be signed.
- Letter of support directed to Representative Kevin McKay to preserve CAPSIS funding for Jolly Creek drainage.
- No opposition recorded for agenda or minutes approval.

Zone and Road Condition Updates

- No road or zone concerns reported in zones 1 and 4.
- Zone 2 roads widened to full width and maintained; no complaints reported.
- Zone 3 reported rough, washboard road conditions.

Financial and Contract Updates

- Public construction contracts fully funded.
- Big Lake contract closes Thursday, 11th.
- Currently 27-28 contracts; 17 today; 25 pending.
- Approximately \$180,000 remains for public construction and periodic maintenance.

COLA Adjustment and Contract Flexibility

- \$245,000 remains in COLA adjustment account for public construction overruns.
- New contracts include HMA (Hot Mix Asphalt type 2B) by the ton, improving purchasing flexibility.
- HMA is the standard road mix used.
- New contract terms allow projects like Birch Creek without compliance or purchasing issues.
- Unused COLA funds return after one year.

Contract Bidding Structure and Zone Division

- Current prices range from **\$80 to \$225 per ton** per mix.
- Traffic volumes: **500–600 cars/day** (general), **1,200–1,500 cars/day** (Sittna Parkway).
- Contract divided into **Zone 1, 2, 3, 4**, each covering **~50 road miles**.
- Single solicitation (**26102B**) covers all four zones, not split into two contracts.
- No roads in contract approach **2,500 cars/day** traffic volume.

RSA Manager's Report: Weather Events, Snow Removal, and Public Concerns

- Bid closure for RSA scheduled for Thursday, 27th.
- Recent severe weather: multiple wind events, extreme cold (**-30°F**), significant snow accumulation.

- Snow storage capacity reached in several areas; efforts ongoing to widen roads and manage high snow banks.
- Increase in private snow storage violations and abandoned vehicles; enforcement actions taken.
- RSA 21 received 139 requests (11% of total) since Dec 8; majority submitted via phone, not online report tool.

Unmaintained Roads, Upgrades, and Funding Strategies

- Streetlight installation and maintenance costs may fall to RSA, HOA, or other entities depending on location and ownership.
- RSA contracts require full-width road clearing, regardless of equipment used; method is not specified, only the result.
- New contract specifies minimum equipment requirements by miles of maintenance and winter conditions.
- Snow removal standards include no berms in driving areas, driveways, or pedestrian facilities; snow storage and removal protocols detailed.
- Recent snow event: contractors cleared main roads first, then neighborhoods within 48 hours, with follow-up for full-width clearing and driveway access.

Letter of Support for BUILD Grant and Corridor Project

- No new business, project, or community concerns identified.
- Board reviewed and unanimously approved letter of support for Matanuska-Susitna Borough's BUILD grant application for Burma Road Corridor Project.
- Burma Road Corridor identified as critical for safety, reliability, and economic resilience; current issues include gravel surface, steep grades, sharp curves, and inadequate drainage.
- Project aims to modernize roadway, improve safety, year-round reliability, emergency access, and freight movement; aligns with BUILD program objectives.
- Recent and planned improvements on Puritan Parkway and Burma Road sections noted; project supports regional growth and infrastructure needs.

Board Elections and Continuity

- Board election held for yearly positions.
- Andrew continues as chairman; Terry continues as secretary.
- No opposition or alternative candidates presented.
- Motion passed to maintain current board setup for next year.

GIS Problem Reporting System: Implementation, Impact, and Q&A

- Road maintenance map uses color codes: red (burro-maintained), blue (unapproved), orange (city), green (city), teal (private).
- Problem reporting system routes issues to correct jurisdiction; auto-emails citizens on request completion.

- Contractors use Quick Capture app for real-time tracking; 15-minute update delay; 37 active trucks during major snow events.
- Asset management system logs maintenance activities; 2022: 7,792 requests, 2,242 via app; 2026 goal: 80% app, 20% phone.
- Auto-closing for certain requests (not berms); unique request IDs for tracking; reroute function prevents issues falling through cracks.

New Streetlight Request Format and Internal Process

- New streetlight request form in development, led by Alex Forkner.
- Jolly Creek project total cost: **\$530,000**; seeking additional **\$529,000** in state funding.
- State currently contributing **\$595,000**; area-wide bond funding: **\$976,500**; borough covers **50%** via bond.
- Letter of support to be sent to Representative McCabe and Senator Raucher for further funding.
- Next meeting scheduled for **April 6th**; group agreed to continue bi-monthly meetings.

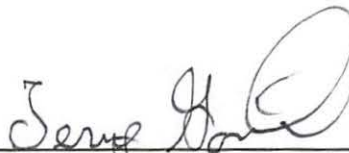
Meeting Adjournment and Closing Remarks

- Letter must be submitted before capital budget finalization at legislature.
- Community council meeting scheduled for tomorrow night; board representation required.
- First transportation advisory board (TAB) meeting scheduled for Friday.
- Motion to adjourn meeting proposed.

Minutes approved 4/13/2026



Andrew Traxler -PRIMARY



Terry Gorlick - Secretary

Minutes from Big Lake RSA #21 Special Meeting
Monday March 9, 2026 6:30 pm
Big Lake Lions Club, Big Lake

Board Members Attending: Andrew Traxler- Primary, Terry Gorlick- Secretary, Randy Richards, Garland Morrison via Phone

Borough Staff: Dustin Spidal- Ops Branch Manager,

March (RSA 21 Special Meeting called to order
Andrew Traxler- Primary requested special meeting

Called to order 6:44 pm

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Action Items

- **Speaker B - Provide master documents & draft resolutions** Distribute master copies of the contractor performance documentation and circulate the working draft resolutions (supporting documents for both contractors) to board members; forward letters/drafts to Garland (online attendee) and provide the working draft authored by the chair to the board secretary for finalization.
- **Speaker B - Validate 2015–2016 action classifications** Clarify and produce a breakdown for the 2015–2016 set of 30 actions showing which items were warnings, which became deficiency notices, and which moved to noncompliance (as requested during the meeting); circulate findings to the board.

Overview

- **Board recommended McKenna Brothers** to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly (advisory — not final).
- A prior motion to forward the lower evaluated bid (Tews Incorporated) **failed**; the board then passed the McKenna recommendation.
- **Historical contractor performance data reviewed:** 2001–2016 saw **85** negative actions; **30** in 2015–2016; **22** noted as deficiency-type; **54** recorded as noncompliance.
- **Cost deltas discussed:** **\$130,000** first-year difference (Tews lower), **\$84,000** difference summed across bid schedules (McKenna lower by \$84k over 3 years on some schedule math), references to **~\$500k** and **\$800k** impact in different contexts — board asked staff to validate exact totals.
- Board clarified process: **warnings → deficiency notice → noncompliance** (affects contract retention); public instructed to file borough problem reporters and follow escalation (48 hours → deficiency → noncompliance).

RMS data & contractor performance

- Requested Matsu Borough records for all contractors; agenda included full documentation for **TOS Incorporated** and **McKenna Brothers Paving**.
- RMS issues warnings for road maintenance; unresolved warnings usually escalate to deficiency after **~48 hours**, then to non-compliance; non-compliance enters the record.
- Non-compliance can affect contract retention (contractor risk of losing the contract).
- **Tews** summary: **85** actions from **2001–2016**; **30** actions in **2015–2016**; **22** of the 2015–2016 actions progressed to deficiency; **54** total non-compliance records reported.
- 'Close' on a deficiency indicates the issue was resolved and did not escalate; unresolved deficiencies become non-compliance.

Chris Bell

Public testimony on road conditions

- Alleged unfair treatment and sabotage against Tews: observed ditch filled to make Tews appear noncompliant and RSA members pushed to fire Tews despite no local work history.
- Praised McKenna Brothers' work quality over the **past two years** and recommended continuing their contract; hoped Tews would match that quality if awarded.
- Thanked RSA/Matsu Borough for funding Gold Street Drive upgrade; reported land sale of **\$220,000**, seven neighbors' support, and prolonged effort required to obtain a speed sign.
- Former RSA board member (served until **end of 2024**) reported inconsistent enforcement and perceived bias against Tews, noted prior higher payments to McKenna without clear quality improvement, and supported awarding the lowest bid.
- Consensus prioritized road quality and clear winter/summer maintenance and recommended fair, 'apples-to-apples' cost comparisons when awarding contracts.


