South Knik River Community Council
Regular Meeting Minutes – Thursday Aug. 21st 2025

Location: SKRCC Building
17958 E Knik River Rd.
Palmer, AK 99645

1. SKRCC President, Vlastic Marek, called meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Quorum reached with 7 board members and of the total number of people present, at least 5 were residents. Meeting was recorded, but not available via zoom.
3. Agenda was approved
4. May 15th 2025 Meeting Minutes. Meeting Minutes were read by Secretary and were motioned to approve, seconded and approved.
5. Reports:
    a. President Report – Vlastic mentioned the various items he had worked on in the building over the summer, to include fixing the bathroom door. A
        i. Advised that the Hospital had emailed and asked for written support. This item was motioned to approve support, seconded and approved for support.
        ii. Brought to attention the document received regarding the assembly's info on the body of water setback issue that has been brought to their attention. Mike Bowles spoke on this issue that is going on right now about the planning commission denying to vote on the issue and requesting a rewrite. This issue will come up again with the Assembly on 9/16/25.
    b. Legislative Report – N/A
    c. Treasure Report –
        i. CAP Grant Funds: $7,585.97

        ii. Savings: $2,648.69
        iii. Main Account: $6,060

    Purchases included: utilities, MEA and MTA, Annual Insurance and the cost of the building of the foundation for the addition.

    d. Building Progress Report –
        i. Foundation of the addition was put in and they are ready to build up floor to build floor to cover w/ tarp to keep from freezing.
        ii. Questions were asked regarding the decking and access to the basement, which will be inside. Funds for the supplies for floor were already allocated for this.
        iii. Wayne was asked about the generator hook-up and advised Vlastic to contact Rob Hicks regarding getting it hooked-up.
        iv. An attendee asked if there are other grants available to apply for to get funds for the Community Counsil
            1. Mike Bowles informed that the Matsu Health Foundation has multiple grants available to apply for; Mike has volunteered to look into those grants and work with Wayne to apply for them

6. Guest Speakers – Candidates for Mat-Su Borough Assembly
    a. Michelle Heun – Spoke about her resume and that she has been in public service for 30 years; gave background and what she currently does. Mentioned website for anyone who is interested in more information – MichelleHeunForAssembly.com;
        i. Mentioned the Forum's regarding Tax Excise that is being discussed and potentially passed in Borough; She would like to see an amendment on the Tax Excise but didn't mention what the amendment would be exactly.
        ii. Spoke on wanting people to be notified earlier when development of land is happening.
        iii. Goal = Has time & Flexibility, is passionate about the growth and is concerned about growth;

works for us.

b. Michael Bowles – Spoke about background and experience on multiple different Boards in the past.
    i. Agrees with Michelle regarding 2 week notice of development is not enough time.
    ii. Is against the Tax Excise tax
        1. Gave reasons why opposes Tax Excise comparing this to the one that was implemented in Anchorage; Anchorage did not use the funds to go towards/what they were supposed to;
        2. Thinks we need to relax and see what the 5% increase in tax does;
        3. Says wants 65&older to not have property tax
        4. Wants to stop the taxes and find out where property tax funds are going
        5. Wants to work towards getting Borough to enforce already in place property code violations
        6. Spoke on borough becoming 1st Class borough; Susitna HWY/ Port McKensie

7. Unfinished Business –
    a. Secretary read all proposed bylaw changes; each bylaw amendment proposals was discussed, motioned and voted on. Results were as follows:
        i. Article VI – Officers – Section 2 Eligibility: Changes proposed were approved 12/0.
        ii. Article VII – Meetings – Section 1 Meetings: Changes proposed were approved 11/1
        iii. Article VIII – Parliamentary Authority: Changes proposed approved 15/1
        iv. Article IX – Amendment of Bylaws: Changes proposed approved 16/1
        v. Article VI – Officers – Section 1 Officers: Changes proposed were approved 15/0. There was a discussion and amendment to the change requested regarding The Director of Communications; then motioned and approved as new requested wording was approved. (See

Bylaws Amendment)

vi. Bylaw Amendment 1: Article IV Section 1 – After discussion and clarification; this entire request was withdrawn and approved to be withdrawn.

vii. Bylaw Amendment 2 – Article V Section 2:

1. Discussion was had; motion to adopt was made and was denied 15/0

viii. Bylaw Amendment 3 – Article VII Section 1:

1. This change received unanimous consent to withdraw because changes requested for this were already approved in a prior request/vote in the meeting

8. New Business –
   a. Tony Nicholls: CPR Training with AED Machine – Was not at meeting, this was passed over.
   b. Generator Install – Vlastic brought up the request/proposal for discussion on having the generator, already owned, installed. It was mentioned that we should get a few quotes and talk to Bob Hicks for prior quote. This will be on next months agenda.
   c. Next Steps in Foundation Work – The funds for getting supplies to build up the floor of the addition were motioned to approve and seconded and was approved and will be provided to Wayne and there will be people who volunteered, getting together to frame and build this up, prior to winter.
9. Announcements and Correspondence
   a. A few of these items had been discussed in the Presidents Report;
   b. The idea/request to sell the building with the bunks was motioned and seconded and approved 18/0 to sell.
      i. Vlastic volunteered to list building on craigslist.
10. Meeting was adjourned.