



# 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

February 4, 2026  
1:05pm-2:28pm

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

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 1:05pm by Drew Haag.

#### II. ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Andrew Haag – present and on-time  
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 Jane Steere.

No objections, agenda approved as presented.

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

#### A. Regular Meeting:

Minutes for the January 7, 2026, regular meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion to approve the minutes by Jane. Seconded by James.

No objections, minutes approved as presented.

### V. STAFF REPORT

#### A. TSW Supervisor (Amanda Fleming)

- Well house pump motor failure has been resolved, and the primary well is back online effective January 8. All additional and compliance samples came back within requirements. Community used the after-hours phone number to report issues which hopefully translates to awareness that an operator is on-call 24/365.
- Included in the packet is Wastewater Treatment inspection report from November. Most of the violations are minor and require re-submission of documentation already on file. The primary corrective action is to update the Quality Assurance Project Plan which was last updated in 2018; operators were told during the 2021 inspection that this document was acceptable however, it was not. This document will be updated in the next two months. This inspection has brought light back to the Compliance Order by Consent – it is likely this COBC will be officially terminated by this spring.
- Budget process is still ongoing; it's gone through review to the Public Works Director. Budget did not see significant changes and is expected to be around the same as the last few years.

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

### VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- #### A.
- Alan and Andrea Larson presented their opposition with the MSB pursuit of acquiring DNR parcels 3 & 4 on Front St noting floodplain issues, impact to tourism, and concerns over pedestrian trail access. The Larson's own property directly west of parcel 4. Discussion between the Larsons, board, and staff reviewed the process the board/staff have gone through over the last 2-3 years regarding pros/cons of various site options within and outside the service area boundaries. Pros/cons have included arsenic

levels, flood plain, distribution piping length, leases vs. ownership, overall project costs including rehabilitation of the current facility, and funding options.

The board made a recommendation to the Larson's that if they had a request for action from the board, they submit something in writing.

*Amanda will follow-up with Land Management about use permanent use of the properties.*

## VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Service Area Rule & Rate Changes** – still on target for revenues collected from the W/S charges to date. Will have strong data to recommend adjustments after this FY is complete.

Drew recommended the board look at putting language into the rules to limit the size of structures and size of pipeline within the Service Area that would impact demand on the system. This change would require legislation.

- B. **Land Acquisition for New Headworks and Storage Tank Project** – no update. Ryan will follow up with Senator McCabe and Amanda will follow up Land Management.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. None.

## IX. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

- A. Drew – thank you to Alan and Andrea for attending. If you talk to anyone, let them know the board encourages their participation.  
Ryan – Go Team!

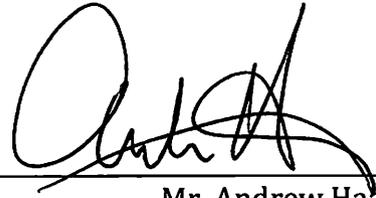
## X. NEXT MEETING

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

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Jane. Seconded by James.

No objections, meeting adjourned at 1:21pm.



Mr. Andrew Haag, Chair

ATTESTED:



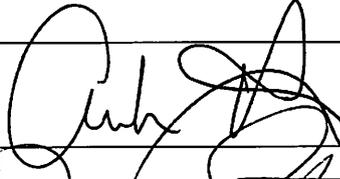
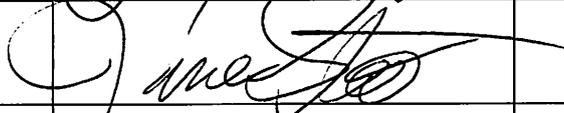
Ms. Amanda Fleming, Board Administrative Support

2/4/26

Date

# Talkeetna Sewer & Water Board for Service Area No. 36

## BOARD SIGN-IN SHEET

VOTING MEMBER	SIGNATURE	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL
Andrew Haag		(907) 355-4808	drew@abovealaska.com
Jane Steere		(907) 414-9450	jsste@mtaonline.net
Ryan Sheldon	<del>ON</del> Teams	(907) 947-6678	ryansheldon99@gmail.com
James Kellard		(907) 355-1981	tkajim@icloud.com
Vacant			



