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

September 2, 2026
1:03pm-1:31pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

This regular meeting of the Talkeetna Sewer & Water Board for Service Area No. 36 was held on Wednesday, September 2, 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 1:03pm 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

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 August 5, 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)
- **Water Treatment** – new well pump motor is installed.
- **Water Distribution** – annual flushing schedule changed to the week the fire department will be testing but early in the week. Will not conflict with their operations. September/October will start the seasonal shut-offs.
- **Wastewater Collections** – underground connections to G St lift station is complete. Operators will be installing avalanche strips to complete the project.
- **Wastewater Treatment** – lagoons are drawing down for shut off at the end of October, operators are removing old fencing/trees/brush to have a vendor install new fencing to connect the other new fencing sections, and sludge pumping is out to bid with a September/October job timeline. Testing is in compliance to date. This winter, Amanda will relook at sludge drying options on-site.

B. MSB Engineer (Mike Campfield)
- The water project RFP is being routed to Purchasing. Surveying the DNR parcel into the engineering process. EPA must review and approve the RFP before it goes out for solicitation. Expected to be public in two weeks. There will be several public presentations as a requirement of the project.
- Jane expressed the need to have more information presented to the Board regarding the RFP. Chad will send the Board a draft copy.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A. Alan Larson – met with Manager Brown and Public Works staff to discuss the petition and site selection process.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **Service Area Rule & Rate Changes** – reviewed financial status for FY26 and the start of FY27. Sales tax is trending the same. Rate change saw only a slight increase in revenues. MSB will be working with a new vendor, Waterworth, that will provide a formal assessment of the rate structures, revenue collections, assets, fund balance, and identify capital project replacement. One issue is the

commercial classification for the short-term rentals vs. restaurants so this company many have a recommendation to make a rate change. Looking into the fall, there may be a need for special TSWB meetings to review rate projections if we anticipate a rate change being presented in Nov/Dec 2026 for rate changes July 2027.

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: September 2, 2026, 1:00pm, Talkeetna Warm Storage & Teams
- *Amanda reminded board to confirm quorum prior to the next meeting.*

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:31 pm.

Mr. Andrew Haag, Chair

ATTESTED:

Ms. Amanda Fleming, Board Administrative Support