Resolutions, motions & votes

- Dustin reported **6 letters of deficiency** and **22 letters of noncompliance** (2015–2016) plus instances of refusal to correct.
- Two draft resolutions were read for Big Lake Annual Road Maintenance Contract **26-102B** (term **2026–2029**): one recommending **McKenna Brothers Paving** for performance/reliability despite higher evaluated price, and one recommending **TEWS/Tews Incorporated** as the lower evaluated bidder (Exhibit A attached).
- Cost comparison details: borough basis-of-award (divided by 3) showed **TUS \$130,000** lower in the first year; summing all schedules showed **McKenna \$84,000** lower over three years; current contract cost reported in excess of **\$1.4M** with COLA **~2.5%**; TUS bid was reported **~\$500,000** below current.
- Board voting results: motion to forward the **Tews** resolution failed (votes: Terry no, Garland yes, Randy no, Chair no); motion to forward the **McKenna** resolution passed (votes: Garland no, Randy yes, Chair yes); board adopted **Resolution 202601** recommending McKenna to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly.
- Board clarified the recommendation is advisory only; resolution will be forwarded to the assembly and mayor and final contract award will be decided by the assembly.

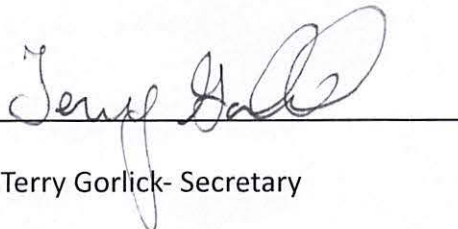
Bid cost comparison & analysis

- Award decision is based on one-year bid.
- First-year bid from Tews is **\$130,000** lower than competitor.
- McKenna's three-year total is **\$84,000** less than competitor's three-year total.
- Board expressed concern about undermining the low-bid process and potential for the low bidder to sue.
- RSA board advised rebidding last year but Borough Road Maintenance Department and assembly overrode; current contract reductions freed approximately **\$800,000** for road maintenance.

Minutes Approved 4/13/2026



Andrew Traxler- Primary



Terry Gorlick- Secretary

Big Lake RSA #21

Monday April 13, 2026 6:30 pm

This will be a hybrid meeting, in person at
Big Lake Lions Recreation Center (BLLRC)
located at **2942 Lion Circle, Big Lake Alaska**

and via TEAMS: **Microsoft Teams**

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 265 089 220 463 8

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Dial in by phone

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*****Note to all attending RSA 21 meeting: recorded and transcribed using Apple Summary Note Taker**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

- Determination of Quorum (min of 3 needed). In attendance **Andrew Traxler** (primary)
 Terry Gorlick (secretary) **Nate Suing** **Garland Morrison** **Randy Richards**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES for

- February 9, 2026, Regular Meeting.
- March 9, 2026, Special Meeting
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COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATES

- RSA Board update, zone 1-4 (zone 1, Garlin Morrison) - (zone 2, Terry Gorlick) - (zone 3, Nate Suing) - (zone 4, Randy Richards & Andrew Traxler)
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Acknowledge Staff and Guest

- **Dustin Spidal O&M** / Public works update. –
- Review available funds in Schedule A, B, C
- Review Periodic Maintenance and Upcoming Public Construction
- **Seth Hansen** MSB RMS update. **Contractor update, Problem Reporter follow-ups, Road Failures**
- **Bill Gamble** MSB Assembly update.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD (3-minute limit)

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Unmaintained Road discussion if needed support data below
- Total estimated unmaintained roads in RSA 21- 29.77 miles, Cost per mile to maintain approx. \$12,800, reviewed every meeting, where to find funds to upgrade and maintain.
- <https://arcg.is/0eq09n> - Matsu Borough link and article
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- Public works review any roads that have been upgraded or scheduled to be.
- **Primary review with Public Works RIP list and feedback from Assembly Member**
- **Jolly Creek Funding update- Borough Staff and Andrew Traxler**

NEW BUSINESS

- Project, and Community concerns carry over from prior meeting or brought up during current persons to be heard.
- Earth Extraction Activities-Conditional use permit-Ficklin Gravel -Planning Commission review May18,2026 – RSA 21 formal comments- Andrew Traxler
- Road Weight Restrictions New Ordinance 26-020, RSA 21 awareness, documentation, reporting, presentation and discussion Terry Gorlick, Andrew Traxler
- Mill Rate for FY27 Capital RSA21 current rate 2.987, FY27 Proposed 2.780 Proposed capital \$741,000- Dustin Spidal proposed projects
- Big Lake Lodge Road Pavement Preservation- Capital Project 30043-Lodge Review-FY27
- Jolly Creek-FY27 30043-6711
- Animal Roads-FY27 30043-6707
- Puritan Parkway-FY27 30043-Purint
- Burma Road Design Review 95%-Dustin Spidal
- Board Duties and zone coverage review- changes if necessary

PUBLIC COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS (2-minute limit)

BOARD COMMENTS / AGENDA REQUESTS-next meeting

NEXT MEETING

Official Monthly Meeting; **June 8, 2026, 6:30 pm Big Lake Lions Recreation Center**

ADJOURNMENT

Jennifer Ballinger 4/13/2026
Secretary Date

Secretary or Primary _____ Date _____

Signed approved and completed

Submit to Borough Clerk with copy to Public Works Div Admin

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Butte Community Council Meeting Minutes

Butte Community Center

3881 S. Butte Rd.

7:00 PM March 11th, 2026

Call to Order-7:02PM

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum-Board members-Linda, Ron, Harrison, Michelle, Janet and Eilene.

24 Total Members present.

Pledge of Allegiance-Led by Steve Johnson

Approval of Agenda-Gregory 1st, Ammend to add new text program to New Business, Bob Hartman 2nd

Officer's Reports

Secretary's Report – Approval of February 2026 minutes. 1st Gregory 2nd Lucy

Treasurer's Report- General Fund (Misc.Exp):	\$ 589.05
Savings (Compound Cleanup):	\$ 2,388.50
Building:	\$50,297.21
Neighborhood Watch:	\$ 1,680.00

Correspondence-None

President's Report-Frozen septic being worked on. Be sure to apply for your Disposal Coupon. Scouting America contacted us about being their Sponsor for their Charter.

Special Presentations

YOUR Property Tax – From assessed value to your tax bill

Mike Brown – Borough Manager-Budget mtg 4/9/26 10:00 am. Then one week later 3 separate hearings will be held. Willow, Menard and MatSu Borough Bldg. Borough Mgr and Finance Dept propose budget to Assembly. From budget, rates and fees set by Assembly. Lower fees put more burden on tax payers. Mil rate=tax impact.

Cheyenne Heindel – Finance Director-Assembly and School Board will meet 3/24/26 at joint meeting to discuss School Board budget.

Committee Reports (2 minutes each)

Neighborhood Watch-None

Community Patrol-None

Little Angels Playground -None

Butte Community Sign-None

Community Reports (3 minutes each)

Butte Fire Department-Chief Shipton, Academy 2/3 through. Burn permits required starting 4/1/26. Will come and inspect for large burns.

Road Service (RSA No. 26)-Quarterly RSA meeting 3/19/26 7pm. Drive around dates not set yet.

Assembly-3/24/26 Joint Assembly/School Board Meeting.

School District-None

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Legislature-Forrest Musselman for Senator Tilton. Budget time. Spoke on upcoming Senate Bills 239, 243 and 249.

Old Business-None

New Business -

Community Clean-UP-May 16-17. 1st Gregory, 2nd Mitzi

Text program costing Dave Miller \$576 yr. He will no longer be paying for it. Linda will research other, perhaps less expensive methods of texting.

