

\_\_\_\_ President: Jodi Riddell (notified absence)  
\_\_\_\_ Vice President: Dave Haggard (notified absence)  
\_\_\_\_ x Secretary: Lisa Behrens  
\_\_\_\_ Treasurer: Irene Crowley (notified absence)  
\_\_\_\_ x Director at Large: Lindy Moss  
\_\_\_\_ x Director at Large: Michael Dale  
\_\_\_\_ Director at Large: Vacant



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**General Membership Meeting – September 9, 2025 – 7:00 PM**  
**Big Lake Lions Recreation Center**

**MINUTES**

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

By: Michael Dale                      Time: 7:05pm  
Quorum: No                              Attendees:

**2.) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.) Agenda Approval**

Motion: n/a      Second: n/a

**4.) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval (August 12, 2025)**

Motion: n/a      Second: n/a      Copy signed: n/a

**5.) Treasurer's Report**

Checking #1 (Community Revenue Sharing funds): \$37,417.48  
Savings #1 (Membership Dues): \$3,653.08  
Money Market #1 (Jordan Lake Park project): \$51,261.34

**6.) Membership Report**

Voting Members renewed for 2025: **88** (Plus 1 renewals) Associates (non-voting) renewed for 2025: **7**

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

1. Taunnie Boothby – Mat Su Borough Planning Department, Hazard Mitigation Plan update. The MSB plan is in effect until February 2026. The 5-year update to the plan is in progress, and includes the following hazards: earthquake soils analysis, flooding, and erosion, plus two additional hazards for this update cycle: tsunami, permafrost and landslide instability. The public comment period is currently open and continue through October 15, 2025. Please see the MSB Hazard Mitigation Plan website <https://des.matsugov.us/pages/hazard-mitigation-plan>

**8.) Reports**

1. Legislative (State House & Senate)

Senator Shower: not available

Representative McCabe: 1. DOT has launched a long-range (30 year) transportation plan for Alaska.

2. Update on invasive species (such as elodea and northern pike) eradication program update. 3. Port Mackenzie update. The open house and tour last month were very successful, and the borough is working on another schedule of tours soon. 4. Railbed closure notice: The public access project has been unsuccessful, due to misuse on lands owned by CIRI. To renew the lease for these lands, better attention is required to prevent future misuse. Gates will be reconstructed, and compliance personnel are currently on location.

2. Assembly (District 5) Representative Gamble: Unavailable due to School Board / Assembly meeting
3. Fire Service (West Lakes Fire Department) Chief Hightower: August emergency response summary. WLFD will be on-site for the Big Lake recreation center grand opening this Friday, September 12, from 3:00-7:00pm. There will be a 9/11 remembrance ceremony this Thursday at 7:00pm, that the public is welcome to attend. There will also be a wildfire mitigation event this coming Saturday, September 13.
4. Road Service Area (RSA 21): Andrew Traxler: no meeting to report on this month

#### **9.) Correspondence**

1. none

#### **10.) Unfinished Business**

1. Lake Setback Ordinance & Waterbody Setback Advisory Board – Update: Per Bill Gamble, Tuesday August 15, the ordinance will be brought before the MSB Assembly during the regular meeting. Interested persons are invited to participate in person or telephonically.
2. 2025 BLCC CIP (Community Improvement Projects) Committee – Update: waiting to hear back about projects that were submitted last month.

#### **11.) New Business**

1. none

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

1. Larry McKinstry – update on Jordan Lake Park progress. Hydroseeding thanks to Jolt Services, C&C donated time to move topsoil provided by Fishers, 40 trees planted that were provided by the Home Depot grant program. Gravel pad for 2 pickleball courts is in place, waiting for dry weather to complete the courts. There will be a well dug, to have on-site water by the end of September. More grant applications are in progress.
2. Jim Faiks – Thank you to Greg Cartwright for \$35,000 donation for pickleball courts. Also, thank you to Rotary Club for their \$10,000 donation. There will be a “get to know rotary” event at Susitna Brewing Co. on Monday September 22 at 6:00pm.

#### **13.) Audience Participation (3 Minutes per person)**

1. Al Bolea – update on what it was like to participate in a fire mitigation survey. “It’s well worth it. It’s free, and they’re nice people.”

#### **14.) Announcements**

1. none

#### **15.) Board Member Closing Comments**

1. Jodi Riddell:
2. Dave Haggard:
3. Irene Crowley:
5. Lindy Moss: Please remember to turn on vehicle lights while driving after daylight hours.
6. Michael Dale: Mat Su Health Foundation summit coming up, community members needed to sign up and attend. Big Lake Chamber of Commerce is back in business and has a new board of officers. Big Lake Community Council Board elections coming up in November
7. Lisa Behrens:

**16.) Adjournment**

By: Michael Dale    Second: n/a    Time: 7:48pm

	<u>10-14-2025</u>
Signature – Jodi Riddell, President – Big Lake Community Council	Date
	<u>10/14/25</u>
Attestation – Lisa Behrens, Secretary – Big Lake Community Council	Date