



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

Jul 1, 2026
1:10pm-1:36pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

This regular meeting of the Talkeetna Sewer & Water Board for Service Area No. 36 was held on Wednesday, July 1, 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 1:10pm 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 via Teams and on-time
Mr. James Kellard – present and on-time

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 June 3, 2026, regular meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion to approve the June minutes by James. Seconded by Ryan.

No objections, minutes approved as presented.

V. STAFF REPORT

A. TSW Supervisor (Amanda Fleming absent but written report provided)

- **Wastewater Treatment** – June water quality results came back great. The lagoons were pumped down for operators to shut off the treatment plant for the month of July.
- **Water Treatment** – The annual Consumer Confidence Reports were mailed out to customers, posted around town, emailed to TCCI and Chamber, and is available online. This report summarizes our 2025 water quality results. During July, operators will collect disinfection by-product samples throughout the distribution system and recently, operators collected special purpose, non-compliance PFAS samples for ADEC. This is the third set of samples collected; the first two sets did not identify PFAS in our wells. Alaska Rural Water Association is here this week performing a sanitary survey of our well house and treatment plant. The survey is performed every three years to assess and identify any sanitary concerns within the treatment process. As identified in previous surveys, the hydropneumatic pressure tank is of significant concern given age, exterior tank condition, and lack of ability to inspect the interior of the tank. The condition of the tank is one of the many reasons the Utility/MSB has identified the new wellhead and storage tank project as the primary project for TSW.
- **Operators** – Mike Foster is scheduled for a training next week in Fairbanks. At the end of the week, he will test for his level 1 water treatment exam. Assuming he will pass, he will then be provisionally certified in all four TSW systems.
- **Lift Stations** – Lift station 2 (airport lift station) generator is now wired in with an automatic transfer switch. The only facility not on an ATS is lift station 1 (Latitude lift station) which is not scheduled to have a permanent backup generator stationed on-site due to low demand. Lift station 3 (G St lift station) will have power and communications switched from overhead to underground in the next couple weeks. This will eliminate concern of roof slides and equipment damaging the lines that currently extend to the roof of the building.

B. MSB Engineer (Mike Campfield)

- DNR provided a Final Finding on the land conveyance request. DNR approved the conveyance to the MSB. There are additional steps to follow to complete this process. There is a 20 day appeal process then a decision from any appeal following that. Likely be able to survey this fall.

- MSB has started an application with ARRC for permit costs as discussed in the last meeting.
- RFP for preliminary design is drafted and will be posted soon.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- A. Melis Coady – still pursuing more information about the confusion with the SRF funding as the land ownership conversation seems to be part of the delay to get this project going.
- B. Alan Larson – wanted to clarify the next steps and that the state process for soils and well assessment and approval can also take a long time. Also that the land was only identified for a water treatment plant so if the evaluation process determined that we couldn't put a tank on site, that it would go back to DNR.
Has the MSB considered utilizing the property on the MSB site? It appears there is a 100' well site that provides ~250'. There are underground fuel storage tanks that pose a contamination risk and likely a historical leak at some point.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Service Area Rule & Rate Changes** – no discussion.
- B. **Land Acquisition for New Headworks and Storage Tank Project** – no additional discussion outside of Mike Campfield's update.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. None.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

- A. No comments.

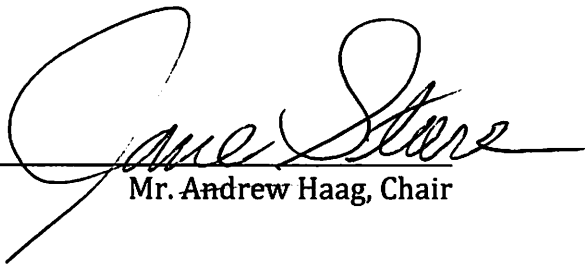
X. NEXT MEETING

- A. Regular Meeting: August 5, 2026, 1:00pm, Talkeetna Warm Storage & Teams

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn James. Seconded by Ryan.

No objections, meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm.


Mr. Andrew Haag, Chair

ATTESTED:



Ms. Amanda Fleming, Board Administrative Support