Adjournment – 9:23 1st Michelle, 2nd Gregory

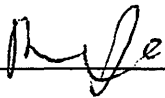
Next Meeting March 8th

Upcoming Items of Interest:

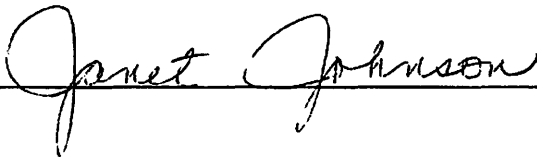
MSB Public Meetings Calander - The Matanuska-Susitna Borough

MatSu Valley Planning for Transportation Wasilla Senior Center March 12th 5:30-7:00 PM

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President, March 11, 2026



Secretary, March 11, 2026

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Butte Community Council

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01

A Resolution of the Butte Community Council Supporting the Development of the Matanuska Peak Trailhead to Include Expanded Parking Capacity, Trash Service, and a CXT Vault Toilet for the Health, Safety, and Enjoyment of Residents and Visitors.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska Peak Trailhead, located at the end of E Smith Road in Palmer, Alaska, serves as a gateway to one of Southcentral Alaska's most popular and challenging hikes, attracting a growing number of local and visiting outdoor enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, the current trailhead infrastructure is insufficient to safely accommodate the volume of users, resulting in hazardous roadside parking along residential streets, which poses risks to pedestrians, drivers, and emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, the lack of adequate sanitation facilities and trash service has led to diminished user experience, impacting both trail users and neighboring residents; and

WHEREAS, the Butte Community Council (the Council) agrees there is the need for a vault toilet, expanded parking, and regular trash service as part of its Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Capital Improvement Program (CIP) proposal; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements align with the Borough's goals to promote high quality outdoor recreation offerings, and support sustainable tourism;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Butte Community Council hereby supports the development of the Matanuska Peak Trailhead to include:

1. **Expanded parking capacity** to alleviate roadside congestion and improve safety;
2. **Installation of a vault toilet** to provide essential sanitation services;
3. **Implementation of regular trash service** to maintain cleanliness;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council encourages continued collaboration with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Eklutna, Inc., and other stakeholders to secure land access and funding for the project;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council invites letters of support from other community councils and residents to strengthen the case for inclusion in the Borough's FY27 budget and future CIP cycles.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of February, 2026.



Ron Johnson

President Butte Community Council

Date March 11, 2026

Central Mat-Su FSA Board of Supervisors Meeting

Station 61 – 101 W. Swanson Ave. Wasilla, AK

Chairman: D. Eller
Vice Chairman: J. Steele

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Board Members: B. Davis
L. Szipszky
C. Robinson

Feb 9, 2026 – 6 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at 101 W. Swanson Ave. Wasilla, AK on Jan 12, 2026.

II. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

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

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

Also present: Michael Keenan, Chief, Central Mat-Su Fire Department (CMSFD) and Shari Lamz, Emergency Support Specialist, CMSFD, Brian Davis, Deputy Director, Department of Emergency Services (DES) and Ken Barkly, DES.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Szipszky led the "Pledge of Allegiance."

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF PRECEDING MEETING MINUTES

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MOTION: Mr. Steele moved, and Mr. Szipszky seconded, to approve Jan 12, 2026, regular board meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

VI. BOARD REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Chiefs Report

Budget – watching overtime, starting to work on the end of FY purchases

Run Stats – Jan 275 calls.

Personnel

- Fire Marshal job description getting updated.
- FDO – 2 positions, testing this week.

Projects

Station 52

- Waiting for the Assembly meeting on adding a second floor.

Tactical Tender

- Arrived, getting inspected and outfitted.

Tech Rescue Props

- Contractor selected

Director Barkley stated that he is having a meeting about this since he has received some concern from the public.

Community Risk Reduction Trailer

- Delivery march/April

FY27 CIP \$3,365,000.00

- Station 52 \$3,00,000.00 - Total \$9.5 million for construction
- CV/SU trucks - \$70,000.00 - will only be replacing 1 CV.
- Tractor – removed
- PPE - \$150,000.00
- Pushed the replacement of Truck 5-1 back one year (estimated cost will be \$2,000,000.00)
- Total Budget
Requested - \$15,258,950.00
Budgeted - \$17,698,006.00
- Fire Code Office Budget - Requested - \$779,250.00 Budgeted - \$535,000.00
- Station 5-1 Budget - Requested - \$75,569.00 Budgeted - \$61,694.00
- Station 6-1 Budget - Requested - \$259,650.00 Budgeted - \$210,900.00

Mr. Steele asked whether the Borough had received any information regarding becoming self-insured. Director Davis responded that they are still awaiting quotes. Mr. Steele also inquired about establishing a separate emergency reserve fund for vehicle replacement.

MOTION: Mr. Steele moved, and Mr. Davis seconded, to approve the FY 27 budget as presented.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Steele moved, and Mr. Robinson seconded, supporting that the mill rate does not decrease below its current rate.

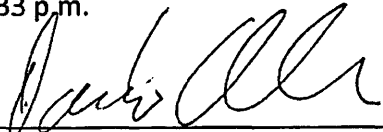
VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

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

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION & BOARD COMMENTS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned the board meeting at approximately 6:33 p.m.



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

ATTEST:



MARIA WORRELL, Administrative Assistant, Central Mat-Su FSA

Minutes approved on: April 13, 2020

**Minutes of the Chase Community Council
Board of Directors Meeting**

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Date/Time: 01-21-2026 6:00PM

Location: Latitude 62 Lodge

The meeting was called to order at ____6__ PM

A quorum was established with the following Board members present (minimum 3):

Sara Hogan, Mike Woods, Tim Cox and Donnie Billington (via phone)

Chase Community landowners present:

Beth Pike, Molly Woods, RG Denny, Mirah, Claire and Johnny Murdock, Cory, Patricia and Dylan Cox, Elise Blocker

MINUTES The minutes of the July quarterly meeting were read Mike Woods made a motion to approve the minutes and Sara Hogan seconded. The minutes approved by the council at large

Correspondence:

Treasurer's Report:

Our treasurer said we have \$96,716.97 in our 3 account at present. We recently received \$15789 for 2025 community assistance grants and an additional \$15789 is expected in March for the year 2026. Our treasurer suggested, moving a majority of our funds siting in the checking account making a very minimal amount of interest to the money market fund to garner the higher interest rate on our funds. It would still be readily available for future trail work. It was approved by all council members present to move said money to the MM fund.

Announcements: A timber sale has been proposed for our area

Old Business

The trail work proposed for the main Chase trail from town to 232 is still waiting on the RR to stage the requested fines gravel piles along our trail.

The Rail Road had said that they would stage piles of fines grade gravel along said trail, so far they have staged about 4 piles. It was decided to wait to line up the equipment and operators for the trail rework till after the rail road finished staging the gravel piles, our chairman had asked for 10 piles on both sides of the bullion slew bridge. No work on said project is projected till at least spring though quite a bit of discussion was held on said topic such as pricing some good gravel for the top coat on the trail.

New Business

Elise Blocker attended the meeting to inform us on the boroughs Healthy Riparian Initiative Suggestions made by Chase residents were to get up with the RR and see what they could do to stop our trail from being inundated with flood water every time the Talkeetna water rose into

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flood stage. Currently they have a large culvert that funnels water down onto our trail making it impassable for several days at a time during high water and eroding said trail on the section of trail between the Bullion slew and town.

Also it was Brought up that many of the RR stream crossings in our area had the culvert no longer in line with the streams but up to 18" higher than the streams making it difficult for salmon to reach there spawning grounds. There are also still some junk RR cars left in brush along the tracks rusting and polluting the river. She was also informed of the RR spraying herbicides all along their RR tracks which would eventually end up polluting the water ways.

Claire who runs our Facebook page said that numerous weekenders have asked about improvements to the chase trail and she said that if we needed volunteer help to work on the trails she would put said call for help on the Facebook page.

We were informed about an upcoming sled dog race the Su Dog 200 that isn't expected to impact our area much.

The annual elections were held and Dylan Cox and Jonathan Durr were elected to join the council board of directors for a two year term.

The officers were decided by present board members to be Dylan Cox chairman, Donnie Billington vice chairman, Sarah Hogan treasurer, Tim Cox secretary and Jonathan Durr member at large.

Persons to be Heard Elise Blocker as mentioned in new business2

Beth Pike moved to adjourn the meeting and Molly Woods seconded. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by _____ Beth Pike (acting secretary)

Minutes Approved

Signature: _____, Chairperson Date: 4/15/26

Attested: Beth Pike, Secretary Date: 4/15/26

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Enhanced 911 ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

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February 10, 2026

The regular meeting of the Enhanced 911 Advisory Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman, Casey Cook.

Advisory Board members in attendance establishing a quorum were:

Michelle Hoyt, MSB IT
Casey Cook, MSB EM
Lori Criqui, MatCom

Luke Szipszky, Palmer Police
Kid Chan, AST
Aleeha Travis, MTA

Also in attendance were: Kenneth Kleewein, and Nick Srebernak, MSB GIS; Zack McRae, MSB Telecom; Donny Lane, DPS; Whitney Daw, Palmer Dispatch; Christine O'Connor, Alaska TeleCo; Mary Buchman and Dee Enoch, MatCom; and Rusty Bellanger, MSB School District.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There was no objection to the approval of the December 9, 2025, minutes as presented.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None

REPORTS

GIS

Mr. Srebernak stated:

1. He is working with Ms. Laughlin on getting some geospatial data for the Knox Company.
2. The imagery contract is signed for the next three years.

Mr. Kleewein stated: Mr. Srebernak will be working with Ms. Laughlin to get an ESRI training reimbursement request in front of the board.

