

____ President: Jodi Riddell
x ____ Vice President: Margaret Billinger
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x ____ Treasurer: Irene Crowley
x ____ Director at Large: David Haggard
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General Membership Meeting – February 11, 2025 – 7:00 PM
Big Lake Lions Recreation Center

MINUTES

1.) Call to Order/ Determination of Quorum

By: Dave Haggard Time: 7:02pm
Quorum: Yes Attendees: 11 plus 5 Board members

2.) Pledge of Allegiance

3.) Agenda Approval

Motion: Margaret Billinger Second: Yes

4.) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval (January 14, 2025)

Motion: Irene Crowley Second: Yes Copy signed: (will provide to Jodi when she returns)

5.) Treasurer's Report

Checking: \$20,492.21 Savings: \$3021.57 Money Market (Jordan Lake Park project): \$7734.13

6.) Membership Report

Voting Members renewed for 2025: **41**

Associates (non-voting) renewed for 2025: **3**

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

1. Larry McKinstry – Update on Jordan Lake Park improvement project. Donations are coming in, hoping to reach the \$20,000 goal. Also working on a couple of grants – one from Rasmussen Foundation and another one from MEA. Committee meeting this Saturday, February 15th 10:00am, Big Lake Library

8.) Reports

1. Legislative (State House & Senate)

Senator Shower: not available

Representative McCabe: Update from Linn McCabe re: Transportation and State Affairs Committees. Comments on the North/South Alaska Long Trail (Historic Trail) that may hamper access from one side of the state to the other. There will be a newsletter available soon from Rep. McCabe's office.

2. Assembly (District 5)

Assembly Representative Gamble: not available due to concurrent MSB Assembly meeting.

3. Fire Service (West Lakes Fire Department): Chief Hightower – 100 calls for service in January, which is the most ever in a single month. Reminder: Wildland fire season is approaching, be prepared.

4. Road Service Area: Andrew Traxler – The RSA21 Road Improvement Priority (RIP) list was approved during the December RSA meeting and will be forwarded to the MSB Assembly.

9.) Correspondence

1. Larry McKinstry – Alaska Department of Law, Charitable Organization Annual Registration re: BLCC Receiving Donations for Jordan Lake Park project – Handed off to BLCC Accountant, per Jodi Riddell
2. Public Notice – MSB to enter negotiations to purchase Big Lake Lions Club property – update provided by Bill Haller. Mat Su Borough proposed to take over the facility in July 2025 and pay off the \$400,000 remaining debt. There are planned upgrades, which are in negotiations with Mat Su Health Foundation, including a refrigeration system and new bleachers, which would make the facility more reliably useable during winter months. The facility would continue to function as a community center for Big Lake, including community council, Lions club fundraising events, holiday bazaars, etc.

10.) Unfinished Business

1. Lake Setback Ordinance & Waterbody Setback Advisory Board: Update from Bill Haller – the advisory board reviewed public comments when they met last week (week of February 2). Roughly 80% of the comments were opposed to the draft legislation, and 20% in favor. All public comments can be seen on the MSB Website. Next phase is for the legislation to go to the Planning Commission, and after that the MSB Assembly.
<https://matsugov.us/boards/waterbody-setback-advisory-board>
2. CAPSIS State Grant application – Jodi working with Senator Shower's office (Shonda Erickson)

11.) New Business

1. USDA CWDG (Community Wildfire Defense Grant) Fire Mitigation Grant Letter of Support request

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

1. No sign-ups

13.) Announcements

1. None

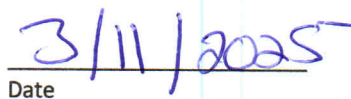
14.) Board Member Closing Comments

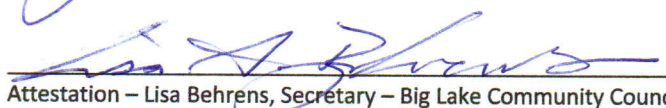
1. Jodi Riddell: n/a
2. Margaret Billinger: Big Lake Chamber of Commerce meeting, February 26, Susitna Brewing Co. Café, 6:00pm
3. Irene Crowley: n/a
4. Dave Haggard: Watch out for ice
5. Lindy Moss: n/a
6. Michael Dale: Neighborhood closet is always in need of donations. Please be sure to support them.
7. Lisa Behrens: n/a

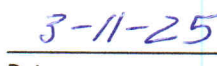
15.) Adjournment

Motion: Michael Dale Second: Yes Time: 7:41pm


Signature – Jodi Riddell, President – Big Lake Community Council


Date


Attestation – Lisa Behrens, Secretary – Big Lake Community Council


Date