	FY18 Actual	FY19 Actual	FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual	FY22 Actual	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 To Date	FY26 To Date	FY26 Adopted	FY27 Projected	FY28 Projected	FY29 Projected
Total Revenues	\$538,100.78	\$1,460,772.84	\$1,061,549.06	\$989,254.36	\$2,202,242.36	\$1,406,601.80	\$2,001,986.52	\$1,477,945.85	\$993,852.61	\$1,438,000.00	\$1,466,760.00	\$1,496,095.20	\$1,526,017.10
Total Expenditures	(\$315,567.96)	(\$362,107.71)	(\$1,892,244.11)	(\$808,145.68)	(\$751,864.47)	(\$1,031,477.12)	(\$946,904.01)	(\$1,320,811.72)	(\$664,080.39)	(\$1,048,615.80)	(\$1,100,640.07)	(\$1,115,510.12)	(\$1,130,702.58)
	\$222,532.82	\$1,098,665.13	(\$830,695.05)	\$181,108.68	\$1,450,377.89	\$375,124.68	\$1,055,082.51	\$157,134.13	\$329,772.22	\$389,384.20	\$366,119.93	\$380,585.08	\$395,314.53
Projected Revenues									\$993,852.61	\$1,438,000.00	\$1,466,760.00	\$1,496,095.20	\$1,526,017.10
Projected Expenditures													
Capital Projects								(\$1,320,811.72)	(\$664,080.39)	(\$1,048,615.80)	(\$1,100,640.07)	(\$1,115,510.12)	(\$1,130,702.58)
Loan - Principal payment								(\$14,023.38)	(\$18,130.00)	(\$25,000.00)	(\$85,000.00)	(\$25,000.00)	(\$25,000.00)
								(\$337,254.06)	(\$331,313.00)	(\$336,823.50)	(\$336,303.00)	(\$341,369.00)	(\$346,511.00)
<b>Actual adjustment to fund balance 6/30</b>	\$222,532.82	\$1,098,665.13	(\$830,695.05)	\$181,108.68	\$1,450,377.89	\$375,124.68	\$1,055,082.51						
Projected adjustment to fund balance at end of FY								(\$180,119.93)	(\$1,540.78)	\$52,560.70	\$29,816.93	\$39,216.08	\$48,803.53
<b>Actual fund balance 6/30</b>	(\$236,952.10)	\$861,713.03	\$31,017.98	\$212,126.66	\$1,662,504.55	\$2,037,629.23	\$3,092,711.74						
Projected fund balance at end of FY								\$2,912,591.81	\$2,911,051.03	\$2,965,152.51	\$2,994,969.44	\$3,034,185.52	\$3,082,989.05
WTP Loan Interest Payment										(\$605.30)			
WTP Loan Principal Payment										(\$5,510.50)			
WWTF Loan Interest Payment										(\$108,841.64)	(\$103,851.07)	(\$98,785.34)	(\$93,643.30)
WWTF Loan Principal Payment										(\$331,313.00)	(\$336,303.00)	(\$341,369.00)	(\$346,511.00)
Capital Funds Returned to Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$756,926.00	\$21,707.08	\$486,645.88	\$1,977.00	\$134,209.73				
Corrected Actual Revenues w/o Cap Project Returns	\$538,100.78	\$1,460,772.84	\$1,061,549.06	\$989,254.36	\$1,445,316.36	\$1,384,894.72	\$1,515,340.64	\$1,475,968.85	\$859,642.88				
Fund Balance w/o Cap Project Returns	(\$236,952.10)	\$861,713.03	\$31,017.98	\$212,126.66	\$905,578.55	\$2,015,922.15	\$2,606,065.86	\$2,910,614.81	\$2,776,841.30				
Sales Tax Revenues	\$163,591.04	\$1,083,732.41	\$667,123.68	\$596,972.98	\$1,034,675.93	\$928,250.93	\$1,055,472.88	\$1,030,556.17	\$540,945.89				
Rates & Fees Revenues	\$369,539.27	\$372,417.83	\$387,724.13	\$378,257.49	\$396,649.02	\$448,877.15	\$453,258.21	\$431,494.11	\$276,874.09				
Interest on Investments	\$146.00	\$221.00	\$499.00	\$258.00	\$1,625.00	\$4,311.00	\$4,241.00	\$4,157.00	\$0.00				
State PERS Relief	\$1,533.47	\$4,401.60	\$6,202.25	\$13,765.89	\$12,366.41	\$3,455.64	\$2,368.55	\$5,129.57	\$0.00				
Other Revenues	\$3,291.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$756,926.00	\$21,707.08	\$486,645.88	\$4,632.00	\$41,401.00				
<b>Totals</b>	\$538,100.78	\$1,460,772.84	\$1,061,549.06	\$989,254.36	\$2,202,242.36	\$1,406,601.80	\$2,001,986.52	\$1,475,968.85	\$859,220.98				
Totals minus Other	\$534,809.78	\$1,460,772.84	\$1,061,549.06	\$989,254.36	\$1,445,316.36	\$1,384,894.72	\$1,515,340.64	\$1,471,336.85	\$817,819.98				

