

Minutes  
South Fork Community Council  
January 6, 2022

1. Call to Order at 7:05pm by **Joe Wright**, President, on Zoom. A total of 11 participants with several guest speakers (see below). Introductions made.
2. Agenda approved without additions or amendments.
3. Minutes deferred for next month's meeting to give everyone time to review.
4. Message and announcement from **Joe Wright**, President: He is planning to run for an Assembly seat in April, provided that Crystal Kennedy decides that she is not going to run. Feels that we are at a point where we need strong grassroots representation.
5. Guest Speakers:
  - a. **State Legislature, Rep. Kelly Merrick** is heading down to Juneau. Has met with the community and with Mayor Bronson. Encourages us to contact her office at any time with questions or community concerns.
  - b. **Crystal Kennedy, Assembly** reports that the Assembly redistricting maps are available online. The public process portion, public comment, is now open. There will be two town hall meetings (1 in person and 1 on Zoom) later in January (26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>). Visit [www.reapportionanc.org](http://www.reapportionanc.org) to see the maps and more information. Maps have been printed and are available for review at the Eagle River library. Municipal Taxable Property Valuation report was just released and shows a 5.1% increase in property valuation across the municipality. The Assembly is considering putting the question on the spring ballot "Should Eagle River be removed from the Municipality?" as a public opinion poll.
  - c. **Joy Boston, JBER Community Rep** reports that the air show, Arctic Thunder Open House, is being planned for this summer and they are looking for community sponsors and more performers.
  - d. **Cliff Cook, Community Patrol:** Porch pirates are out and about, so track your packages. The new testing site in Eagle River is causing some traffic jams so they are trying to fix this problem. Marijuana establishments are more restricted in code in Eagle River but the community may change their opinions on that as time goes so good to continue keeping members in the loop.
6. Old Business –
  - a. **Officer Elections:** Lee has been nominated to serve as the alternate for the Road Board. Nomination approved unanimously. Still have vacancies for the Parks & Rec Committee and the Federation of Community Councils Representative.
  - b. **Muktuk Marston Trail/Hunter Trail: Erik Fredeen** reports that the Trail Committee met with the State Parks Superintendent Corwin at the end of December. They identified areas for further discussion on the trail. State Parks is open to discussing what the construction will look like and to look at some

alternative designs and what the other concerns are for the community. They'll be meeting again soon to continue the conversation.

7. New Business –
  - a. **Assembly Election:** Coming up this spring. Keep an eye out for upcoming Bond Propositions.
8. Committee Reports
  - a. Road Board: **Joe Wright** reports that the mil rate is likely to increase as a result of a long list of community priority projects and the amount of money that was spent on storm cleanup in fall 2021. Costs are seeing an increase across the board (materials and labor). If there are any projects we want to put forward, start brainstorming now and put them forward. Karl wants to congratulate CBERRSA on their work with sanding and clearing so far this year.
  - b. Parks and Recreation: **No representative on this Board.**
  - c. Treasurer: **Randy Beilfuss** not in attendance.
9. Good of the Order:
  - a. Lee is curious what Hiland residents think about adding guard rails to the spot where the power lines cross Hiland around mile 1.5.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

Janelle Wight, Secretary