OLD BUSINESS

Telecommunication Service Priority Program (TSP)

Ms. Hoyt stated: She is working on getting our organization set up with correct paperwork and getting approval. She needs to meet with Casey Cook, Mike, and Leah to determine how many lines we want to pay for. She is close to finishing up on this.



NEW BUSINESS

MatCom Training Request – 2026 Navigator \$10,594

Ms. Criqui stated: She is putting in a request for training reimbursement. All the details are listed in the proposal. Ms. Laughlin stated that the budget supported the request. All were in favor of approving the request, with none opposed.

Technology Projects

Mr. Cook asked for updates on the new VESTA telephone system upgrades:

- Ms. Criqui stated: The racks are installed and they are now waiting on the circuits and MTA said they should have those by this Wednesday or next Wednesday. Still working with Intrado, GCI, Verizon, and AT&T on finalizing their circuits, which we think should be done by the end of March.
- Ms. Criqui stated: She doesn't know if everyone is aware of the Open Fox Project with the State, but that has been a challenge. It's been a bit of a learning curve for everyone so it's nice that they'll get a break before they learn the call handling system.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. FY25 Surcharge Revenue Chart – Mr. Szipszky asked if a change in mill rates would affect the E-911 budget. Ms. Laughlin stated that it would not as it is a separate funding source. If the surcharge was to change it would be initiated by the borough manager and approved by the assembly during the budget approval process. There has been no notification up to this point in the budget process that there is any intent to change it.
- B. FY25 E-911 Budget Performance Report – No questions heard.
- C. 911 Quarterly Dispatch Call Reports (Mat-Com and Palmer). No reports were received. Ms. Criqui stated she could have them sent out for MatCom following the meeting.

COMMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE

Chairman Cook announced the next regularly scheduled board meeting would be April 14, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Casey Cook, Chairman

ATTEST:



Casey Laughlin, Secretary

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
LIBRARY BOARD**

Karen Crandall – Chair - Big Lake
Chad Scott – Secretary - At Large 1
Mark Spohn - Willow

Julie Endle – Vice Chair - Sutton
Sally Pollen - Palmer
Martha Kincaid – At Large2

Laura Anderson - Wasilla
Cindy Redmond - Talkeetna
Vacant – Trapper Creek

Meeting Minutes

REGULAR MEETING

March 10, 2026

Wasilla Public Library and Teams

1:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The Meeting on March 10, 2026 was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chairperson Karen Crandall at the Wasilla Library.

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A. Present were Karen Crandall, Mark Spohn, Marty Kincaid, Julie Endle, Sally Pollen, Cindy Redmond and Chad Scott. A quorum was present.
(Laura Anderson arrived via Teams at 1:14pm)

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Julie Endle moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Chad Scott and was passed.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

V. MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

A. Julie Endle moved to approve the minutes of the preceding meeting, seconded by Chad Scott and was passed.

VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS

- A. Jillian Morrissey – Community Development Director: Gave the Staff Report and the final decisions for the November, December and January flagged materials.
- B. Cassidy Drake - Big Lake Library Updates
- C. Marita Crosby - Talkeetna Library Updates
- D. Julie Mitchell - Willow Library Updates
- E. Geri Denkwalter - Talkeetna Library Updates

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F. Zane Treesh - Wasilla Library Updates

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person

- A. Mary Fischer was heard.
- B. Kathy Kysar was heard.
- C. Jackie Goforth was heard.
- D. Carol Goltz was heard.
- E. Melinda Dale was heard.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Items pulled from February list:

- 1. Karen Crandall remove her books to be flagged. Chad Scott reflagged the same eight books for discussion in the next meeting.

B. Robert's Rules of Order, 48:2 discussion regarding minutes content (M Kincaid). Julie Endle moved to accept Chad Scott as Secretary after clarification on minutes procedures, Mark Spohn seconded and was so moved.

C. Discussion of 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). No motion was made.

D. Review of the Mat-Su Borough Library Strategic Plan FY 2026-2030 (J. Endle)

- 1. Clarification on bullet points
- 2. Documented Authors of the FY 2026-2030 plan

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. March library materials list

- 1. Mark Spohn flagged book 390
- 2. Chad Scott flagged books 72, 150, 160

B. Departmental Date Stamp pertaining to the Library Board on all communication received by mail, email, or text discussed by Julie Endle.

C. SB 238 discussed by Karen Crandall

D. Discussion on book purchase schedule and summer meeting schedule by Mark Spohn.

Julie Endle made a motion to extend the meeting 3:45, with no objection.

X. ADVOCACY

A. None

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. None

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Mark Spohn Spoke.
- B. Marty Kincaid Spoke.
- C. Chad Scott Spoke.
- D. Julie Endle Spoke.
- E. Cindy Redmond Spoke.
- F. Sally Pollen Spoke.
- K. Karen Crandall Spoke.

XII. NEXT MEETING

A. April 14, 2026 – Talkeetna Public Library and TEAMS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Meet adjourned 3:31 pm

X 
Chair - Karen Crandall

X 4/14/2026
Date

ATTEST:

X 
Staff Support - Sarah Thomas

X 4/14/2026
Date

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
LOCAL ROAD SERVICE AREA ADVISORY BOARD**

REGULAR MEETING by TELECONFERENCE/TEAMS and IN PERSON

March 19, 2026, 7 PM, at Fire Station 73, 10073 W. Parks Hwy

Conference Call Line Number: Dial 1-907-290-7880, then Conf ID 528 881 692#

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Andrew Traxler.

ROLL CALL; DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: 12 RSAs were represented for a quorum (7 required for quorum).

<u>RSA#</u>	<u>Member Name</u>		
9	Daniel Tucker		
14			
15	Tamara Boeve		
16	Rhonda Stark	Kelly Gordon	Charles Crim
17	Joe Cizek		
19	Dan Keane		
20			
21	Andrew Traxler	Terry Gorlick	
23			
25	Billy Schuyler		
26	James Stocker		
27			
28	Jeremy Hongslo	Harry Zola	
29	John Strassenburgh		
30			
31	Traci Barickman		
Public Works: Chad Fry, O&M Division Manager		Jennifer Ballinger	
Borough Staff (other than Public Works): None			
Assembly Members: None			

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: The pledge was respectfully executed by all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Dan Tucker moved to amend the agenda to add item D under new business, a "recognition of service" for board members at the end of their tenure. Andrew Traxler seconded. The amendment passed. Agenda, as amended, was approved without objection.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes from the February 19, 2026 meeting. Dan Tucker moved to approve. Tamara Boeve seconded. The minutes were approved without objection.

TRAINING: None.

STAFF REPORTS:

A. O&M: Chad Fry:

1. Because the Frontiersman is only publishing one paper per week, meeting notifications must be submitted to the Borough Clerk three weeks in advance to meet the required two weeks of public notification. Tam Boeve pointed out that this makes it even more difficult to challenge the assembly due to the time it takes to hold a public meeting.
2. All contracts have been bid and awarded, except RSA 21. RSA 27's paperwork came in late, however a recommendation of award has been issued.
3. The Administration has proposed RSA mil rates that would be applicable to support funding capital programs from RSA RIP lists beginning FY27. Borough areawide mil rates do not include roads. Money collected from this mil rate would first pay RSA contracts, with the remainder funding projects as prioritized by Public Works. Much discussion followed, with Chad fielding questions until all were satisfied.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

A. TAB. None

B. MPO. Dan Tucker stated MPO met on February 10, 2026. Dan provided a summary of the MPO's most recent meeting and fielded questions. Of note, the Anchorage MPO recognizes the creation of the Borough MPO, expressing interest in the Borough eventually contributing toward shared transportation assets, specifically the Alaska Railroad.

C. Other Board Reports: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: (Members of the public have 3 minutes to address the Board on any topic.) Bill Schuyler, new RSA 25 board member, utilized this opportunity to introduce himself to the LRSAA Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. OR 26-020: Andrew gave a brief overview of the chain of events regarding the passing, vetoing, and subsequent adoption of this ordinance before the LRSAAAB formally submitted a Letter of Resolution approved during the February 19 meeting, which laid out five stipulations to be added to the ordinance. The LRSAAAB has been granted the opportunity to submit the letter, which Andrew read into the record. The LRSAAAB understands that this letter is now recommending changes be made to the code, not the ordinance. Dan Tucker moved that we discuss changes to the letter, which was seconded by Harry Zola. Terry Gorlick recommended the addition of a statement acknowledging the Board formally opposes this code. Traci Barickman recommended the Board submit a letter stating only that the Board opposes this code, suggesting that issuing changes signals agreement. Dan Tucker proposed changes to statements 2 (Dan

Tucker moved, Harry Zola seconded), 3 (Dan Tucker moved, Rhonda Stark seconded), and 5 (Dan Tucker moved, Harry Zola seconded) of the letter. After much discussion, Andrew called for a vote. With an 8-2 vote count the letter was adopted as amended.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Gravel ordinance changes (none presently on Assembly agenda): None proposed.

