

- President: Jodi Riddell
- Vice President: Margaret Billinger
- Secretary: Lisa Behrens
- Treasurer: Irene Crowley
- Member at Large: Ben Tew
- Member at Large: David Haggard
- Member at Large: Lindy Moss



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**General Membership Meeting – April 9, 2024 – 7:00 PM
Big Lake Lions Recreation Center**

DRAFT MINUTES – Corrected

1.) Call to Order/ Determination of Quorum

By: Jodi Riddell Time: 7:06 pm

Quorum: Yes Attendees: **21** persons signed in, **6** board members present

2.) Pledge of Allegiance

3.) Agenda Approval

Motion: Margaret Billinger Second: Yes

4.) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval (March 12, 2024)

Motion: Ben Tew Second: Yes Copy signed: Yes, when President returned

5.) Treasurer’s Report

Checking: \$37,285.50 Savings: \$2,545.49

6.) Membership Report

Voting Members renewed for 2024: **73**

Associates (non-voting) renewed for 2024: **5**

7.) Presentation(s)

1. Kelsey Alrich – Susitna River Coalition. MEA Board candidate presentation
2. Henrik Wessel – Running for MEA Board in opposition to Bill Kendig. Has a degree in Natural Sciences. He has a home in Talkeetna. He spoke to many energy issues. I have in Alaska and has worked in many energy issues that can be corrected. Built and operates a fishing lodge in Talkeetna. Commented on the hydro project as it is bit a good idea. He has many years working in the electric provider coops.
3. Nick Uphus – MSB Code Compliance: Living in valley over 25 years. Very familiar with all areas including Big Lake.
 - a. Cindy Bettine asked about minor offence how long before they are taken to court?
Answer: It works like a traffic violation. There are people who will assist to help violator finish cleaning up, etc.
 - b. Margaret Billinger asked about junk vehicles.
Answer: No more than 2 vehicles are allowed that are visible from the common road. Problem is there are so many that are in court and people who are just not taking care of their junk. The biggest help is to report it to code compliance. At worst case scenario the troopers will make an arrest and time will be spent in jail by the violator.

8.) Reports

1. Legislative (State House & Senate)

Senator Shower: No one available

Representative McCabe: Linn McCabe reported Kevin was unavailable due to a very busy schedule. 125 amendments to deal with. Health Care legislation HS piggyback on SB allowing people to buy their own contract at an amount they can afford and will promote people getting to the doctor more frequently. This is a healthcare policy that gives x amount of paying claims without approval from the insurance company but will also cover catastrophic events.

HJR19 is a road and rail (lookup) STIP is set for Big Lake Road in 2025; Twin Papoose getting construction.

Hopefully, this house bill will complete the railroad at the port in MacKenzie.

2. Assembly (District 5)

Assembly Representative Gamble: Dustin Spidel (speaking on behalf of Bill Gamble) of MSB, oversees all 16 RSAs and capital improvement within those RSAs. Lakes BLVD work will start this year. 2024 plugs are for Victor road, Jolly Creek drainage along Hollywood.

3. Fire Service (West Lakes Fire Department)

Chief Hightower: In March there were NO homes lost due to structure fires! Smoke alarm program is available. As of April 1, burn permits are required for everything except open campfires.

4. Road Service Area: Jill Parson, RSA is looking for applications for roads to put on the RIP List

5. Valley Recycling: No one available

9.) Correspondence

1. Two public notices (displayed on the back wall) of properties doing away with public access to lakes. No comments from the Board or Membership.

10.) Unfinished Business

1. Committee Updates:

- a. Bylaws: Ben Tew, Lisa Behrens, Irene Crowley, Jill Parson, Lindy Moss, Margaret Billinger, Michael Dale – Update: draft document in progress. Goal: final committee meeting and draft out to council members before May General Membership meeting.
- b. Capital Improvements: Ben Tew, Lindy Moss, Margaret Billinger, Cindy Bettine, Dan Mayfield, Jim Faiks – Update: Cindy Bettine provided
- c. Community Revenue Sharing Grants: Irene Crowley, Jodi Riddell, Lindy Moss, Margaret Billinger, Janet Henry – Update:

2. Lake Setback Ordinance & Waterbody Setback Advisory Board: Bill Haller

<https://matsugov.us/boards/waterbody-setback-advisory-board>

- a. Update: Bill Haller – Setbacks had a meeting last month and the idea went over like a lead balloon. The banking industry squashed the idea of the setback. 886 violations of the setbacks in the Big Lake area. The proposal will be retooled and addressed next month. Most of the properties are on oil and 95 oil spills in big lake this year. Dave Haggard: How many people have been cited for building beyond the 75' setback? Answer: Over 50% were served "Cease & Desist" notices yet continued in violation of MSB Code. Dave Haggard: Would like to get a letter from the council about this matter.

- 3. Big Lake Comprehensive Plan:
 - a. Update: No update
- 4. Bob Fisher remembrance project: Ben Tew and Terry Gorlick
 - a. Update: No update
- 5. BLCC website rebuild with online BLCC membership renewal:
 - a. Update: No update

11.)New Business None

12.)Persons to be Heard (3 Minute Maximum time per person)

Margaret Billinger – update on Linda Lockhart health status

Pastor Chad Scott – request for written comments / input for the Library committee

13.)Announcements

14.)Board Member Closing Comments

Jodi Riddell: Farm Expo is coming up on April 27 & 28 at Big Lake Lions Rec Center. The Jay Nolfi Park design has been submitted for approval, with local kids invited to view a video of the proposed design and vote for favorites.

Margaret Billinger:

Lisa Behrens:

Irene Crowley:

Dave Haggard: Watch out for potholes

Ben Tew:

Lindy Moss:

15.)Adjournment

Motion: Irene Crowley Second: Yes Time: 8:01 pm

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

Attestation – Lisa Behrens, Secretary – Big Lake Community Council	Date