



#### **Officers**

**(Term Expires EOY)**

**Pres. – Sharon Gibbons (2020)**

**V. Pres. – Chuck Homan (2021)**

**Sec. – Jamin Goecker (2021)**

**Treas. – Julie Ebben (2020)**

#### **Directors (Term Expires)**

**Cliff Cook (2021)**

**Morris Pickel Jr. (2021)**

**Jamin Goecker (2021)**

**Jason Hemphill (2020)**

### **EAGLE RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**12001 Business Blvd. #123**

**EAGLE RIVER, ALASKA 99577**

#### **Minutes**

**Thursday, March 12, 2020**

**12001 Business Blvd., Room 170 conference room**

**(Next to the Eagle River Library)**

**Call to order: 7:01PM**

**Establish Quorum**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Membership Introductions:** Meeting presided over by Vice President Chuck Homan.

#### **Reports**

- Meeting Minutes: January 2020 to be approved. Minutes from February approved, with the adjustment of the title of the document being changed from “Agenda” to “Minutes”
- Treasurer Report (Julie Ebben): \$65
- Parks & Rec (Camila Hussein): No meeting held
- Road Board (Jason Hemphill): Hemphill presented the current budget for snow removal to address concerns over snow berms not being removed. Removing snow currently within 12-16 hours of the snowfall costs approximately \$21,000 each snowfall. If the berms are removed with current equipment, it would be approximately \$50,000 each snowfall, with it rising to approximately \$58,000 if the timeline of 12-16 hours is maintained. The council was in favor of maintaining the current budget.
- Advisory Board: No report
- Federation Community Councils (Sharon Gibbons): No report

#### **Assembly/Legislative Updates**

- MOA Assembly update (Chrystal Kennedy): The Assembly had an emergency and special meeting today in which they introduced 3 ordinances. One of the ordinances is that the Assembly Members do not have to meet in person to have a quorum to make decisions. It will be discussed further on March 20. They also introduced language to empower the Municipal Clerk powers to ensure the integrity of the upcoming Municipal election in April.

They also voted to grant Mayor Berkowitz emergency powers concerning the testing, treating, and quarantining of specific individuals. They will discuss it more on the 20<sup>th</sup>. At 6pm, the Assembly ratified the Mayor's emergency declaration of his civil emergency powers until April 14. Kennedy encouraged members of the community to stay informed and find accurate information.

Kennedy also discussed the upcoming election ballot. The ballots will be mailed out on March 17. She encouraged voters to carefully consider the school bond, the life and safety access roads (not supported by the area Road Board), and the capital improvement bond with the Chugiak Senior Citizen Center on it.

- Legislative update (Sen. Reinbold, Rep. Jackson, Rep. Merrick): No report

#### **Community Updates**

- Anchorage School Board update (Elisa Vakalis): No report
- Eagle River Community Patrol update (Cliff Cook/John Rathert): Cliff Cook reported 35 hours on patrol with 239 miles driven. He discussed how property crimes and mailbox crimes are remaining an issue. He cautioned drivers to not leave their cars on while shopping. He also strongly encouraged the community to not just report crimes on social media. They need to call APD at 311 or 911 for an emergency. The more that is reported, the more likely it will be that Eagle River will be able to receive a fourth police car to patrol Eagle River.

#### **Presentation**

- DOWL, on behalf of Eklutna, is requesting to present the Tract 37 Conditional Use Permit Major Amendment for Natural Resource Extraction on Tract 37 at the Eagle River Community Council on March 12, 2020. Eklutna is requesting an amendment their approved conditional use permit to include natural resource extraction from two on site kettle ponds. Eklutna recently completed a determination process with the USACE for the kettle ponds, that found that the ponds were non-jurisdictional and would not require a wetland permit through the USACE. Due to the timing of original CUP and the length of time for a jurisdictional determination through the USACE, the kettle ponds were excluded from the original CUP request. LaQuita Chmielowski from DOWL will be presenting.

#### **Old Business**

- Camila Hussein requested to be moved into the primary position for Parks/Rec, Tim would be fine being the alternate.

#### **New Business**

- The Community Council's Facebook page was discussed by Jamin Goecker with the members. The Page will be used to report to the community about information presented in meetings and about upcoming meetings.
- Matanuska Brewing Company and Fred Meyers has applied for new liquor licenses. No opposition was voiced.

#### **Comments from Eagle River Community Council Membership/Guests**

- Bob French: French discussed Proposition 12 on the upcoming election, which would increase the number of assembly members from 11 to 12. There is currently a rotating single-member district. French stated that with this system, it leaves the district with one representative at the

risk of being underrepresented if that assembly member is absent for any kind of emergency.

- Good Cannabis: Representatives from Good Cannabis spoke at the meeting. They are requesting to be put on the ballot for April's community council agenda to discuss the possibility of them opening a marijuana shop in Eagle River.
- Ken McCarty: McCarty is coordinating the building of the tennis courts at the Lions Park and gave an update on the progress. Additionally, he announced he is running for State House for our District 13 and wants to hear what the concerns of the community are.
- Darin Hargraves: Hargraves, Senior Director of Maintenance and Operations for ASD, assured the council that ASD is doing everything it can to ensure that students will be safe when they return to school.

### Upcoming Events

- **CBERRRSA Board of Supervisors** monthly meeting:
- **Parks and Rec Board of Supervisors** monthly meeting:
- **FCC meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2020**

### Adjournment

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### Important Dates (2019/2020)

- **April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
  - Monthly meeting
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- **May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
  - Monthly meeting
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- **June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
  - Monthly meeting
- **July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
  - Monthly meeting
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- **August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
  - Monthly meeting
- **September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
  - Monthly meeting
- **October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
  - Monthly meeting
- **November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
  - Monthly meeting
- **December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
  - Monthly meeting