

Minutes
South Fork Community Council
January 7, 2021

1. Call to Order at 7:05pm by **Joe Wright**, President, on Zoom. A total of 4 participants and several guest speakers (see below).
2. Agenda unable to be approved, no quorum.
3. December minutes unable to be approved, no quorum.
4. Guest Speakers:
 - a. **State Legislature, Rep. Kelly Merrick** in attendance. She is getting ready to leave for Juneau next week and the Legislature convenes on January 19th. Legislative Open House for the CER is Jan 14th from 5:30-7pm online and she encourages all to attend. Bipartisan Coalition is forming to work to find common ground. Press will be allowed in the building but not inside the chambers themselves. She asks for us to be in touch and to let her know what her constituents support and don't support.
 - b. **Crystal Kennedy, Assembly** reports that the MOA has a lot of property holdings as an investment and it is overseen by an advisory commission. There is currently a vacancy on that advisory commission and there is not a representative from Eagle River; if our community council or any other in this area wants to put forward a nominee, she encourages us to do so (Cliff Cook is interested in submitting an application). Public access to public lands is a concern that has come up again and it is going to be reviewed by JBER, the State Park access areas are going to be reviewed by the State as well. The Municipality is also dealing with the Campbell Lake controversy. All three entities are working to make the access points more clear and to make it clear which areas are not access points. She and Jamie Allard are working on a temporary appointment to the seat not currently being held by Austin Quinn Davidson. Also working on some of the code language around having a special election and when it should be held or not. Some concerns over the contract negotiations between the MOA and the Eklutna Tribe. APD and the Assembly are hoping to purchase body cameras but it seems unlikely that citizens will want to see their taxes go up to fund it. Title 28 is about to go before the Assembly; some concerns over this and those questions need to be answered. She hopes the vote will be postponed.
 - c. **School Board: Deena Mitchell** reports that the District will be welcoming back K-2nd grade on January 19th to the classrooms. 3rd through 6th grade will follow. Middle and High School students will start back in the 4th quarter. Special Education is coming back through all levels (self-contained, small groups). Applications are open now for the 21-22 school year lottery with a deadline in March. Rapid response COVID tests will be available for teachers and students. Meals are currently available to students in need. 742-HELP is an ASD number available for any family with questions or needing help with services or resources.

Each school has their own returning COVID plans on their pages available for people to review.

- d. **Cliff Cook, Community Patrol:** In December, 40 hours and 359.5 miles; for 2020 total: 336.25 hours (3,111.5 miles). A lot of “porch pirates” snooping around so be aware. Track your packages and don’t let them sit on the porch or in your mailbox for too long.
 - e. **Nancy Clark, Eagle River Library:** The Library is offering wireless hotspots that people can check out for up to 2 weeks (100 units available). The hope is that this will help people/families who need internet access or do not currently have adequate access. They will also be making chromebooks available for check out.
 - f. **Stu Graham, MTA:** In Zoom but did not speak.
5. Old Business –
- a. **MOA Emergency Order:** Our resolution opposing EO-16 was forwarded to the Mayor.
6. Committee Reports
- a. Road Board: **Joe Wright** still needs an alternate for this committee. Going through where to spend money, which projects. There is some discussion of CBERRRSA taking over the Old Glenn plowing from the State of Alaska because they do not plow it very quickly. The mil rate will stay around 1.92 for this year. Tax appraisals should be mailed out soon, as well.
 - b. Parks and Recreation: **Joshua Ream** still needs an alternate. Spirit Park ice rink up Hiland is open and usable. The Parks and Recreation December meeting was canceled due to technology challenges.
 - c. Treasurer. **Randy Beilfuss** not in attendance.
7. Good of the Order:
- a. Joe Wright encourages all of us to go out, enjoy the winter, and take care of our fellow citizens. The vaccine rollout should help our community open again. If anyone has questions or topics they want the Community Council to cover, please let us know.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Janelle Wight, Secretary