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General Membership Meeting – April 14, 2026 – 7:00 PM
Big Lake Lions Recreation Center

MINUTES

1) Call to Order/Determination of Quorum:

By: Jodi Time: 7:02pm Quorum: Yes Attendees: 45

2) Pledge of Allegiance

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

4) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval (March 10, 2026)

Motion to approve: Michael Second: Yes Copy signed: Yes

5) Treasurer's Report – Michael Dale

Checking #1 (Community Revenue Sharing Funds): \$26,997.58
Savings #1 (Membership Dues): \$4,326.08
Money Market #1 (Jordan Lake Park Project): \$66,758.85

6) Membership Report - None

Voting Members renewed for 2026: 56 Associates (non-voting) renewed for 2026: 4

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

1. C.L.E.A.N.S (Community | Lands | Enforcement | Abatement | and Neighborhood Support) – Wade Long – MSB Development Services Manager, Planning Dept. overseeing permitting, compliance, etc. Collaborative property cleanup, at no cost to the property owner, for qualifying code violation cases that don't have the resources or ability to resolve the issues. They will be cleaning up an area in Sutton May 27-30, if you'd like to donate labor or equipment. cleans@matsu.gov They will also be removing the houseboat at the Big Lake boat launch.

8) Reports

1. Legislative (State House & Senate)

Senator Rauscher: None

Representative McCabe: 1) After budget meetings it sounds like the highest PFD you can expect to get is \$1,500, but most likely \$500-1,000. 2) Kevin tried to get a trooper position for Talkeetna funded, it was voted down. 3) He got 2 things passed in the amendment process: a) Community Grant Amendment where nonprofits cannot use grant money received from the state to lobby for more money. b) Language regarding AIDEA (Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority – banking finance for construction projects). 4) The Railroad commission agreed to pass a resolution for \$4M. AIDEA has approved a \$4M resolution and both will go toward Backstop Funding which will help the infrastructure partners finish Phase II (engineering, planning, and ordering) of the RR from Port McKenzie to Houston.

2. Assembly (District 5) Representative Gamble: 1) We're in the budget season. The departments have given us their budgets. Now we're having meetings with the public to find out what they think should and shouldn't be funded. 2) an increase in your property assessment does not mean your property taxes will be going up. The Assembly is trying to keep it flat or lower it. 3) Possible Mat-Su school closures: Larsen, Meadow Lakes, and Glacier View. 4) Andrew Traxler, RSA Board, now sits on the Port Commission with me and working on the RR completion. 5) Terry Gorlick, RSA Board and Wastewater Board, was appointed to Fish & Wildlife Commission with me, and dedicated to ridding lakes of elodea and pike, and keeping jet skis and boats away from the nesting areas along the shorelines. The lake is not managed by the borough and is state property, so it's up to the Coast Guard and the troopers to monitor. Educate people about not creating a wake closer than 50ft to the shoreline. 6) Big Lake will have a similar program to the CLEANS Act and will be focusing on the Lazy Lake subdivision because people are having a hard time selling their homes. We'll have a mtg with that community and form a partnership with troopers, etc. to report issues that are happening. If there is something in the right of way call Code Compliance.

3. Fire Service (West Lakes Fire Department) Chief Hightower: 1) As of April 1, burn permits are required and available at the kiosk outside any fire department. 2) Place your house numbers at the end of your driveway. See presentation and list of upcoming events on the Council website.
4. Road Service Area (RSA 21): Andrew Traxler: 1) The gravel pit is expanding and the RSA is not going to oppose more gravel extraction, but will ask them to be more conscientious of the community. 2) Proposed Mill Rate is 2.78 (\$741K to build roads), last year was 2.98 (gives another 134K to put toward road builds). 110 miles of road, 30 miles unmaintained. The amount you pay in RSA is the amount you have to build more roads in our area. Let Bill Gamble know if the rate should remain the same or be dropped to 2.78. 3) LID (Local Improvement District) gas lines, roads, etc.: They send out ballots, you vote, MSB will do an estimate for the project and your local LID will be on your taxes. It's a quicker way to improve roads than through the RSA.
5. Jordan Lake Park Committee: Larry McKinstry – 1) The Jolly Creek Diversion Project may not happen until September. 2) The park committee is working with Corvus Landscape Design on a professional drawing for the master plan of the park that can be presented for future donors and grants. See Jordan Lake Park Report on the Council website.
6. Youth Advisory Report: Samantha Trelfa: The Big Lake and Houston youth are going to be bringing their voice to the table for the community and also offer our help with area volunteer projects. Contact the Council if you have suggestions.

9) Correspondence

1. MSB - MSB 17.30 - Application for Earth Materials Extraction Activities (Tax ID#16N04W03A009) – 20254 W. Susitna Parkway – To read the entire application, after going to this link, click on the upper right gray box to download the document.

10) Unfinished Business

1. 2025 BLCC CIP (Community Improvement Projects) Committee – Update: None

11) New Business

1. Review of BLCC Bylaws changes to add non-voting Youth Advisor position to the Board. Bylaw changes will be voted on at the May 12th meeting.

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

1. Helen Steininger – Lazy Lake Subdivision: squatters and garbage are creating problems for people selling homes.
2. Ava Anderson: on behalf of the Realtor Association and Jack White Real Estate. The borough has approved land to build a data center and we want to make sure the borough has full information regarding the potential impact. Some concerns are water usages and discharge, energy usage, and noise.

13) Audience Participation (3 Minutes per person)

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14) Announcements


1. Pike Derby will be July 25th

15) Board Member Closing Comments


1. Jodi Riddell:
2. Michael Dale: This may be my last meeting. I will be moving south to care for my folks.
3. Tina Dobson:
4. Lisa Behrens:
5. Dave Haggard:
6. Larry McKinstry:
7. Michelle Traxler:

16) Adjournment

By: Michael Second: Yes Time: 8:25pm


Signature – Jodi Riddell, President – Big Lake Community Council

5-12-26
Date


Attestation – Tina Dobson, Secretary – Big Lake Community Council

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Date