B. Form a sub-committee of the LRSAAB to monitor Assembly legislation: Dan Tucker suggested we recommend changes to the Administration prohibiting them from passing legislation or ordinances between meetings of the affected board. Andrew stated he attends all Assembly meetings either in-person or electronically. He then tabled this item until next month due to time constraints.

C. Adequate inspections of RSA contractor's equipment performed by O&M: Chad Fry stated they are inspecting equipment now to get ahead of the 1 July implementation, reminding the Board that contractors are not accountable for any findings until then. Contracts may or may not be issued until findings are corrected.

D. Recognition of Service: Dan Tucker recommends we implement a "recognition of service" program acknowledging the years of service a member has dedicated to the LRSAAB once they step down. Andrew stated RSA money cannot be used for this purpose, but Board members can contribute, and a plaque will be made and formally presented (if possible).

PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (Requires 14 Days Advance Notice. If No Advance Notice Is Given, Persons Wishing to Speak May Do So Under the Audience Participation Section of the Agenda.)

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION: None.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: Traci Barickman mentioned the lack of road monitoring in her RSA. Due to time constraints this will be discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Rhonda Stark moved and Traci Barickman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm. Next Meeting: April 16, at 7pm (In-person mixed w/ Teams at Fire Sta. 73).



Andrew Traxler, Board Chair



Kelly Gordon, Board Secretary

Matanuska-Susitna Borough Local Road Service Area Board #27 Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2026 @ 4pm -Regular Meeting by in Person at Fire Station 73

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL, QUORUM WAS MET

Attending was Stephen Edwards, Michael Fulton, Esther Huddleston, Sean Bradley. Borough Staff from Public Works attending was Dustin Spidal.

Public Attendance: 1 person in attendance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES December 04, 2025 @ 12:00pm at Fire Station 73 Parks Highway. Sean Bradley 1st approval of minutes, Michael Fulton 2nd approval of minutes for December 04, 2025. No objections to the minutes. Minutes Adopted.

STAFF REPORTS

- A. Dustin Spidal- There's qualifications and certain criteria before a road can make the Tip List (a.k.a Collector Road) for a Bond if Meadow Lakes Loop Road does not receive State of Alaska funding. From the heavy snowfall we have missed roads and crews are working on it, thick ice is an issue, and they need to cut down the ice to help smooth out the road. We have trees overhanging on the road, which trees are catching and interfering with snow removal. Currently, there is no flooding issues. Project progress, today January 28 is the last day to send project changes. Goals to try and to remain revenue neutral, Tom is adjusting the mill rate to meet those goals. Doubloon Dr., Cove, Captain Kidd, Jolly Roger are getting culverts replaced because of the swamp. We have 2 new contractors Foremost Construction and not sure on the other contractors' name. Zone 1 and Zone 2 the RSA may be combined or separated depends whichever best benefits the RSA. The goal in separating the zones is to try and bring in more contractors for bids. Bids close next week for the maintenance contracts. Equipment inspections take place after July for the winning contractor. Contractors can get 2 deficiency notices before losing a contract.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Sean Bradley 1st motion to sign and approve letters to State of Alaska Legislature and Resolution 26-001, Stephen Edwards made the 2nd motion to approve the letters and the Resolution. There were no objections. All documents, letters to Robert Yundt, Jubilee Underwood and Resolution 26-001 approved and signed by the RSA #27 Board. Adopted.
- B. Stephen Edwards asked about CAPSIS State Funding for Meadow Lakes Loop Road, if it qualified. Esther Huddleston told the RSA Board that roads qualify for state funding. Esther Huddleston also made it clear to the board that the letters and the resolution for CAPSIS funding must be approved by the Assembly, that we are not allowed to mail the letters ourselves because we are only advisory. Esther Huddleston told the board that they may individually write letters to the state legislature if they are NOT representing our RSA Board.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: January 28, 2026, at 5:10pm Fire Station 73, Sean Bradley 1st to adjourn and Michael Fulton 2nd to adjourn.

Approved _____
 Supervisor Signature Supervisor Signature Supervisor Signature

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RSA #27 Meadow Lakes
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Resolution #26-002

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A RESOLUTION BY THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH RSA #27 MEADOW LAKES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO THE **PUBLIC WORK DIRECTOR**, TO THE **MANAGER** AND TO THE **BOROUGH ASSEMBLY**

WHEREAS: The RSA #27 Meadow Lakes Board of Supervisors met in open meeting and discussed the selection for a new chair for the RSA #27 Meadow Lakes Board of Supervisors, and:

WHEREAS: The RSA #27 Meadow Lakes Board of Supervisors held an election on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 12:00pm during the public meeting held at West Lakes Fire Department, Station 7-3 in the conference room.

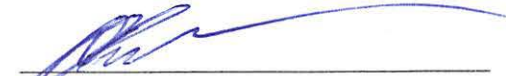
WHEREAS: The RSA #27 Meadow Lakes Board of Supervisors nominated **Esther Huddleston** as the new chair for the RSA #27 Meadow Lakes Board of Supervisors.

WHEREAS: It would be beneficial to the RSA #27 Meadow Lakes Board of Supervisors to have the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Public Works Director, to the Manager and to the Borough Assembly to honor our selection for the new Chair RSA #27 Meadow Lakes Board of Supervisors.

Adopted by Majority vote on April 15, 2026



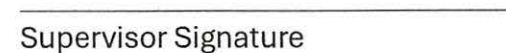
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Edna DeVries, Mayor

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Doug Glenn, District 1 – Vice Chair
Richard Allen, District 2 - Chair
Brendan Carpenter, District 3
Michael Collins, District 4
Linn McCabe, District 5
Ivan Fonov, District 6
Curt Scoggin, District 7



Michael Brown, Borough Manager

PLANNING & LAND USE DEPARTMENT
Alex Strawn, Planning & Land Use Director
Jason Ortiz, Planning & Land Use Deputy Director
Wade Long, Development Services Manager
Fred Wagner, Platting Officer
Lacie Olivieri, Planning Clerk

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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES April 6, 2026

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

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission's regular meeting was held on April 6, 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 Allen
Commissioner Fonov
Commissioner Carpenter
Commissioner Glenn

Absent/Excused: Commissioner Scoggin

Staff Present: – Mr. Alex Strawn, Planning Department Director
Ms. Lacie Olivieri, Planning Department Admin
Ms. Erin Ashmore, Assistant Borough Attorney

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 Glenn.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES: Regular Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2026

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

C. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

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

Resolution 26-02 A Resolution Of The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission Recommending Approval Of An Ordinance Repealing MSB 8.25 Water Pollution Control And MSB 17.55.020(E), In Their Entirety.
Staff: Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Director

Chair Allen read the resolution title into the record.

Staff, Mr. Alex Strawn, presented his staff report.

Chair Allen inquired if commissioners had any questions for staff.

Chair Allen opened the public hearing.

There being no other persons to be heard, Chair Allen closed the public hearing, and the discussion moved to the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner McCabe moved to approve Planning Commission Resolution 26-02. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carpenter.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The main motion was passed without objection.

Resolution 26-03

A Resolution Of The Matanuska Susitna Borough Planning Commission Recommending Approval Of An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.80 Nonconforming Structures, To Repeal The Notification Process And Fee Section.

Staff: Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Director

Chair Allen read the resolution title into the record.

Staff, Mr. Alex Strawn, presented his staff report.

Chair Allen inquired if commissioners had any questions for staff.

Chair Allen opened the public hearing.

There being no other persons to be heard, Chair Allen closed the public hearing, and the discussion moved to the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner McCabe moved to approve Planning Commission Resolution 26-03. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Glenn.

VOTE: The main motion passed without objection.

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

Alex Strawn: It is great to have a full board again, so thank you to everybody for being here and participating. I do want to say April 13th, a week from today. We have a special training it is the first annual training that we put on to sort of talk about driveway permits, what zoning looks like in the borough, and sort of a how to develop in the borough. It is tailored for people that want to build or develop. We even got accredited by the state of Alaska. For people who have a contractors license it can be continuing education credits. But if anybody wants to learn about permitting requirements and things like that, floodplain, whatever it may be. We are going to have a full 8 hour session on that on April 13th in this room. 8 AM.

