

**Eagle River Valley Community Council
Regular Monthly Meeting, October 13, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09pm by President Bill Starr, with the secretary present.

Board members present: Bill Starr, Bill Holland, Linda Kelly, Arlene Voehl and Lee Cline.
Board members absent: Tom Freeman, Fred Ripp and Therese Voehl. The vice-president position is vacant.

Report of the president, Bill Starr: Announced that he is the chairman of the Anna Fairclough campaign for Municipal Assembly.

Treasure r's Report, Bill Holland: The council has three accounts, a business account with First National Bank of Alaska with a balance of \$527.61, the Heritage Estates Well Compensation Trust business account, with a balance of \$3,250.07, and the Heritage Estates Well Compensation Trust certificate of deposit of \$41,228.40 with a maturity date of 8/15/05. With an interest rate of only 1.35 % it may be prudent to cash in the CD's to reinvest in two certificates to stagger maturity dates on a biannual schedule. It was suggested to prepare motion to that effect next meeting. It was commented that these cd's may make grants difficult to obtain. The ERVCC is to hold on to the trust fund for 8 more years.

Guest Speakers: House District 32 candidates, Matt Moore, Jeffrey Brown, and Mike Hawker. Open letters from other candidates Tony Knowles and Lisa Murkowski were read to the members. Other candidates for election districts within the council were invited but did not respond.

Youth Voice: Conor Daugherty is absent and on a trip to Fairbanks. He is working on the voter registration project for students, to continue throughout the school year beyond the national election.

Planning & zoning report, Bill Starr: Title 21 Municipal Code is being rewritten. This title covers land use law, such as development and land use issues, and proper decision making tools. Issues affected by the rewrite include horses, barns, fences, and dog lots, not normally present in urban communities. There should be committee representation from the various councils, to be a part of the process to rewrite the title. More notification will be made as public process and hearings are scheduled.

Land use & environmental issues: funding is approved for the design of Eagle River Road from Wal*mart on up the valley. A request for proposal is out for a design firm to manage the project. ERVCC should provide early input. Two design sections are out. The council will get information out to residents. ERVCC wants to have representation on the task force.

John Steiner will come next meeting regarding progress on his development.

Parks & Recreation, Janet Brand: The path for the greenbelt plan along the Eagle River Road has been chosen; there is no funding now. A public work session is scheduled Oct 19th to go over the operating budget and capital budget. They are still looking for ideas for capital improvement projects. Not-for-profit grant requests exceed the available \$45,000. Another well

needs to be drilled for the Beach Lake facility; storage tanks are needed because of low flow rates. The certificate of occupancy is dependent on a satisfactory well connection. Loretta French park completion timeframe is 2005.

CBERRRSA (Road Board) Lee Cline: Of the RAP, and oil & chip projects, most of the roads are completed. It needs to be realized that more maintenance is required for dirt roads involving grading & breakup. Direction from the council on road maintenance may be helpful for those who are resisting treatment. Delay costs more money when the job is finally done and types of contracts & equipment may no longer be readily available to do delayed projects. The Old Glenn Highway, Firelake to Birchwood, is going to be a problem. Expect this council & road board to support the Chugiak council. The next meeting is Monday, Nov 1st.

Education, Bill Starr: Our new high school is officially named the Eagle River High School. No Child Left Behind Act will be a subject of a future meeting. We will provide score sheets of our local schools. Elementary and middle school principals and the two school board members John Steiner and Crystal Kennedy will be invited.

Emergency Preparedness, Susan Browne: A presentation is planned for December. It is desirable to provide an emergency operations center local for Eagle River if access to Anchorage is down. A plan covering evacuation, communications, public shelters, and preparing businesses and employees should be developed. Information may be distributed through the council, school newsletters, through advertisements in the Alaska Star, community bulletin boards, or a public service announcement on the radio.

Federation of Community Councils, Bill Starr: There is an intention to form a citizen's corps which would be a volunteer trained force to provide for emergency response.

Police, Fire, and Safety, Bill Starr: Pablo Piaz is our assigned officer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Linda Kelly
Secretary