

☒ 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 – January 9, 2024, 7:00 PM**  
**Big Lake Lions Recreation Center**

**MINUTES**

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

By: Jodi Riddell

Time: 7:03pm

Quorum: Yes

Attendees: 21 persons signed in, 5 board members present

**2.) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.) Agenda Approval**

Motion: Lindy Moss

Second: Margaret Billinger

**4.) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval (December 12, 2023)**

Motion: Dave Haggard

Second: Margaret Billinger

Copy signed: Jodi Riddell

**5.) Presentation(s) n/a**

**6.) Treasurer's Report**

Checking: \$ 25,675.26

Savings: \$ 2254.86

**7.) Membership Report Jodi Riddell: 41 voting members, 3 Associate members to date**

**8.) Reports**

**1. Legislative (State House & Senate)**

Senator Shower: Not available

Representative McCabe: Not a lot to report, busy with meetings before session starts on Tuesday 1/16. Some things happening with the railroad... Now there is interest in completing the rail spur. (Point Mackenzie and Northern rail extensions) Will be available after this meeting for further discussion on legislative items. Bills: Port Mackenzie, Election Integrity, Electric Utilities – will come out Friday, 1/12. HB3 (gold & silver as legal tender), Direct Primary Care bill. Again, will be available after the meeting.

**2. Assembly (District 5)**

Representative Gamble: I am retiring and not returning to Juneau this year. Have been on the road for MSB business and many other events. Appointments: I (Bill Gamble) have been placed on the Fish & Wildlife Commission. Bill Haller has been appointed to the Waterbody Setback Committee. Terry Gorlick will be appointed to the Wastewater and Septage Board. Terry has extensive pertinent experience for this. There have been two joint MSB Assembly / School Board meetings. I am learning the ropes, but with my past experience will be a quick study. There was an 80-acre timber harvest approved off Goldstreak (Andrew Traxler has details). Controversial items coming up for MSB Assembly: OR 24-010 Allowing political party designations for candidates on election ballots, OR 24-009 Extending term lengths for MSB Mayor and Assembly Members. Also OR 24-011 Encouraging all MSB residents to maintain firearms and supply of ammunition, to augment police availability. Public hearing and testimony on these items at the next regular Assembly meeting – January 16, 2024.

3. Fire Service (West Lakes Fire Department) No representative available
4. Road Service: (all boards reporting) No RSA member available
5. Valley Recycling: No representative available

**9.) Correspondence**

1. Public Notice – Jolly Creek Drainage – Meeting January 18, Big Lake Lions 5:00-7:00pm
2. Public Notice – Ag Rights Conversion – Raymond and Shannon Latchem
3. Public Hearing Notice – Platting Request – Jeffrey E. and Heather M. Byrne Living Trust
4. Public Hearing Notice – Platting Request – Samuel & Heather Dickinson
5. Notice of Utility Tariff Filing – Matanuska Electric Association – ERO Surcharge

**10.) Unfinished Business**

1. Committee Updates:
  - a. Bylaws – will commence after November elections.
  - b. Capital Improvements – will commence after November elections.
2. Lake Setback Ordinance & Waterbody Setback Work Group:  
<https://matsugov.us/boards/waterbody-setback-advisory-board>  
Meeting tonight concurrent with Waterbody Setback Advisory Board meeting. Update next month.
3. Big Lake Comprehensive Plan Updates:
4. Northshore Drive rename project: (Ben Tew and Terry Gorlick)
5. BLCC website rebuild – status update?

**11.) New Business**

1. Concern about odor from cannabis cultivation facilities
2. New year – membership renewals reminder

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

1. Dave Malo – “I missed my last meeting as BLCC Treasurer and want to say goodbye and thank you for the opportunity to serve. This is a great community and I was glad to serve this way.”
2. Rene Ritter: Grizzly Cache – “Thank you to BLCC and Floaters for financial support. We are feeding 89 students per week. I have many more stories I could tell, but just thank you.”
3. Brian Miller: Big Lake Trails – “Thank you to BLCC grant support for our work. We’re out there getting the snowmachine, skiing, and dogsled trails. Thank you again.”

**13.) Announcements**

District 30 Republican meeting at Floaters

**14.) Board Member Closing Comments**

Margaret Billinger: Happy Holidays and Happy New Year

Dave Haggard: We’re out there working on trails, but watch out for broken-down equipment on trail 6... it happened a few hours ago. We’ll have it cleared as soon as possible.

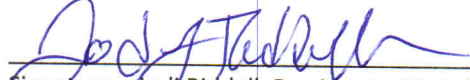
Lindy Moss: I appreciate being here on the BLCC Board

**15.) Adjournment**


Motion: Margaret Billinger

Second: Dave Haggard

Time: 7:32pm

  
Signature – Jodi Riddell, President – Big Lake Community Council

2-15-2024  
Date

  
Attestation – Lisa Behrens, Secretary – Big Lake Community Council

2-15-24  
Date