Commissioner Collins: Appreciate everyone for being here thank you for all the hard work staff does for us in preparing for these meetings. I look forward to April 20th.

Commissioner Fonov: No comment

Commissioner Carpenter: It's good to be back. Hawaii is warm but there's something about our state that I love very much especially here in the valley. It's good to see the faces again. I appreciate yall.

Commissioner McCabe: I just want to thank Assembly member Sumner for bringing all of these updates to our code forward that help us streamline government and make us more efficient. Like everyone else it is good to see yall.

Commissioner Glenn: No comment

Commissioner Allen: It has been fantastic spring weather here in our beautiful valley. I really hope that everyone has had the chance to get out and enjoy some of this sunshine and good weather. I also hope it is a harbinger of things to come after this winter we deserve a very nice summer so I hope that's what we have.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.



RICHARD ALLEN
Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:



LACIE OLIVIERI
Planning Commission Clerk

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By: L.Gray
Public Hearing: April 20, 2026
Action: Approved

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 26-06**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE CLASSIFYING THREE PARCELS IN THE BIG LAKE AREA AS RESERVED USE LANDS, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LANDS, AND GENERAL PURPOSE LANDS. (MSB008247)

WHEREAS, the intent and rationale for this resolution are found in the accompanying Preliminary Best Interest Finding which also provides information specific to each parcel being classified; and

WHEREAS, a inter-departmental review was conducted, along with 30-day public notice in accordance with Title 23 and Land and Resource Management Policy and Procedures adopted by the Borough Assembly; and

WHEREAS, through land classification, the parcels identified for specific future purpose cannot be changed without Assembly approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby recommends Assembly approval of land classification of Parcel A (tax parcel 16N04W03B001) for a five acre portion as "Reserved Use Lands - (ESF)" and the remainder thirty-five acres as dual classification of "Resource Management

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Lands" and "Reserved Use Lands" as identified on the vicinity map, and classification for Parcel B (tax parcel 3321B01L001) and Parcel C (tax parcel 8219000L001) as "General Purpose Lands" for a future land sale.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission this 20th day of April, 2026.



Richard Allen, Chair

ATTEST



LACIE OLIVIERI, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: Glenn, Allen, Carpenter, Collins, McCabe, Fonov, Scoggin

NO: None



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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLATTING BOARD MINUTES**

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**REGULAR MEETING
March 19, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Platting Board was held on March 19, 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 Chiavetta led the pledge of allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The Agenda was approved unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 5, 2026

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

The following persons spoke:

- Ellery Gibbs

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **FEATHER LAKE:** The request is to create ten 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. **This case was continued from the February 5th 2026 Platting Board Hearing.** (Petitioner/Owner: Chris & Miranda Wallstrum, Staff: Cayman 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 19, 2026.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends approval with 5 conditions and 7 findings of facts.

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

The petitioner Chris Wallstrum spoke.

Chair Traxler opened the public hearing for public testimony.

The following persons spoke:

- Emerson Krueger
- Brian Minster
- Russel Whitfield
- Janet Whitfield
- Jerry Birch
- Laura Bruce
- Keith Dobson
- Kevin Talber
- Todd Hamberg

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 Dayna Rumfelt spoke.

Discussion ensued,

MOTION: Platting Member Chiavetta made a motion to approve the preliminary plat of Feather Lake. Platting Member Kevan seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. IRONS IN THE FIRE CREST: The request is to create six lots from Lots 1 & 2, Pat-Mar Acres #1 (Plat#86-197), (Tax ID #'s 3308000L001 & 3308000L002), to be known as Irons In The Fire Crest, containing 1.93 acres +/- . Parcels are located west of S. Felton Street, North of E. Helen Drive and east of N. Pat Mar Circle; lying within the SW ¼ Section 05, Township 17 North, Range 02 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the City of Palmer and in Assembly District #2. **This case was continued from the December 4th 2025 Platting Board Hearing.** (Petitioner/Owner: Alpine Abri Lvg Tr, Staff: Chris Curlin, Case # 2025-152)

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

Kayla Smith provided the mailing report:

- Stating that 136 public hearing notices were mailed out on November 12, 2025.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

- Staff recommends continuation to the June 4th 2026 Platting Board hearing.

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 left 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/petitioner's representative was not present.

MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made a motion to continue the preliminary plat of Irons in The Fire Crest to June 4th 2026. Platting Member Kevan seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

5. RECONSIDERATIONS/APPEALS

(None)

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(None)

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:


- o There is 3 cases scheduled for April 2, 2026 Platting Board.
 - o Houston Rail NW
 - o Mountain Top Acres
 - o Geor Dol Estates

9. BOARD COMMENTS.

- Member Liebing – Is concerned with the way in which the public notification and receipts of public comment happened for the last plat. Whether they affected the outcome or not is hard to determine but would like staff to look into the circumstances. Would like someone to follow up on the process so it is not repeated.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Platting Board, Chair Traxler adjourned the meeting at 2:01 PM.



MICHELLE TRAXLER
Platting Board Chair

ATTEST:



KAYLA SMITH
Platting Board Clerk

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Port Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting of the Port Commission was held in the DSJ Conference Room 203 and was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Chairperson Dane Crowley. Greg Snell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commission members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Dane Crowley
Mr. Christopher Gerteisen – via Teams
Mr. Fred Elvsaas
Mr. Bill Gamble, Assembly Member
*Mr. John Pike – Absent and excused

Staff and officials in attendance were:

Mr. Dave Griffin, Port Director
Ms. Corinne Lindfors, Assistant Port Operations Manager
Mr. Greg Snell, Port Building & Maintenance Specialist
Mr. Joe Metzger, Land & Resource Management Division Manager

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Regular Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2025, were approved without objection.

IV. ELECTIONS

- Chair – Dane Crowley without objection
- Vice Chair – Christopher Gerteisen without objection

Chair Crowley commented on the success and strength of the Port Commission.

V. AGENCY AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Mr. Dave Griffin, Port Director

1) Business Development Update: Permits and Lease Development

- Crowley Fuels is under a permit and interested in developing bulk fuel storage at the port. The project is in early due diligence and moving toward a lease. Planning includes approximately 20 million gallons of fuel storage with an estimated 200 million gallons of annual throughput.

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- Nova Minerals holds a permit for a 42-acre site and is moving toward a lease to develop a minerals processing facility at Port MacKenzie.
- Terra Energy Systems, associated with Flatland Energy, is under a permit and evaluating development of a coal mine, power plant, and potential manufacturing facility or AI data center at Port MacKenzie.
- Quality Asphalt and Paving (QAP) holds two permits for warehouse storage and plans to bring a ship of cement in May.
- Northern Gravel and Trucking holds a terminal operator permit and supplies salt for statewide DOT winter road maintenance, with shipments anticipated in April or May.
- Cruz Construction holds a permit and utilizes the port for barge activities, particularly in Western Alaska.

Director Griffin informed the Commission of expected increases in barging activity and additional inquiries, including SST and the Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies report titled 'Port MacKenzie: Unleashing Alaska's Resource Potential for Minerals Processing.'

2) Grants Updates

- BUILD Grant for the Barge Haul-Out Ramp is currently in NEPA review. Bidding is anticipated in fall 2026 with construction in 2027.
- FEMA Port Security Grant focuses on electrification of the upper gate, badge access, cameras, flood lights, lower gate upgrades, expansion of fire suppression, and an additional hydrant at the north end of the barge dock. Remaining funds may be used to replace high mast lights with LEDs and install a terminal building badging system.

3) Outreach Update

- Alaska Partnership for Infrastructure and Planning (APIP)
- Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce – Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
- Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC), Macquarie Capital, and Martinus Rail forming Alaska Infrastructure Partners (AIP)
- State of Alaska Department of Transportation

Director Griffin highlighted recent articles published in Alaska Business Magazine and the Frontiersman.

B. Mr. Joe Metzger, Land & Resource Management Division Manager

- CAE/Vitus continues to maintain a lease at the port.
- Terra Energy has commissioned a transmission line study that includes transmission to the port.

Mr. Metzger also informed the Commission of available gravel resources at the port and the Alsop pit.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Assistant Port Operations Manager Corinne Lindfors provided an update on the tariff project.

- Additional research is needed to address pricing discrepancies, with a focus on fuel at the next meeting.
- Discussion regarding the Port Tariff and Terminal Operator fuel rates will be added to the next regular meeting agenda.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Port Commission dates for 2026 were approved as amended without objection.
- Master Plan discussion noted 2026 as the update year, with funding discussions planned with the Denali Commission. Fire protection will be a key component.
- Commissioners were encouraged to consider resolutions for Assembly consideration.

