

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



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**General Membership Meeting – November 11, 2025 – 7:00 PM**  
**Big Lake Lions Recreation Center**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

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

By: Jodi Riddell                      Time: 7:02pm  
Quorum: Yes                      Attendees: 24 audience members plus 5 board members

**2.) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.) Agenda Approval**

Motion to approve: Michael Dale                      Second: Yes

**4.) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval (October 14, 2025)**

Motion to approve: Michael Dale                      Second: Yes                      Copy signed: Jodi Riddell

**5.) Treasurer's Report**

Checking (Community Revenue Sharing funds): \$11,909.51                      Savings (Membership Dues): \$3,818.42  
Money Market (Jordan Lake Park project): \$35,181.66

**6.) Membership Report**

Voting Members renewed for 2025: **95**                      Associates (non-voting) renewed for 2025: **9**

**7.) Presentation(s) (15 Minutes per presentation) none**

**8.) Reports**

1. Legislative (State House & Senate)

Senator Shower: not available

Representative McCabe: Thank you to all veterans here tonight. State budget is very problematic, over \$1B underwater. Good news re: Investors for the gas pipeline. Also, good news for new mining operations. Updates on Port Mackenzie and West Susitna Access status. There are plans for a road to parallel the rail spur, so heavy trucks are not coming through the Big Lake town center via Big Lake Rd, W Susitna Pkwy and Burma Rd. All this development means many potential jobs for Mat Su Borough residents. Any questions, please contact Rep. McCabe, [www.kevinmccabe.com](http://www.kevinmccabe.com) -or- (907) 465-2679 -or- [Kevin.McCabe@akleg.gov](mailto:Kevin.McCabe@akleg.gov)

2. Assembly (District 5) Representative Gamble: Update on local election outcomes. Borough budget season is approaching. We hope to do well for Big Lake again this coming year and recommend keeping expectations reasonable considering the exceptional year our community had for FY25. Further details on local development described earlier by Rep. McCabe. Re-emphasized Rep. McCabe's earlier words about Alaska and Mat Su Borough being very environmentally conscious in developing our resources to support our economy. Any questions for Assemblyman Gamble, [Bill.Gamble@matsugov.us](mailto:Bill.Gamble@matsugov.us) -or- (907) 232-0103

## **Reports - continued**

3. Fire Service (West Lakes Fire Department) Chief Hightower: no one available
4. Road Service Area (RSA 21): Andrew Traxler: Next meeting December 8 (here at the Big Lake Lions Recreation Center) will include final vote on the Road Improvement Project (RIP) list. Clarification of parameters of our current road maintenance list. If snow clearing is not done within 24 hours for main roads and 48 hours for secondary roads, use the link below for the MSB Road Maintenance Problem Reporter, <https://problem-reporter-msb.hub.arcgis.com/pages/road-maintenance>  
Upon request from Rep. McCabe, Andrew introduced RSA efforts to obtain DOT matching support for improving the 2-3 mile unmaintained section between W Susitna Pkwy and the planned W Susitna Access.



## **9.) Correspondence**

1. none

## **10.) Unfinished Business**

1. 2025 BLCC CIP (Community Improvement Projects) Committee – Update: No news yet

## **11.) New Business**

1. 2025 Bylaws update draft discussion and membership vote: Unanimously approved.
2. BLCC Board of Directors election for 2026/2027. Three candidates for four positions. No opposition to any of the candidates. Unanimous vote to elect the three candidates. (Certificates of appreciation presented to outgoing Board members)

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

1. DD Wilson – Big Lake Chamber of Commerce. Thank you to all who attended the first after-hours networking event. It was a huge success. The event will continue the first Wednesday of each month. The next will be December 3 at Floaters Pub. Next Pike Derby will be February 28.
2. Julie Busch – Big Lake Library Advocates. Here to talk about the Library Advocates, and to present BLCC a certificate of appreciation and Thank You letter for the 2025 Community Revenue Sharing grant. Lifetime membership with Big Lake Library Advocates is \$35 Individual or \$50 Family. Also, introduced fundraising ideas for Jordan Lake Park through the Library Advocates organization.
3. Sam Goldman – New Big Lake Hotel owner. Update on future of the property. Currently in planning, permitting, cleanup and demo phase, preparing for renovations. Plan is to revitalize the business and bring it back to the role in the community that it once occupied. Timeline: Some functions up and running next summer to end of 2026.
4. Linn McCabe – Ranked Choice Voting repeal petition has been submitted with more than the required number of signatures.

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

1. none

## **14.) Announcements**

1. none

**15.) Board Member Closing Comments**

1. Jodi Riddell: December 13 benefit auction at Floaters.
2. Dave Haggard:
3. Irene Crowley: Thank you for having confidence in me as your treasurer for this term.
4. Lindy Moss:
5. Michael Dale: It is wintertime, roads are slick, please slow down and be considerate of others, and remember to drive with lights on at all times. Please use turn signals too.
6. Lisa Behrens:

**16.) Adjournment**

By: Michael Dale      Second: Yes      Time: 7:50pm

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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