Officers (Term Expires EOY)
Pres.- Sharon Gibbons (2020)
V. Pres. - Chuck Homan (2020)
Sec. - Jamin Goecker (2021)
Treas. - Julie Ebben (2020)



Directors (Term Expires)

Cliff Cook (2021) Morris Pickel Jr. (2021) Jason Hemphill (2020)

# **Eagle River Community Council**

12001 Business Blvd. #123 Eagle River, Alaska 99577

#### Minutes

Thursday, June 11, 2020 Via ZOOM

Call to Order: 7:28 PM

Establish Quorum: Executive board members present, Gibbons, Homan, Goecker,

Cook & Hemphill.

**Approval of Agenda** 

Membership Introductions: Council experienced technical difficulty with Zoom.

### Reports

- Meeting Minutes: March 11, 2020 to be approved
  - O Corrections to be made to March's minutes: Change the Good Cannabis wording to adding them to the "Agenda" instead of to the "ballot" and to change Jamin Goecker's term date of term expiration to 2020 instead of 2021.
- Treasure Report: Julie Ebben
  - O Not present
- Parks and Rec: Camila Hussein
  - o Not present
- Road Board: Jason Hemphill
  - o Capital Improvement Project (CIP) report sent to the Federation of Community of Councils (FCC) and the CIP was discussed at road board meeting.
- Advisory Board: Mike Foster
  - o Not present

- Federation of Community Council: Sharon Gibbons
  - O They discussed how to conduct Zoom meetings. Some councils are doing Zoom meetings now, others are note.
  - O There was an election, trying to determine who the new president of the FCC is.

## **Guest Speakers**

- Department of Transportation: (Representative) Eagle River Bridge
  - o Not present

### Assembly/Legislative Updates

- MOA Assembly Updates: Jamie Allard, Chrystal Kennedy
  - o Allard
    - Allard: Still in emergency proclamation mode. She's annoyed we are still in that mode with the Municipality. Allard believes it has something to do with the mail-in ballots. She is attempting to get the paperwork submitted to allow the Bear Paw Festival to be held. She argues that the Bear Paw follows the weekend guidelines as long as no parade is conducted. She is setting up a meeting with the muni to discuss it.
    - The mayor's line of succession in August/November ballot where the people will change the powers to tweak the powers of the municipality. The Assembly overturned the Mayor's veto to get it on the ballot.
    - Allard is allowing working to secure more money for nonprofits in Eagle River because she said they typically are overlooked by the Municipality
  - O Kennedy
    - Kennedy requested feedback from the public about how residents would like money from CARES to be shared.

### Legislative Update: Sen. R. Reinbold, Rep. Jackson, Rep. Merrick

- Rep. Jackson explained briefly how funds for CARES will be distributed to communities. She also assured her constituents that they are out of session but she is still working.
- Rep. Merrick discussed information shared in the House Finance Committee meeting. Many local businesses received federal funds, but they are not allowed to qualify for state assistance out of a technicality. She is working to find a way around that. Waiting for next House Finance Meeting to get that grant money sent to the community.

## **Community Updates:**

- Anchorage School Board (Alisha Hilde)
  - o Not present
- Eagle River Community Patrol (Cliff Cook)
  - O Cliff Cook
    - Cook reported on two months' worth of Community Patrols. In April, 30.75 hours and 310.4 miles were logged. In May, 29 hours 150 miles were logged.
    - There has been an uptick in the early morning hours of individuals looking at vehicles. In the last few weeks in Powder Ridge, there were numerous people looking in parked cars. Cook advised residents to lock their cars and garage doors and to report any issues.
- Chugiak/ Eagle River Library (Nancy Clark)
  - o Not present, library is not open
- Old Business:
- Community Council Facebook page
  - o Nothing to discuss

#### **New Business:**

- Capital Projects Prioritization
  - O Chuck Homan and Jason Hemphill discussed a CIP the *Community Council Surveys: 2021 Community Projects* that was due to be turned into the MOA about what the community prioritizes. Homan and Hemphill explained the MOA selects what projects the Council has the option to select from, and it is based on projects specific to our area. The Road Board made their own selection concerning the priorities for the CIP.
  - O The Council voted successfully to move the project for the Eagle River Area Snow Disposal Site to be #4 on the list and to move the Eagle River Chugiak Road and Drainage System Rehab project to #3 on the list. The Council voted and passed the list of projects in the following order:
    - 1. Farm Ave sidewalk Old Glenn Highway to New Glenn Highway
    - 2. Brooks Road/Chugiak Dr/Cross Road Upgrade
    - 3. Eagle River Chugiak Road and drainage system Rehab
    - 4. Eagle River Area Snow Disposal Site
    - 5. Birchwood-Chugiak-Eagle River Areawide Drainage Plan
    - 6. Birchwood-Chugiak-Eagle River Areawide Subsurface Aquifer Study
    - 7. Eagle River Traffic Mitigation Phase 1 Business Blvd to Eagle River Rd

Comments from Eagle River Community Council Meeting (3 minutes each, time permitting)

- Rep. Jackson affirmed with the community that she will do whatever she can to assist the community with the budget.
- A representative from the homeowners surrounding Fire Lake attended to discuss concerns about recreational users on the lake making noise. It was pointed out that Fire Lake is not within the jurisdiction of the Eagle River Community Council.

## **Upcoming Events:**

To be determined due to COVO-19

### Adjournment

>>>>>>>> Important Dates:

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020