Chair Crowley recommended drafting a resolution supporting the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's purchase of Carl Anderson's property adjacent to the port and a resolution supporting evaluation of a land transfer with the University of Alaska.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

None.

X. ADMINISTRATION AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Lindfors requested commissioners submit agenda items and email mailing addresses for mileage reimbursement.

Director Griffin noted upcoming personal leave, with Ms. Lindfors and Mr. Snell available in his absence.


Mr. Metzger commented on the passing of Ron Arvin and his contributions to the port and board.

Commissioners and Assembly Member Gamble expressed appreciation for progress at Port MacKenzie and effective communication.


Chair Crowley emphasized keeping meetings focused and productive in anticipation of increased activity.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m. without objection.



David Griffin
Port Director



Christopher Gerteisen, Vice-Chairperson

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PORT COMMISSION
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 26-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PORT COMMISSION RECOMENDING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH EXPLORE FEASIBILITY TO PURCHASE PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTY PARCELS LOCATED WITHIN THE PORT MACKENZIE SPECIAL USE DISTRICT; TOWNSHIP 14N RANGE 4W SECTION 24 SEWARD MERIDIAN, LOT C1 PARCEL ID#72213; AND TOWNSHIP 14N RANGE 4W SECTION 13 SEWARD MERIDIAN, LOT C4 PARCEL ID#52594.

WHEREAS, the Port MacKenzie Special Use District contains approximately nine thousand acres of land within a special use district zoned for commercial and industrial use; and

WHEREAS, Port MacKenzie is positioning itself for growth and development to serve as Southcentral Alaska's Industrial Port and cargo hub;

WHEREAS, the privately owned parcels are strategically located adjacent to the Port District lands and include infrastructure and shoreline; and

WHEREAS, securing the ownership and use of these parcels is key to the future success of activities at Port MacKenzie.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough will explore the feasibility to purchase the subject parcels, and perform due diligence efforts in support of the feasibility efforts; including written communication with the property owner, and potentially hiring an appraiser to obtain fair market value of the subject parcels.

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ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Port Commission this
20 day of April, 2026.



Christopher Gerteisen, Vice Chairperson

ATTEST:



David Griffin, Port Director

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PORT COMMISSION
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 26-02**

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PORT COMMISSION RECOMMENDING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ENGAGE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA LAND MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT ON A PROPOSAL TO ACQUIRE OR COOPERATIVELY MANAGE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA OWNED LAND WITHIN THE PORT MACKENZIE SPECIAL USE DISTRICT, THROUGH A LAND EXCHANGE OR COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the Port MacKenzie Port District contains approximately nine thousand acres of land within a special use district zoned for commercial and industrial use; and

WHEREAS, the borough is positioning Port MacKenzie for growth and development to serve as Southcentral Alaska's Industrial Port and cargo hub; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska owns four parcels of land within the Port MacKenzie Special Use District totaling 830-acres; with two parcels bordering the Port MacKenzie Rail Loop; and

WHEREAS, securing the ownership or management, and use of these parcels is key to future development of Port MacKenzie and the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough will explore the feasibility to acquire the subject parcels through land exchange or cooperative management agreement, and perform due diligence efforts in support of the feasibility efforts; including written communication with the University of Alaska Lands Office;

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identification of other Matanuska-Susitna Borough owned parcels suitable for land exchange; draft Memorandum of Agreement document between the University of Alaska Lands Office and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and any other work involved in a potential land exchange, including land title research, legal descriptions, surveys, and fair market appraisals.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Port Commission this 20 day of April, 2026.



Christopher Gerteisen, Vice Chairperson

ATTEST:



David Griffin, Port Director

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

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

1. SKRCC President, Vlastic Marek, called meeting to order at 7:08pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Quorum was reached with 5 council members and 22 residents.
3. Agenda was approved.
4. Feb. 19th 2025 Meeting Minutes. - November Meeting Minutes were provided in print and were approved
5. Reports:
 - a. President Report –
 - i. Cell tower going up at Mile 9.5 was brought to attention. Can view Permit application to get all info. Public Comment due 3/20 and info is listed on the Borough website. Anyone can submit public comment.
 - ii. Public Information asking for 50' easement removal was mentioned.
 - iii. Provided Facility Use Agreement for Review
 - b. Legislative Report – Forrest – from DeLena Johnson's office –
 - i. Advised that it is budget time and the Gov. Supplemental budget passed in the Senate. House did not agree. Its in discussion.
 - ii. Capital Budget Request – about 10 requests regarding Palmer Court House expansion. Operating budget in House and being discussed.
 - iii. Bill of Focus currently:
 1. SB239 – Motor Vehicle registration, essentially to make sure DOT is not requiring what older cars don't have.
 2. SB249 –
 3. SB243 – decriminalization of certain firearm accessories
 - iv. SB277 was asked about, changes are specific to how correspondent schools receive money. They only get a portion of what public student would. – MATSU School Dist/ IDEA, currently in Senate.
 - c. Treasure Report –
 - i. CAP Grant Funds: \$21,874
 - ii. Savings: \$2,645.41
 - d. Building Progress Report –
 - i. Nothing happening until Summer. Still accepting bids for electrician. Want to get generator transfer switch in first. Then will talk next steps on addition. Possibly get a quote from Sun Stone Electric. Wayne will write up written proposal
 - 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.

6. Guest Speakers –

a. Assemblyman Michael Bowles – District 1

- i. Working on ordinance to repeal area wide property tax and replace with sales tax, set for May 19th. There are 5 different tax statutes, have to do one at a time. Will go to ballot. Advised they have done as much research as possible. They have a report online with further information. In the ordinance, if it passes, sales tax can never be raised without being voted on by the people of the Borough. Is going to propose that Seniors and VA Disabled have card that gives them exemption from sales tax. Proposal is for 6.5% Borough wide.
- ii. Informed on the mil rate and how it works.
- iii. It was asked what the logic is for exemption for overweight trucks on Borough roads – An attempt to capture revenue source. \$100 fee, then if caught without exemption would be a \$1,000 fine. It's to help track routing and maybe redirect. It's for loads that are non-divisible, can't be broken down & emergency.
- iv. Asked - why are we doing an agreement with a private corp. and utilizing Borough employees that has no financial interest = Terra Energy. Mike Spoke on Data Center Resolution and how/why he voted No at first had little info, then did research and had meetings and Voted Yes. The resolution creates public private partnership, doesn't give permission.
- v. Informed that small areas are able to do SPUD

b. Mike Shipman – Fire Department

- i. Have had 12 new hires in last few months. Been extremely busy getting ready for spring. Currently at about 40 employees. Reminder burn permits are still required. They are moving forward with New Station by Maud Road.
- ii. Engine & Brush Unit, average response time in our area is 5-7 min. ISO rating of 5

7. Unfinished Business –

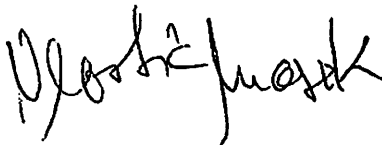
8. New Business –

9. Announcements and Correspondence

a. Elaine is selling eggs

10. Meeting ended, was approved to be adjourned.

Vlastic Marek
SKRCC President



Date:

April 16th
2026

Attest:

Sable Anderson
Secretary



Date:

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South Lakes Community Council (SLCC)

SLCC Meeting Minutes

Date: April 6, 2026

Location: 5201 E Mayflower Lane, Wasilla, AK 99654

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- A. Call to Order at 7:01 pm by Vice Chair Kennedy
- B. Roll Call
 - a. Chair - Susanna Biederman - not present excused absence
 - b. Vice-Chair - Dan Kennedy - present
 - c. Secretary - Terry Roth - present
 - d. Treasurer - Kelley Tedd - not present
 - e. Member-At-Large - Lance Nielsen - present
 - f. Member-At-Large - Lynn Halford - present
- C. Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2026 Meeting
 - a. Motion to approve minutes by Member-at-Large Lynn Halford
 - b. 2nd by Member-at-Large Lance Nielsen
 - c. Motion passed - approved
- D. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Member Dues - Invitation to Become a Member - no action needed
 - b. Proposal to make a donation to Mat-Su Evangelical Covenant Church for the use of their facility (11 meetings over the next 12 months) - table until May 4, 2026 meeting
- E. Community Non-Profit Spotlight - Tina Campbell from ACE Lending Closet - no action needed
- F. Borough Spotlight - Joe Metzger from Land & Resource Management Division - no action needed
- G. Assembly Person Maxwell Sumner - not present
- H. Transportation and Roads
 - a. Transportation Committee update - Rod Cummings Committee member - no action needed
 - b. Hermon Rd project update - Chris Bentz - DOT Engineer, no action needed
 - c. Green Forest project update - no action needed
 - d. Hartley Subdivision update - Ellery Gibbs Survey Services - no action needed
 - e. Public Comment - no action needed
- I. Community Needs or Community Projects - no action needed
 - a. Public Comments
- J. Public Comments - no action needed
- K. Adjournment - meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm Vice Chair Kennedy

