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Executive Board Meeting – February 24, 2026 – 5:30 PM
Susitna Brewing Co. Cafe

DRAFT MINUTES

1) Call to Order/Determination of Quorum

By: Jodi Quorum: Yes Time: 5:34pm Guests: Samantha Trelfa, Jamie Spencer

2) Pledge of Allegiance

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

4) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval (November 25, 2025)

Motion to approve: Lisa Second: Larry Copy signed: Yes

5) Presentation(s)

1. Youth Advisor: Samantha Trelfa, Leadership Council - Houston Highschool

Samantha spoke about the need for adding a Youth Advisory position to the BLCC Board in order to be a voice for the younger generation's needs and get them connected more with the community. She asked the youth at Houston HS what they'd like to see in the community that would serve them better. Their response was more job and volunteer opportunities, more public land dedicated to youth activities and helping Big Lake retain its small-town charm with events that they can participate in. Her goal is to have the HS club act like a youth version of the council; to receive BLCC information and for BLCC to hear from them and provide more opportunities for volunteering in the community (i.e., Big Lake Belles, events, etc.) to increase their skills. Being a part of the Board would teach them how to run their school meetings properly and give them communication and public speaking skills. One current issue is properly accessing the sand pit via off-road trails and having the youth involved in working on a trail.

The Youth Advisory position would be a non-voting position and give a monthly report at the General Meetings. This will be voted on at the next General Meeting, March 10th.

6) Treasurer's Report

Checking (Community Revenue Sharing Funds):	\$27,299.85
Savings (Membership Dues):	\$4,285.04
Money Market (Jordan Lake Park Project):	\$66,705.66

7) Correspondence

1. 2025-2026 Combined Renewal Notice for Marijuana Establishment, High Hat

8) Unfinished Business

1. None

9) New Business

1. Set schedule for reviewing grants at the next Board meeting. The grants can go toward projects that would benefit the community, not just non-profits.
2. Jodi would like to increase the Big Lake Bells grant. Motion approved to send the Bells \$2500 this year. Still no word on the permit to add a flower box at Mile 2 or 3.
3. Note from Assemblyman Gamble: RSA #21 is having a special meeting to vote on the road contract, March 9th, 6:30pm, at the Big Lake Lions Rec Center.
4. Maintenance of the roundabout: maintenance is difficult because of the rocks which were to deter people from driving over it. Big Lake Road is a state road, the roundabout is maintained by the Borough. There is power to it and no water source. Suggestions are to add a flag pole with lights, a “welcome” sign (work with the high school welding class?), and come up with an attractive design that hinders driving. Submit as a Community Improvement Project.

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

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11) Announcements

1. Les Button’s Celebration of Life at Floaters, March 1st
2. Chamber of Commerce and Big Lake Trails Fun Run, March 7th

12) Board Member Closing Comments

1. Jodi Riddell:
2. Michael Dale: Do safety checks on your vehicles, check lights, etc.
3. Tina Dobson:
4. Lisa Behrens:
5. Dave Haggard:
6. Larry McKinstry:
7. Michelle Traxler:

13) Adjournment

By: Michael Second: Tina Time: 6:18pm

Signature – Jodi Riddell, President – Big Lake Community Council Date _____

Attestation – Tina Dobson, Secretary – Big Lake Community Council Date _____