

**HALO Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 6, 2023**

I. Call to Order and Welcome by President Katie Nolan. Board Members present: Marc June, Nancy Kaufman, Mike Kenny, David Michael, Christine Monette, Gail Morrison and Joan Priestly.

Board Members Absent but excused: Walter Featherly, Lizzie Newell, Frank Pugh, John Weddleton, Wayne Westberg

Absent: Sarah Denson, Peter Johnson, Gretchen Stoddard, Carmela Warfield

II. Agenda was approved as written.

III. Presentations

A. Assembly. No report.

B. State Senator Cathy Giessel discussed the need for \$80 per bbl oil to balance the budget. POMV comes to about 4.3B every year. It will fall in the next few years to \$2.5B. This is because the PFC sold property for \$7B, which went to earnings, causing the rolling 5 year average to drop. We need to think about how we want to fund the state budget. Carbon bills from Governor: first has to do with carbon offsets. Use our forest to absorb carbon. Bell's Nursery Mike Moussain pumps in carbon to increase growth of his vineyard. The second is to bury carbon underground in former gas fields. CO<sub>2</sub> underground is absorbed into the rocks underground. Cook Inlet and North Slope are good candidates for CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration. SOA interested in CCS (carbon capture sequestration) opportunities.

Q: What happens after the sale is over? A. Senator Giessel: Dividend - 1/2 now goes to SOA. In the last 5 years, the legislature has voted to put \$ into the protected part of the dividend fund \$5 billion?

Q: CCS - what is role of Canada / Japan for CCS? A. North Dakota has been doing CCS for 10 years. Need an EPA Class 6 well authorization. WY has been pipelining CO<sub>2</sub> to North Dakota. Saskatchewan has been doing this, too. Mackenzie River - has a large natural gas field. Needs the necessary infrastructure to pipe the gas to somewhere else. They would have to pipe it through ANWR.

Q - CCS - is there any meaningful discussion of new revenue sources? How to charge for CCS? A. DNR will research this - maybe \$2 / Ton. Also for the offset credits for using our forests. Forests will still be available for tourism.

Q. Do most other legislators agree with this dividend dilemma solution re: dividend \$. A.: Most agree to put 25% to dividend payment of about \$1,300.

Hilcorp is an S corp. Our tax structure only taxes "C" corps. C corps pay income tax at 9.4%. S corps will be taxed whenever they earn more than \$4 million per year. Right now there is a sliding scale depending on oil barrel price. At \$130 / barrel, there is no tax credit. Tax is \$5/barrel from the "sliders" tax which may bring in another \$4-5 million / year. S corp will bring in another \$1 million / year. S corp is supported by the Senate majority. Giesel support this bill

We can't keep relying on the oil companies to pay our bills. We could do an Education tax. This would take \$100 from the first paycheck each year..

Q: LNG piped down to ? \$30 billion to get an LNG pipeline from North Slope to MacKenzie Point. Industry is looking for private sector buy-in. : LNG can't use the same pipeline as oil.

IV. Treasurer Report. March Pay Pal @266.98 in donations and dues. Forum collected \$50 in dues. Statement for checking \$190 and check for Zoo has not been cleared. Savings \$14,621.97. Moved \$539.42 from savings to checking for Zoo and mailbox.

VI. Community Council Reports

- A. Abbott Loop. (Lizzie Newell) report on ALCC included the Council writing a Resolution in support of single track trails in Campbell Park, near Hilltop. The trails will run parallel to the ski trails including Besh, Richter and Lighted Loop.
- B. Bear Valley. No report.
- C. Glen Alps. No report.
- D. Hillside (Bob Redinger) Met at Hilltop. Resolution of 5 ½ mile single track trail from Hilltop down. Met with House and Senate representatives on Zoom. Firewise Saturday May 6th. O'Malley Road phase II presentation soon. Up to Hillside Road.
- E. Huffman/O'Malley. No report.
- F. Rabbit Creek (Mike Kenny) Discussed Old Seward behind Potters Marsh. Road will be resurfaced on one side. Water from Little Survival Creek into Potter is ruining the road. Needs to have culverts to divert water and seepage. Reports from Suzanne Lafrance. Request for trail on one side of Rabbit Creek from 140th to DeArmoun. Request for support of new trail from Oceanview Park to Potter Marsh and Alaska's Long Trail. Update of homeless situation; Arena will be closed soon.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Firewise/Resilience. Firewise Saturday will be held on Saturday, May 6th, at the Hilltop Ski Area Chalet. Ky Holland and the Hillside CC are coordinating this event, which HALO is supporting. We will need volunteers to ensure success. This includes help setting up Saturday morning and manning a table to share HALO and area Community Council info.

Additionally, the CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan) is undergoing edits and will be distributed to those on the committee soon. Once the draft is completed and adopted, we will have the necessary compliance to request state and federal funding for specific projects on the Hillside.

We need volunteers to set up the HALO table and people from various councils to have their information available. CWPP Community wildfire Protection Plan - draft is done and will be sent to Community Councils. An updated CWPP will allow Hillside to get federal funding for projects.

- B. ByLaws (Johnson, Monette). They have discussed some items of interest.
- C. Land Use (Priestly). Lewis and Clark development. The lots are priced lower than what the Muni has assessed other similar lots.

IX. Old Business

- A. Property Tax Appraisals Update. Ian Moore sent an update on our newest FOIA requests that will go out with the Minutes.

HALO has made another FOIA request to expand our study into how our property taxes for the ground (not the structures) on our property. The results of our first FOIA request can be found at [www.anchoragehalo.org](http://www.anchoragehalo.org), and residents can study the information the muni uses to appraise their property and verify that information.

- B. Candidate Forum Recap. The forum went smoothly. A few candidates were "no show".

X. New Business

A. Board vacancies. The President is able to fill vacancies that occur between meetings to ensure that we always have great representation from throughout the Hillside. Walter Featherly has been appointed to fill a current vacancy. We will have our next election at our Annual Meeting, and are looking for volunteers willing to serve their neighborhoods in all of our areas. If you know someone or are willing to serve, please let the President know. We prefer two persons filling each seat, and currently have vacancies in Areas G-1, G-2 and G-4. Our area map is on our website, [www.anchoragehalo.org](http://www.anchoragehalo.org)

If you know of anyone who lives in G-1, G-2, or G-4, please ask them to join us, attend a meeting, or contact the President.

B. Spring Firewise Saturday event was discussed under Committees.

XI. Open Forum

A. There will be an ADOT&PF Open House re: Mountain Aire Drive Extension project. It will be held Tuesday, April 25th, from 5 to 7 pm at Goldenview Middle School Gym.

Lukas Smith - Trails - Alaska trails focus on route connection from Ocean View to Bayshore/Klatt, which will tie into the Moose Loop. They are looking at joining the Coastal Trail between Potter Marsh and the parallel railroad corridor. Keep an eye on the website [alaskatrails.org](http://alaskatrails.org)

Senator Giesel added that there is much controversy around this trail construction. Nolan added that this trail has been discussed for at least 20 years, always with input against the project from neighborhoods that will be impacted. The trail has already been platted.

There is an Alaska Trails conference April 12 - 14 @ BP Energy Center for more details. Go to [Alaskatrails.org](http://Alaskatrails.org) for conference details. Apparently there are tax credits for implementing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Morrison