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

October 7, 2026
1:01pm-2:52pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

This regular meeting of the Talkeetna Sewer & Water Board for Service Area No. 36 was held on Wednesday, October 7, 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 1:01pm 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 – absent
Mr. James Kellard – present and on-time

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda by Jane Steere. Seconded by James Kellard.

No objections, agenda approved as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Regular Meeting:

Minutes for the September 2, 2026, regular meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion to approve the September minutes by James. Seconded by Jane.

No objections, minutes approved as presented.

V. STAFF REPORT

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

1. **Water Distribution** – seasonal shut-offs in full swing. Water main on the southern Spur Rd was terminated ahead of DOT work. Three accounts have permanently lost water service. A water valve and hydrant was installed – the hydrant at Eye of Denali and at the skate park are no longer available. Expenses from this work is anticipated to be reimbursed from the greater project.
2. **Operator Status** - Mike Foster will be eligible for his full certifications next spring, and eligible to be a specialist after 3 years of employment. He is periodically covering call to get used to the process.
3. **New connections** – several new connections going in around town. The TRG/CC service connection is finally separated.
4. **Wastewater Treatment** – sludge pumping scheduled at the at the end of the month with Shamrock Septic. Fencing project is complete – stitched together old fencing with newer sections to complete the full security.

B. MSB Engineer (Mike Campfield) – absent

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A. Alan Larson – met with Manager Brown and Public Works staff to discuss the petition and site selection process. Presented a packet of research and site maps for further discussion regarding the current well site.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **Service Area Rule & Rate Changes** – FY26 Sales Tax revenue ~$1.19million and Rates & Fees revenue was $460,000. Other revenues of $40,000 was ADEC reimbursement grant program for lead and copper inventory. That money was used to pay off the ADEC water treatment plant loan. Annual operating expenses were ~$1million and loan payments/capital projects were ~$440,000. As a result, fund balance has remained stable.

We are working with a company called Waterworth to expand from manually created spreadsheets to utilizing their platform. The platform utilizes current

expenses, planned capital, water usage, etc. to help determine future rate changes to address capital projects, debt service, etc. This platform will be presented at the next meeting for the board to review possible rate scenarios while ensuring balanced charges for each rate payer. Rates go through a formal assembly process which is scheduled for early December.

As for rule changes, we can keep a running a list of possible changes as this requires a lot of legislation.

B. **Land Acquisition for New Headworks and Storage Tank Project** – a railroad application has been submitted – the ARRC/MSB have gone back and forth on some communication. The Request for Proposal is with Purchasing for review.

A question was asked about if land could be purchased with grant money – Amanda will research the answer. It was determined that grant money could not be used to pay off loan debts.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. None.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

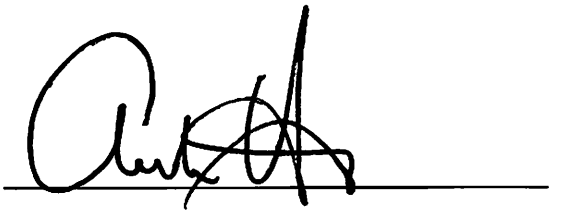
A. Jane – No matter the location, believes the MSB has heard that the upgrade should be aesthetically pleasing. As for the petition, people typically voice their opposition not their support and since there hasn't been a survey for support of the DNR parcels, we don't know what the community supports.
Jim – none.
Drew – disappointed with where the MSB has progressed with researching other sites and attendance of other MSB staff. General frustration with the land research process.

X. NEXT MEETING

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

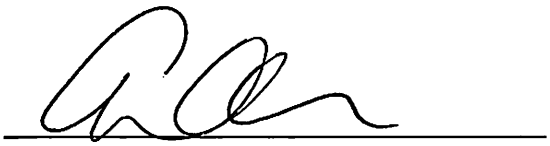
XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm.



Mr. Andrew Haag, Chair

ATTESTED:



Ms. Amanda Fleming, Board Administrative Support