

- President: Jodi Riddell
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**General Membership Meeting – January 14, 2025 – 7:00 PM  
Big Lake Lions Recreation Center**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**1.) Call to Order/ Determination of Quorum**

By: Jodi Riddell                      Time: 7:03pm  
Quorum: Yes                          Attendees: 18 attendees plus 6 board members

**2.) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.) Agenda Approval**

Motion: Michael Dale              Second: Yes

**4.) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval (November 12, 2024)**

Motion: Irene Crowley              Second: Yes      Copy signed:

**5.) Treasurer’s Report**

Checking: \$30,531.62              Savings: \$3061.57              Money Market (Jordan Lake Park project): \$3881.09

**6.) Membership Report**

Voting Members renewed for 2025: **30**

Associates (non-voting) renewed for 2025: **1**

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

1. Larry McKinstry – Jordan Lake Park Committee report and BLCC Resolution proposal (see handout)  
Jim Faiks provided a history of the Jordan Lake Park site, and the Jolly Creek drainage project, as well as plans for beginning the improvement project this year. Jodi Riddell called for a vote of the membership regarding the proposed resolution to support the Jordan Lake Park improvement project. The resolution passed without objection and will be forwarded to the Mat Su Borough Assembly. Ideas were collected from the attendees, regarding activities and features for the new park area. Next committee meeting will be at Big Lake Public Library, Saturday, January 25, 10:00am.
2. Steve Amidon – A1 Inspections – Home inspections in Alaska. Will leave information and business card for anyone in the community who may need home inspections for sale, purchase, or general purposes.

## 8.) Reports

1. Legislative (State House & Senate)  
Senator Shower: not available

Representative McCabe: Update on status of State of Alaska budget deliberations, permanent fund dividend. Provided update on status of road improvement scheduled for this construction season and received requests for repairs needed because of the recent winter thaw and heavy rain. Answered questions about how to interpret public record documents containing budget information.

2. Assembly (District 5)  
Assembly Representative Gamble: not available
3. Fire Service (West Lakes Fire Department): not available
4. Road Service Area: not available

## 9.) Correspondence

- 1.) Marijuana License Renewal – Herbal Dreams

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## 10.) Unfinished Business

1. Lake Setback Ordinance & Waterbody Setback Advisory Board:  
<https://matsugov.us/boards/waterbody-setback-advisory-board> Dan Mayfield provided an update and clarification of the ramifications of the proposed legislation developed by the advisory board. Mr. Mayfield expressed significant concerns about provisions of the proposed legislation that would adversely affect hundreds of property owners in the Big Lake area. According to Dan, the work of the committee was intended to provide a more workable pathway for homeowners to bring non-standard properties into compliance. Instead, it appears that the proposed legislation would make it significantly more difficult for owners to utilize their property.

Please submit all Public Comments to [msb.planning@matsugov.us](mailto:msb.planning@matsugov.us) by January 21, 2025

## 11.) New Business

1. 2025 BLCC Membership Renewals – See Membership roster form.

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

1. Dan Mayfield – see comments above, in opposition to the Waterbody Setback Workgroup legislation
2. Gerard Farkus – additional comments in opposition to the Waterbody Setback Workgroup legislation
3. Bill Haller – as a member of the Waterbody Setback Workgroup, confirmed the observations of previous speakers regarding the problem, and recommended that the Big Lake Community Council produce a resolution in opposition to the proposed legislation.
4. Brian Miller: Big Lake Trails – spoke on the need and community support for multi-use trails in the Big Lake area, rather than the non-motorized pathway routes currently in planning phase.

## 13.) Announcements

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**14.) Board Member Closing Comments**

1. Jodi Riddell next Big Lake Chamber of Commerce, January 22, 7:00pm at Susitna Brewing Co. Cafe
2. Margaret Billinger
3. Irene Crowley – Recent fires in California bring to mind past suffering in Big Lake – thoughts and prayers needed.
4. Dave Haggard – Further comment in opposition to the Waterbody Setback Workgroup legislation
5. Lindy Moss
6. Michael Dale – Get your comments in regarding the Waterbody Setback Workgroup legislation
7. Lisa Behrens

**15.) Adjournment**

Motion: Michael Dale      Second: Yes      Time: 7:58pm

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Signature – Jodi Riddell, President – Big Lake Community Council

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Date

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Attestation – Lisa Behrens, Secretary – Big Lake Community Council

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Date