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General Membership Meeting – March 11, 2025 – 7:00 PM
Big Lake Lions Recreation Center

DRAFT MINUTES

1.) Call to Order/ Determination of Quorum

By: Jodi Riddell Time: 7:04pm
Quorum: Yes Attendees: 17 members, 7 board members

2.) Pledge of Allegiance

3.) Agenda Approval

Motion: Michael Dale Second: Yes

4.) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval (February 11, 2025)

Motion: Margaret Billinger Second: Yes Copy signed: Jodi Riddell

5.) Treasurer's Report

Checking: \$22,239.71 Savings: \$3,361.38 Money Market (Jordan Lake Park project): \$9,786.81

6.) Membership Report

Voting Members renewed for 2025: **52** (plus 6 additional renewals prior to meeting start)

Associates (non-voting) renewed for 2025: **7**

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

1. Kelly Kilpatrick – DOT Project Specialist re: Church & Big Lake Road projects. Big Lake Road project will *not* happen in 2025. The bid process will happen this year with construction in 2026. Scott Wilson: if Big Lake Rd is not going to happen this year, will the Hollywood project start? Answer: Unknown. Scott Wilson: Will anything be paved in Mat Su Borough this construction season? Answer: Unknown. Question: Does the project include any additional road lighting? Answer: No. Multiple questions from the membership regarding the change in schedule for the projects. Answer: Funding issues.
2. Hugh Leslie – MSB Parks, Recreation, & Library Services Manager – to talk about residual funds \$66k from Jay Nolfi Park improvements. The Jay Nolfi - Fish Creek Park project was completed on time and under budget, with ribbon cutting in September 2024. As of now roughly \$66,000 remains in the project fund. What would the community like to see the residual funds used for? There have been some ideas forwarded. It would be beneficial to have a community group assigned to guide the use of the remaining funds before the end of the fiscal year. Floyd Shilanski: Could residual funds be transferred for use in the Jordan Lake Park project. Answer: That may be possible, in accordance with MSB process for requesting authority to reallocate funds. Jodi Riddell: will schedule a committee meeting (Sunday, March 16) and organize volunteers to decide what to do with the remaining \$66,000 in Fish Creek – Jay Nolfi Park project funds.

8.) Reports

1. Legislative (State House & Senate)
Senator Shower: via email from Shonda Erickson – no news to report
Representative McCabe: not available
2. Assembly (District 5)
Assembly Representative Gamble: not available due to concurrent MSB Assembly meeting
3. Fire Service (West Lakes Fire Department – WLFD)
Chief Fairchild – Call volume is steadily increasing in 2025, often with multiple simultaneous calls (most medical assists). Ongoing efforts are being made to increase staffing, as the department continues to rely on volunteer/on-call responders vs full time employees. Last month: 71 calls. Year-to-date 2025: 187 calls. One fire fatality occurred this year due to no smoke or CO alarms. Reminder: WLFD has smoke/CO alarms available to provide to community members at no charge. Upcoming events: May 3 Wildland Fire awareness day. May 10 brush chipping day. Heads-up – due to the low snowfall this past winter, wildland fire season is likely to start early and be more severe than usual. WLFD has extra equipment available and is maintaining a high level of alert this spring. Burn permits are on the back table of the meeting room tonight – please apply early this year.
4. Road Service Area: no updates

9.) Correspondence

1. Will distribute via BLCC email group

10.) Unfinished Business

1. Lake Setback Ordinance & Waterbody Setback Advisory Board – Update: Meeting tomorrow (3/12)
<https://matsugov.us/boards/waterbody-setback-advisory-board>
2. CAPSIS State Grant application – Update from Jodi Riddell

11.) New Business

1. none

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

1. Jim Faiks: Jordan Lake Committee – Status update provided. \$10k collected with \$10k to go. Waiting to hear if any CIP money is made available this year. Clearing work has started. McKenna Bros. & Fishers have both offered fill materials. Next meeting Saturday March 22 at 10:00am. Larry McKinstry: Fundraising update. Progress is slow but steady. Two grant applications were submitted: MEA – \$10k request, and Rasmussen Foundation – \$20k request. The Rasmussen first phase application has been successful, and committee is waiting for news of further phases.

13.) Announcements (Check the BLCC website for additional details biglakecommunitycouncil.com)

1. Bill Haller: April 4&5 wrestling tournament with dinner on April 12. May 3&4 Houston High School gun show. May 12-18 Big Lake Spring cleanup. June 14 mud volleyball. Pickleball available at Big Lake Lions club available possibly next week, dependent on availability of volunteer assistants.
2. Cheryl Metiva: Saturday, May 12 Rotarians fundraiser with Big Lions Club.
3. Jodi Riddell: Big Lake Library Auction this Sunday 3/20
4. Jill Parson: Big Lake Library book sale this Saturday 3/19, 12:00-3:00pm

14.) Board Member Closing Comments

1. Jodi Riddell: Check out the BLCC website for all of Michael Dale’s hard work and updates.
biglakecommunitycouncil.com
2. Margaret Billinger: Happy St. Patrick’s Day
3. Irene Crowley:
4. Dave Haggard:
5. Lindy Moss: Going to western regionals with 14 students soon
6. Michael Dale: Update on what’s new with the BLCC Website... Please take a look
7. Lisa Behrens:

15.) Adjournment

Motion: Michael Dale Second: Yes Time: 7:54pm

Signature – Jodi Riddell, President – Big Lake Community Council

Date

Attestation – Lisa Behrens, Secretary – Big Lake Community Council

Date