



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

May 6, 2026
1:05pm-2:39pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

This regular meeting of the Talkeetna Sewer & Water Board for Service Area No. 36 was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 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
Mr. James Kellard – present and on-time

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 April 1, 2026, regular meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion to approve the April minutes by James. Seconded by Ryan Kellard.

No objections, minutes approved as presented.

V. STAFF REPORT

A. TSW Supervisor (Amanda Fleming)

- Amanda followed up on total fees that were paid for the WWTF violations - \$11,500 was paid for in fees for violations and \$48,150 was for additional penalties with the phase 1 upgrade. This is in addition to the debt for the actual upgrade. All fees/penalties were actually paid.
- Still experiencing freezing issues. We are around 40 water or sewer services frozen this winter and expect risk for the next few weeks. Amanda attended a State-wide conference this month where utilities discussed the issues and solutions they encountered this winter. Some ideas may be considered for the Service Area such as insulating sewer lids, moving sewer services, etc. Customers that have been running water to prevent freezing will have their statements adjusted – approximately 15 customers.
- Repaired a service leak on the utility side on Gliska St. The leak is estimated at 20,000 gpd. The work was originally planned to be completed in-house but due to frost concerns, the work was contracted out. McCullough Excavating has a great video online demonstrating poor condition of the service (failing flare at the corp, a hose clamp, multiple splices, pinched copper, no insulation, etc.).
- Seasonal water turn ons are happening regularly.
- Budget is still in deliberation with the Assembly, but our budget gets very little attention so concerns for changes to our proposal.
- Amanda and Ryan will be on KTNA's Su-Valley Voice next Thursday, May 14.

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

- Update via Amanda – the CDS grant paperwork has all been submitted, expecting several more months before we hear back from the EPA.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- ##### A. Jon Korta, Talkeetna Community Council – Jon discussed the TCCI meeting held Monday, May 3rd. From the meeting, Council made a recommendation to have a stakeholder meeting to get answers and clarification on the project. TCCI would like to see if that can happen sooner rather than later. Jon would also like to get caught up on the timeline for the last few years.

- B. Alan Larson expressed his interest in drilling a shallower well at the current site. Based on the test well in East Talkeetna and conversations with State of Alaska regarding arsenic, it's speculated that arsenic is found in higher concentrations as the depth of a well increases. He also discussed his overall interest in the various locations, the conversations between the various agencies, the economics, and physical aspects of making the system work.
- C. Melis Coady – Executive Director of Susitna River Coalition – Melis discussed her interest in assisting with the SRF program and other funding opportunities for our community.
- D. Andrea Larson was online via Teams, but audio was not working.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Service Area Rule & Rate Changes** – Amanda suggested the Board come prepared at the next meeting with recommended changes. Current revenue collection is on track from previous years which indicates the rate change effective July 1, 2025 is right where we expected it to be which may indicate there is not a current need to adjust rates.
- B. **Land Acquisition for New Headworks and Storage Tank Project** – the DNR parcels the MSB requested for conveyance are currently in the public comment period. Public information packet attached.

Motion to prepare a resolution to hold a meeting with key stakeholders by Ryan. Seconded by Jane.

Board discussed the need for clarification of the land ownership requirement for the State Revolving Fund and lease agreement renewals and updated annual permit fees.

No objections. Drew and Ryan will work together to draft the resolution. The meeting will be the next TSWB meeting on June 3rd.

Motion to prepare a resolution to drill a test well at the current headworks site by Jane. Motion seconded by Ryan. Motion tabled until after stakeholder meeting.

No objections, motion tabled to the July meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. None.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

A. Jane – Frustrated because there are so many variables.

X. NEXT MEETING

- A. Regular Meeting: June 3, 2026, 1:00pm, Talkeetna Warm Storage & Teams
- Motion to move the next meeting to the Talkeetna Public Library by Ryan. Seconded by Jane.

No objections, motion unanimously approved.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn James. Seconded by Jane.

No objections, meeting adjourned at 2:39pm.


~~Mr. Andrew Haag, Chair~~

ATTESTED:


Ms. Amanda Fleming, Board Administrative Support