



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
TALKEETNA SEWER & WATER BOARD
for
SERVICE AREA NO. 36

Andrew Haag, Chair
James Kellard

Jane Steere, Vice Chair

Ryan Sheldon
Vacant

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Talkeetna Public Library
24645 Talkeetna Spur Road
Talkeetna, AK 99676

Microsoft Teams
Meeting ID: 219 084 064 569
Passcode: Rwkjk6

January 7, 2026
1:07pm-1:21pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

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This regular meeting of the Talkeetna Sewer & Water Board for Service Area No. 36 was held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at the Talkeetna Warm Storage Building at 25150 S Comsat Road in Talkeetna, Alaska and via Microsoft Teams. The meeting was called to order at 1:07pm by Jane Steere.

II. ROLL CALL

Talkeetna Sewer & Water Board members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Andrew Haag - absent
Ms. Jane Steere - present and on-time
Mr. Ryan Sheldon - present and on-time via Teams.
Mr. James Kellard - present and on-time

Also in attendance:

Chad Fry, O&M Division Manager

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda by James Kellard. Seconded by Ryan Sheldon.

No objections, agenda approved as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Regular Meeting:

Minutes for the December 3, 2025, regular meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion to approve the minutes by James. Seconded by Ryan.

No objections, minutes approved as presented.

V. STAFF REPORT

A. TSW Supervisor (Amanda Fleming)

- Amanda discussed the pressure loss events from the previous week. In summary, the primary well pump 1 failed on New Year's Eve. The fire well pump 2 ran until January 2nd before operators discovered the situation due to the MSB observed holiday on New Year's Day. On January 6th, a crane was brought in to pull the well casing, well pump & motor from well 1 to determine the issue. The motor had failed and was replaced with one in inventory. Everything is in working order and well 1 will resume operations pending good coliform sample results. Additionally, fire well pump 2 also had issues during this time which caused two temporary system wide pressure losses. The first occurred on January 3rd at 1:15 am and water was off for approximately 1.25 hours. Service was resumed, operators contacted the State, there was no boil water notice was not issued however, the system was flushed, chlorine was increased and several coliform and arsenic samples were collected throughout the system. Messages on FB and KTNA were posted. There was some residual air in the line following the event. The second pressure loss occurred on January 4th at 10:25 pm and water was resumed after approximately 30 minutes. Well pump 1 is anticipated to be returned to service mid-morning on January 8th. Contingency plans were in place in the event that the pump rather than the motor had failed, and it is known that Anchorage Well & Pump has a loaner available, if needed.
 - *Community did a great job notifying operators with the after-hours phone number. The three operators rotated performing facility and water quality checks throughout the event including the weekend to ensure water was safe for consumption.*
- Budget process is still ongoing. Amanda reached out to Layla about insurance estimates; she has not had time to review out costs and facility breakdowns yet.
- Have not heard back from the State on the WW system inspection from back in November yet.

B. MSB Engineer (Mike Campfield) – not present.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A. None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **Service Area Rule & Rate Changes** – still collecting data and will have better chance to review closer to the end of the FY. We are on target for revenues collected from the W/S charges to date. There have no additional complaints about rates yet and in follow-up conversations with one customer, they have started to investigate leaks, efficiencies, etc. Leak adjustments are an option; right now, one adjustment per every 6 months.

B. **Land Acquisition for New Headworks and Storage Tank Project** – no update. Ryan hopes that when session resumes at the end of January there will be more opportunities to connect with people to discuss the status. Ryan will follow up with Kevin McCabe.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. None.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

A. Jane – hope the water keeps running in the appropriate locations.

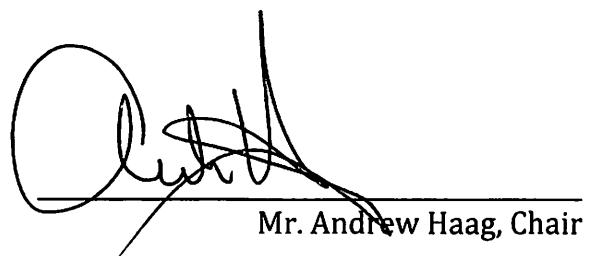
X. NEXT MEETING

A. Regular Meeting: February 4, 2026, 1:00pm, Talkeetna Warm Storage & Teams

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ryan. Seconded by James.

No objections, meeting adjourned at 1:21pm.



Mr. Andrew Haag, Chair

ATTESTED:



Ms. Amanda Fleming, Board Administrative Support