YTD Updated 2/4/26



2/3/2026

**COMPLIANCE LETTER**

Failure to Comply with Permit Conditions per 18 AAC 83 – Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit (GP) for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Lagoons Discharging to Surface Water, AKG573000

Amanda Flemming  
Mat-Su Borough  
22538 S. Beaver St.  
Talkeetna, AK 99676

Dear Ms. Flemming

The Department alleges that beginning on or about November 17, 2022 and continuing up until November 26, 2025, at Talkeetna, Alaska, Talkeetna Lagoon did unlawfully fail to comply with the conditions of the Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) permit.

A routine unannounced inspection was performed and the following violations were identified:

- 1) Failure to submit Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) to DEC for the time period May 31, 2023, to June 15, 2023, for Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and Suspended Solids Percent Removal (SS % Removal). The permittee submitted NODI Code “P”- Laboratory Error and notified DEC that a labeling mix up at SGS Laboratory occurred. A NCN with supporting documentation was submitted on June 1, 2023.
  - a) Permit Part 2.2.8 states “DMRs must be submitted electronically each month. For months in which there was no discharge, the DMR must indicate “no discharge.” For permittees that discharge on a controlled basis or seasonally, DMRs need not be submitted electronically for months in which no discharge occurred. Such facilities must indicate on the DMR the month and day on which the discharge ceased and the estimated month in which the discharges will resume. If the discharge occurs during a month of indicated inactivity, the permittee must submit a DMR for that discharge.”
  - b) Regulatory Citation: 18 AAC 83.405(k) Monitoring and Records
  - c) Repeat Violation: Yes

- 2) Failure to submit the June 2022 Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) to DEC by July 15; the DMR was submitted 1 day late on July 16. A NCN with corrective action was submitted on July 16, 2022.
  - a) Permit Part 2.2.8 states “DMRs must be submitted electronically each month. For months in which there was no discharge, the DMR must indicate “no discharge.” For permittees that discharge on a controlled basis or seasonally, DMRs need not be submitted electronically for months in which no discharge occurred. Such facilities must indicate on the DMR the month and day on which the discharge ceased and the estimated month in which the discharges will resume. If the discharge occurs during a month of indicated inactivity, the permittee must submit a DMR for that discharge.”
  - b) Regulatory Citation: 18 AAC 83.405(k) Monitoring and Records
  - c) Repeat Violation: Yes

- 3) During the evaluation period, the facility incurred a total of 22 violations (Table 1) by exceeding the following permit limitations:

Month	Outfall	Parameter Code and Name	DMR Value	Permit Limit	% Exceeda	Limit Type	#V	Due/Rec'd	#DL
MAY 2022	001 A	74055 Coliform, fecal general	3000	20 #/100mL	14,900	GEO MEAN		6/15 6/03	
MAY 2022	001 A	74055 Coliform, fecal general	3000	40 #/100mL	7,400	DAILY MX	1	6/15 6/03	
JUN 2022	001 A	74055 Coliform, fecal general	1150	20 #/100mL	5,650	GEO MEAN		7/15 7/16	1
JUN 2022	001 A	74055 Coliform, fecal general	1354.55	40 #/100mL	3,286	DAILY MX	1	7/15 7/16	1
JUL 2022	001 A	00310 BOD, 5-day, 20 deg. C	90.22	45 mg/L	100	MO AVG	31	8/15 8/11	
JUL 2022	001 A	00310 BOD, 5-day, 20 deg. C	90.22	65 mg/L	39	WKLY AVG	7	8/15 8/11	
JUL 2022	001 A	74055 Coliform, fecal general	220	20 #/100mL	1,000	GEO MEAN		8/15 8/11	
JUL 2022	001 A	74055 Coliform, fecal general	220	40 #/100mL	450	DAILY MX	1	8/15 8/11	
AUG 2022	001 A	50060 Chlorine, total residual	.029	.011 mg/L	164	MO AVG	31	9/15 9/12	
AUG 2022	001 A	50060 Chlorine, total residual	.44	.019 mg/L	2,216	DAILY MX	1	9/15 9/12	
AUG 2022	001 A	74055 Coliform, fecal general	330	20 #/100mL	1,550	GEO MEAN		9/15 9/12	
AUG 2022	001 A	74055 Coliform, fecal general	330	40 #/100mL	725	DAILY MX	1	9/15 9/12	
SEP 2022	001 A	74055 Coliform, fecal general	67	20 #/100mL	235	GEO MEAN		10/15 10/13	
SEP 2022	001 A	74055 Coliform, fecal general	4500	40 #/100mL	11,150	DAILY MX	1	10/15 10/13	
OCT 2022	001 A	74055 Coliform, fecal general	3700	20 #/100mL	18,400	GEO MEAN		11/15 11/09	
OCT 2022	001 A	74055 Coliform, fecal general	3700	40 #/100mL	9,150	DAILY MX	1	11/15 11/09	
MAY 2023	001 A	00310 BOD, 5-day, 20 deg. C	60	45 mg/L	33	MO AVG	31	6/15 6/13	
MAY 2023	001 A	00530 Solids, total suspended		70 mg/L	100	MO AVG	31	6/15 6/13	
MAY 2023	001 A	00530 Solids, total suspended		105 lb/d	100	MO AVG	31	6/15 6/13	
MAY 2023	001 A	00530 Solids, total suspended		mg/L	100	MO AVG	31	6/15 6/13	
MAY 2023	001 A	81011 Solids, suspended percent removal		65 %	186	MINIMUM	31	6/15 6/13	
JUL 2023	001 A	00310 BOD, 5-day, 20 deg. C	47.4	45 mg/L	5	MO AVG	31	8/15 8/03	