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Susanna Biederman
Signed: Susanna Biederman, Chair

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Date

Terry Roth
Signed: Terry Roth, Secretary

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. TAB 26-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING CHANGES TO MSB 11.08 CLOSURES AS ADOPTED ON MARCH 17, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board advises the Assembly on transportation-related issues; and

WHEREAS, the Manager is authorized to restrict use of or close any road, street, or other public way maintained by the borough, including those maintained through service areas, whenever the Manager considers such closures or restriction of use necessary for the protection of the public, or for the protection of the roadway from damage during storms, floods, thawing conditions or during construction or maintenance operations; and

WHEREAS, our current road design and infrastructure is not built to accommodate full commercial axle loading during thawing conditions and therefore it substantially reduces the structural capacity of roads due to saturated and weakened subgrade soils; and

WHEREAS, heavy vehicle loading during these periods significantly accelerates pavement degradation, increases maintenance and reconstruction costs, and shortens the service life of transportation infrastructure; and

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WHEREAS, protecting the local road system is essential to maintaining safe, reliable access for residents, emergency services, and commerce; and

WHEREAS, road shoulders damaged by overweight loading during thaw conditions serve as a facility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized users on much of the borough road network, and shoulder degradation directly compromises the safety of these users; and

WHEREAS, engineering best practices demonstrate that weight limits are among the most effective tools for preventing damage during seasonal thawing events; and

WHEREAS, broad or loosely defined exemptions undermine the effectiveness of weight restrictions and can lead to inconsistent enforcement, inequitable treatment of users, and increased infrastructure damage; and

WHEREAS, in many cases there are alternative transportation methods, routing, timing, or load configurations that exist can reduce or avoid the need for overweight vehicle travel during restricted periods; and

WHEREAS, exemptions should be narrowly tailored, clearly defined, and limited to essential or emergency services where no reasonable alternative exists; and

WHEREAS, the exemption permit fee is \$100.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Transportation Advisory

Board recommends that the Assembly further amend MSB 11.08 to enhance protection of borough road infrastructure during weight restriction periods, including but not limited to the following provisions:

Eligibility for Exemptions:

- Weight exemption permits should be issued only in the case of an emergency or when an essential function requires movement of an overweight load, and not for convenience or expediency.
- Conditions constituting an emergency and essential functions justifying an exemption should be clearly defined in code.

Permit Conditions and Oversight:

- The cost for exemption permit should be \$500.
- The permitting process should require route approval by the appropriate MSB road authority.
- The permitting process should include inspection of the proposed route prior to approval and following completion of the permitted travel. Pre- and post-travel route inspections should specifically document the condition of road shoulders and any non-motorized facilities along the permitted route, and shoulder damage should be included in cost-recovery calculations

under the enforcement provisions.

- Permit applications should require the applicant to document how vehicle weight will be reduced to the minimum safe operating weight.
- The following emergency essential functions are pre-approved and exempt from permitting cost and road damage:
 - All police and fire-related functions; and
 - MSB, State of Alaska DOT&PF, and MSB-approved companies for emergency or required road repairs.


Enforcement and Cost Recovery:

- Violations of weight restrictions should be subject to \$1,000 fine.
- Violators should be required to reimburse the Borough for the actual cost of repairing road damage, including shoulders and non-motorized facilities caused by overweight travel (for inspection, repair, documentation, and reporting as determined by various MSB Departments).
- MSB Manager should develop a reporting tool in Problem Reporter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Transportation Advisory Board supports the revisions to MSB 11.08 as proposed in Ordinance

26-045 as a positive step toward limiting exemptions to essential purposes and improving protection of borough roads.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board this 10th day of APRIL, 2026.



Jesse Peterson, Chair 4/10/26
Date

ATTEST:



Julie Spackman, Staff Member 4/10/26
Date

WEST LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
10073 West Parks Hwy, Wasilla, AK 99623

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Cindy Michaelson, Chair
Randy Newcomb, Vice Chair
Cathi Kramer

DISTRICT CHIEF

Tawnya Hightower

Minutes

Regular Meeting
Monday March 9, 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 March 9, 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,
Member: Cathi Kramer on Video call

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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WEST LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

10073 West Parks Hwy, Wasilla, AK 99623

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Randy Newcomb moved to approve the agenda

Cathi Kramer 2nd the motion

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

One of our responders has recently been diagnosed with Cancer. Privacy considerations are being observed.

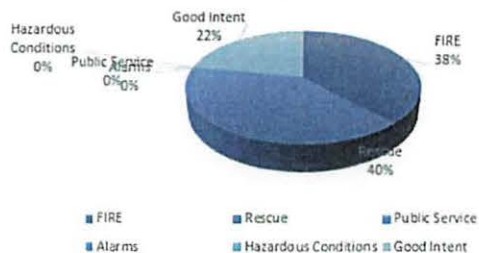
VII. CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Chief's Report – Tawnya Hightower – WLFD

FEBRUARY – 37 calls

FIRE	Rescue	Public Service	Alarms	Hazardous Conditions	Good Intent	Total
14	15				8	37
38%	40%	%	%	%	22%	

West Lakes Fire Dept.
February Emergency Call Volume



WEST LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

10073 West Parks Hwy, Wasilla, AK 99623

- YTD calls 119
- 83 calls in January, 37 for February
- 5 structure fires, 4 within WLFS with one in Houston
- 3 chimney fires in addition to the structure fires
- 3 vehicle fires

TRAINING

- ETT class February 17 – March 5
- Department wide ETT skills & drills
- National Fire Academy:
 - Decision Making for Initial Company Officers - February 7 & 8
 - Strategy and Tactics for Company Operations – January
- Ladder Testing

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

Installed:

- Smoke Alarms
- CO Alarms
- Address Signs

Cooperation:

- Iron Dog Exhibition & Pro Start
- Mat-Su Transportation Fair at Raven Hall

B. APPARATUS UPDATES

- E82 is getting its annual inspection
- No major breakdowns

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. New Budget Review

- FY27 budget review has been completed by the department, reviewed by DES and is now with the Manager
- CIPs are going through as approved by the Board
- DES and the Manager proposed some budget reductions
- Budget numbers are still changing

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- Corrections were made to underfunded FY27 budget categories, resulting in some line-item increases. These changes correct prior errors and are not new funding requests.
- Concerns about FY27 budget were addressed and answered
- The Board vacancy remains open. One application has been received, and one additional person has expressed interest.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Data has been requested to compare actual runs versus runs on shift for on-call responders; an update will be provided once available.

IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

A. Deputy Director of Fire:

- Grant updates:
 - Grant awarded for two 2 Fire Extinguisher Training Modules
 - Camera grant is nearing completion
 - Pursuing grants for remaining generators needed at sites without generators.
 - Seeking alternate fuel sources, to support 30-day internal fuel supply. Currently we need to add one or two fuel distribution systems, grants could provide for this.
 - We are pursuing grants that benefit everybody and offset some of our operational needs long term for resiliency.
- BUDGET:
 - Coming down to the end for mill rates to be discussed.
 - Pending items are with Finance, all fees are expected soon.
 - We are monitoring the budget, and we will keep the Board up to speed.

B. Board Members

- Concerns were raised regarding the 30th anniversary of the Miller's Reach Fire, with discussion of possible event months and location options.
 - Chief has scheduled a meeting to discuss dates and plans for the 30th Anniversary of the Miller's Reach Fire in coordination with Wildfire Preparedness Day, and Chipping Day and will let the Board know what they decide.

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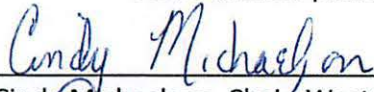
- The Miller's Reach Fire was such a significant loss and it's still the biggest loss of structures in Alaska's history.

A. ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Randy 1st motion to adjourn

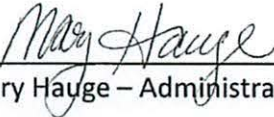
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VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at xxx



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

ATTEST:



Mary Hauge – Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on 4/14/20