

Minutes
South Fork Community Council
September 8, 2022

1. Call to Order at 7:02pm by **Joe Wright**, President, at Eagle River High School. A total of 10 participants with several guest speakers (see below). Introductions made.
2. Agenda approved without additions or amendments.
3. Minutes approved for May 5, 2022 meeting.
4. Guest Speakers:
 - a. **Kelly Merrick, State Legislator** attended to provide brief updates. PFD of \$3,284 will be auto deposited on September 20th. A lot of vandalism of political signs; please report to police if you witness any.
 - b. **Jamie Allard, Assembly** reports that the mayor wants to propose housing the homeless population in community recreation centers which she is against; some Assembly members are working to bring charges against Mayor Bronson; and the ARPA funds were awarded including money for Eagle River for the Lions Club, bike trails, softball fields, etc. Lastly, the MOA has tried to expand the Building Service Area to include CER which she has stopped for now. 3 engineering seats on that Board are open this fall and they are looking for engineering members of the community to run for those seats.
 - c. **Carl, ASD Board Rep** attended and will plan to attend regularly. The bus driver shortage is being filled; ASD is facing a \$61 million budget shortfall next fiscal year; encourages community members to attend ASD meetings.
5. Old Business –
 - a. **Muktuk Marston Trail/Hunter Trail:** In spite of tremendous advocacy work done by our community, the trail is being constructed with complete disregard for the compromises proposed by the Trails Committee.
6. New Business –
 - a. Community Council Elections will take place at the October meeting. Joe Wright, current President, has reached his term limit. Seats include: President, Vice President, 2 Vice Chairs, Secretary, and Treasurer.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Road Board meets later this month. South Fork still needs a Park & Rec representative.
8. Good of the Order: The Community Council is nonpartisan; however, all political candidates are encouraged to come speak at our meetings.