2022\*:

- May: FC; 2 violations
- June: FC; 2 violations
- July: BOD<sub>5</sub>; 2 violations, FC; 2 violations
- August: FC; 2 violations, TRC; 2 violations
- September: FC; 2 violations
- October: FC; 2 violations

*\*The facility notified DEC on November 30, 2022, that independent laboratory testing data and engineering firm consultation supports the finding that erroneous laboratory testing practices and data from Alaska Water Labs resulted in violations recorded on DMR's submitted for the facility between May 2022 and October 2022.*

2023:

May: 5-day BOD5 demand: 1 violation  
TSS; 3 violations\*  
TSS % Removal; 1 violation\*

*\*The facility notified DEC that a laboratory error resulting in mixed-up samples occurred at the testing laboratory SGS and submitted resampling results to DEC for DMR correction.*

July: 5-day BOD<sub>5</sub> demand; 1 violation

- a) Permit part 2.1.1 states, “During the effective period of this general permit, the permittee is authorized to discharge wastewater provided the discharge meets the limits and monitoring requirements herein.”
  - b) Regulatory Citation: 18 AAC 83.405(b) Duty to comply
  - c) Reference Documents: Violations report; Table 1
  - d) Repeat Violation: Yes
- 4) Failure to develop, implement and update the QAPP within 180 days of receiving authorization under the general permit.
- a) Permit Part 4.1.1 “The permittee must develop and implement a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for all monitoring required by this permit. The QAPP must be developed and implemented within 180 days of receiving authorization under this general permit. Any existing QAPP may be modified under this section.”
  - b) Regulatory Citation: 18 AAC 83.405(b) Duty to comply
  - c) Repeat Violation: Yes

Such inaction is in violation of your permit.

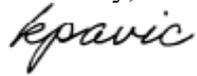
To address the violation described above, the Department requires that you do the following:

- a. Provide the Department with any information that directly refutes any violation identified above. To refute a violation, specific records must be provided along with a description of why the record was not available at the time of the inspection.
- b. To address violations number 1, submit the May 31, 2023, to June 15, 2023 DMR to DEC.
- c. To address violation number 2, review Permit Part 2.2.8 of AKG73000.
- d. To address violation number 3, please provide DEC with an explanation for the May 2022 to October 2022 violations and what corrective actions Talkeetna Lagoon carried out.
- e. To address violation number 4, please provide DEC with an updated facility specific QAPP.

Please respond to this request by no later than **3/31/2026**. Submittals must be submitted through the Environmental Data Management System (EDMS) online at <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/edms>. If you have not created a profile within the EDMS, please do so. If you encounter issue with the process, please contact the Water Information Program at [edms.help@alaska.gov](mailto:edms.help@alaska.gov). Note that your response to these items will become part of the public record as it relates to your permit compliance and is not considered confidential.

If you have additional questions, I may be contacted at (907) 269-6281, or via e-mail: [Karolina.pavic@alaska.gov](mailto:Karolina.pavic@alaska.gov). Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in protecting public health and the environment.

Sincerely,



Karolina Pavic, Enforcement Officer  
Credential No. R-0518

Check One:

- Personally Served
- Sent by Certified Mail
- Sent by Email

on the 3rd day of February, 2026

Enclosure: Inspection Report  
Violations Report

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