

**South Knik River Community Council
Regular Meeting Minutes, Thursday, 17 Oct 2024**

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

1. SKRCC Vice President, Paul Houser, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Quorum reached with 6 board members and 22 others present of whom at least 5 were residents.

3. Agenda approved.

4. 19 Sep 2024 meeting minutes approved.

5. Reports:

a. Legislative report: Andrew Evans, Rep DeLena Johnson's local staff lead, provided updates on numerous projects where funding was secured including the Palmer Courthouse expansion, Palmer library, Palmer Food Bank, Mat Su River Mitigation on the Old Glenn, and culverts. Additionally, Old Glenn Hwy upgrades will begin in phases including clearing easements and lighting. If trees are in the setback posing a risk, DOT will eliminate hazard. Public is invited to participate in the Transportation Fair public comment period to address lighting issues. A resolution from the SKRCC on lights may be helpful in the future.

b. Assembly report: Tim Hale reminded all of the election, the school bond and transportation bond on the ballot. Polling is at Butte Elementary or vote early at the borough building in Palmer

c. President Report: Austin Helmers (Pioneer Peak) Trailhead parking lot upgrade is more than a small expansion. It will include a vaulted toilet system and is proposed to expand trailhead facilities to nearly 1 acre. Additionally, Alaska Trails with a grant from MatSu Trails and Park Foundation, completed a major rehabilitation of the first section of trail including 336 feet of 12 inch wide running plank to avoid mud. This is #1 of 17 CIP projects for 2025 and has been a SKRCC priority for a number of years.

d. Secretary Report: Purchased a "real estate flyer box" and posted on the gate for meeting notifications.

e. Treasure Report: Balances for accounts provided. Utility bills paid.

- Treasurer reported on high yield savings account. Kit Roberts motioned to move \$1K from our Mat Vally Credit Union savings account to high yield account (2024-06), motion seconded and unanimously approved. For clarity, this money belongs to the SKRCC and is not grant money.

f. Emergency Storage/Equipment Committee: No report

g. Butte Fire Chief Report: No report

7. Business: Julie Spackman, MSB Long Range Planner explained that the assembly did not approve the Planning Department's draft Comprehensive Plan and Special Use District recommended guidelines and options. They did, however, task the staff to provide support to the SKRCC in developing their SpUD. First step is the cover letter and committee application. Anticipate a survey in 2025. Julie will be our MSB point of contact.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 8:28pm.



Craig Price
SKRCC President

Date 11/21/24

Attest.



Anne Houseal
SKRCC Secretary

21 Nov 2024
Date