

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH WATER & WASTEWATER ADVISORY BOARD

Bob Walden, P.E. Chair
Terry Gorlick
Dan Tucker

Danny Noland, Vice Chair
Gina Jorgensen

Amanda Fleming
Matthew Midgett

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

March 4, 2026

MSB Assembly Chambers
350 E. Dahlia Ave
Palmer, AK 99645

2:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

This regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) Water and Wastewater Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at the DSJ Building at 350 East Dahlia Avenue in Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Mr. Bob Walden, P.E.

II. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Water and Wastewater Advisory Board members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Bob Walden, P.E. - present

Mr. Danny Noland - present

Ms. Amanda Fleming – present through Teams

Mr. Terry Gorlick - present

Ms. Gina Jorgensen - present

Mr. Matthew Midgett - present

Mr. Dan Tucker – present at 2:41 p.m.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Robert Walden moved to approve the agenda.

Mr. Terry Gorlick moved an amendment to add: Review of: A Resolution of the Matanuska-Susitna Water and Wastewater Advisory Board making recommendations to the Assembly regarding Assembly Ordinance Serial No. 26-030 as an additional new business.

VOTE: The agenda passed as amended without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Robert Walden.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. December 17, 2025 (regular meeting)

Minutes for December 17, 2025, regular meeting were reviewed by the Board.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Mr. Terry Gorlick.

VOTE: The minutes were approved without objection.

VII. AGENCY AND STAFF REPORTS

A. City of Wasilla – Mr. Bob Walden, P.E., Public Works Deputy Director

The City of Wasilla continues to work on the water system interconnect project to link the Wasilla and Palmer systems. HDL is progressing with the design work and is expected to provide a presentation at the next regular meeting. There are no new updates from ADEC regarding the wetlands discharge permit.

B. City of Palmer – Mr. Matthew Midgett

The City of Palmer had nothing to report.

C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough – Ms. Amanda Fleming

Ms. Amanda Fleming commented on the inspection that they had by ADEC in November which included a couple action in need of correction. One of them being the Quality Assurance Project Plan which is in the process of being updated. The Compliance Order by Consent has been terminated as of February.

VIII. PRESENTATION

Mr. Kody Worley, Engineering and Support Services Sales Manager at ASRC Energy Services provided a presentation on Waste to Energy. Please see attached presentation slides for additional information.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*Three minutes per person*)

None.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Robert Walden moved to switch New Business items A and B in order to utilize the Matanuska-Susitna's Planning Director's time better.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

- A. Review of: A Resolution of the Matanuska-Susitna Water and Wastewater Advisory Board making recommendations to the Assembly regarding Assembly Ordinance Serial No. 26-030

Mr. Robert Walden moved to direct MSB staff to develop a draft resolution in support of Assembly Ordinance Serial No. 26-030.

Discussion ensued and Mr. Terry Gorlick moved an amendment to direct MSB staff to develop two draft resolutions. One draft resolution in support of Assembly Ordinance Serial No. 26-030 and one opposed to Assembly Ordinance Serial No. 26-030.

Vote: The amendment passed with Ms. Gina Jorgensen and Mr. Danny Noland opposed.

The main motion passed as amended without objection.

- B. Drafting Resolution requesting Assembly guidance in defining Board goals and strategic direction

Ms. Amanda Fleming moved to accept Board Resolution 26-01 requesting Assembly's guidance in defining the Board's goals and strategic plan.

Discussion ensued.

The motion passed without objection.

XII. INFORMATIONAL HANDOUTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Bob Walden, P.E.:

None.

Mr. Danny Noland:

None.

Ms. Amanda Fleming:

The Board Resolution is intended to address concerns previously discussed by the Board and to provide clearer direction moving forward.

Mr. Terry Gorlick:

Mr. Terry Gorlick expressed his understanding that the term 'septage' was removed from the Board's title because the Assembly preferred the Board to focus on broader water-related issues rather than wastewater treatment plant construction.

Ms. Gina Jorgensen:

None.

Mr. Matthew Midgett:

None.

Mr. Dan Tucker:

Mr. Dan Tucker expressed dissatisfaction with the outcome of Board RS 26-01, stating that the Board has the vision to identify the issues and should advise the Assembly, rather than be directed by it.

As recalled, the Board's discussion regarding "septage versus wastewater" ultimately led to a shared understanding that wastewater includes septage; however, septage does not encompass other forms of wastewater. This distinction resulted in the removal of the term "septage" and the addition of the term "water" to the Board's title.

Ms. Christina Sands:

Ms. Christina Sands asked the Board to establish a date for the special meeting to discuss Assembly Ordinance Serial No. 26-030 and the outcome of Board Resolution 26-01. The Board selected May 6, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. for the meeting.

XIV. NEXT MEETING

A. May 6, 2026, 2:30 p.m., MSB Assembly Chambers, Special Meeting

B. June 17, 2026, 2:30 p.m., MSB Assembly Chambers, Regular Meeting

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Bob Walden.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Mr. Bob Walden, P.E. Chair

ATTESTED:

Christina Sands, Board Administrative Support