

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on December 16, 2003, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 4:25 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Jim Colver for the purpose of a public question/answer forum regarding the December 16, 2003, work session presentation on coal bed methane geology.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. J. Bruce Bush, Assembly District No. 1
Mr. Talis J. Colberg, Assembly District No. 3
Ms. Mary Kvalheim, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Jody Simpson, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6 (Deputy Mayor)
Ms. Betty Vehrs, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused were:

Mr. Bill Allen, Assembly District No. 2

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Sandra A. Dillon, CMC, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Ms. Teresa S. Williams, Borough Attorney
Ms. Janice Case, Borough Clerk's Secretary
Ms. Susan Dickinson, Planning and Land Use Director
Mr. Ron Swanson, Community Development Director

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Colver inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(There was no Pledge of Allegiance as the Assembly immediately began the public question/answer forum following the Planning Commission exiting the Joint Assembly/Planning Commission work session.)

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- A. Public Question/Answer Forum Re: Coal Bed Methane Presentation on Geology (Five minutes per person.)

The following persons asked questions regarding the coal bed methane presentation on geology: Mr. David Werner, Mr. Myrl Thompson, Mr. Roy Wahl, Ms. Robin McLean, Mr. Chris Whittington-Evans, Ms. Mara Bacsujlaki, Ms. Michelle Church, Ms. Denise Chappel, Ms. Megan Holloway, and Ms. Kathy Wells.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

(There was no audience participation.)

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Colver inquired regarding the migration between the aquifers and baseline studies.

Mr. Paul Oldaker stated that they are beginning the modeling of the migration between the aquifers.

Assemblymember Simpson:

- stated that in the 1990's ARCO performed a seismic study throughout the Valley; and
- asked if this study has been useful.

Mr. Mike Belowich replied that the studies tell them the angle of the rocks.

Assemblymember Vehrs inquired regarding the status of the wells on Church Road.

Mr. Shane Gagliardi replied that the well is completely shut in and is periodically checked.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

SANDRA A. DILLON, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: January 6, 2004