

General Membership Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2016  
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

President Carol Kane called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. A quorum was established with board members present: Carol Kane – President, Darren Zimmer – Vice President, Sandy Baker – acting Secretary, Yvonne Ruth - Treasurer, and At Large Board Member – Cathy Mayfield. Members absent: Casey Steinau and Jennifer Tew.

Carol welcomed everyone and extended appreciation to those in attendance.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Cathy Mayfield and seconded by Yvonne Ruth passed by unanimous consent to accept the agenda as presented.

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion by Yvonne Ruth and seconded by Casey Steinau passed by unanimous consent with the following change, to correct the spelling of Todd Rinaldi's name on page 2.

5. Persons to be Heard

•Jo Walch – Mid Valley Recycling is looking for recycling bin monitors and as a reminder there is a recycling fair in April.

•Cindy Bettini – There is a new seat open on the MEA Board of Directors. The new seat includes the Big Lake Area. Cindy is encouraging residents to apply for the seat.

•Mokie Tew – A large expense of road improvement is hauling gravel. Having gravel pits closer to the projects would help lower the expense of many road improvements.

•Jeff Ross – Jeff is going to head up a project to get a gravel path from the corner of Hollywood and Big Lake Road up Hollywood to the landfill. The gravel path would help keep pedestrians safer by keeping them off the road, as they walk that section of the road.

•Butch Moore – MEA has changed their policy for hook up of power to new homes. In reference to the proposed gravel pit, he's not opposed to gravel pits but has great concerns about the commercial development of one in the area proposed.

•Deb Kirk – The Big Lake Chamber of Commerce is having their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Fishing Derby on Iron Dog Weekend - February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. There's a tagged fish and tons of prizes to be won.

•David Wilson – David introduce himself to the community and stated he was running for Senate Seat D.

6. Borough Assembly Report

Dan Mayfield has recommended the vacant seats on the RSA Board be filled by Bill Kramer and Bill Haller. Other local appointments include Cindy Bettini being appointed to the Parks and Rec Board and to the Transportation Board. Funding roads is difficult especially in these difficult economic times. Dan is introducing a user tax on materials like gravel, lumber and possibly coal. The initiative for this tax would have the monies collected go directly back into the road improvement system.

There is much discussion regarding marijuana and he welcomes feedback on the legislation out there. There is conversation about considering to change the assembly seat terms from a 3 year term to a 4 year term with a maximum of 8 years. Dan has also introduced a safe trails initiative promoting responsible trapping in the Mat-Su. Dan is currently working with the Fire Service Area and Road Service Area budgets but it is a more difficult task than it seems as placement of monies is not always a simple as one would think. There is consideration about some draft legislation to grant a moratorium on setbacks for a period of time.

7. Road Service Area Report

Jill Parsons stated Bill Kramer has been appointed to the RSA Board and Bill Haller's appointment is pending. He should be appointed next week. The next RSA Board meeting will be March 10; the time is yet to be determined. They are working on coordinating schedules with the new members.

8. Fire Service Area Report

No Report

9. Treasurer's Report Chairperson, Yvonne Ruth

Checking      \$36,973.37  

Savings       \$280.79  

10. Membership Report Chairperson, Yvonne Ruth

At the beginning of the meeting there were 83 members.

11. Chamber Commerce Report

No Report

12. Parks and Trails Chairperson, Cathy Mayfield

- Trail 6 is groomed, it's not very good as we have no snow – no fun.

13. School Report, Chairperson, Carol G Kane

No report

14. Transportation Report Darren Zimmer

Darren noted representatives from BLCC spoke to the Borough Assembly under Persons to be Heard, on 1/26/16 regarding BLCC asking to amend the 2009 Updated Comp Plan to include BLCC's preference of Route 3/A. The Borough Assembly did pass the motion to accept the amendment as requested. He did note surprisingly there was some opposition from Houston, but regardless, the Assembly did pass the request as presented.

Carol gave a huge thank you to Dan Mayfield, Cindy Bettini, Jim Faiks and Darren Zimmer for testifying and working on the process.

16. Correspondence

- Trooper Relocation

Carol had received correspondence through emails as well as personal contact from Cindy Bettine, State Trooper - Captain Brinke, Assemblyman Randall Kowlake email through Mike Dunleavy's staff, as well as Mark Neuman's staff regarding this matter.

Cindy Bettine stated she is opposed to the potential closing of the Meadow Lakes Trooper office.

Carol provided a brief overview of the status to date regarding the issues related to the State Trooper offices being located in a more central location. Currently there is no memorandum for this to take place. As a result, there are many issues still needing to be resolved prior to any final decisions being made regarding this matter at the local, state, and borough levels.

- Big Lake Community Council Correspondence Speakers 2016

Email from Cindy Bettine who agreed to coordinate speakers for future 2016 BLCC meetings to discuss topics of interest to the community. Cindy has planned for March speakers - Alex Strong and Sara Williams to discuss marijuana (the law, the borough and the community).

- BLCC received 1/27/16 correspondence from Mark Whisenhunt, Planner II, Mat Su Borough, *Request for Review and Comments* regarding the application by Bill & Helen Heiret (dba Lakeshore Sand and Gravel) for an Interim Materials District. The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on this request March 21, 2016. Noted on the correspondence from Mark Whisenhunt, written comments are to be returned to the Mat Su Planning and Land Use Department, Development Services Division by February 22, 2016.

Additionally, a listing of correspondence received related to this request was available for members to review. Carol stated, the applicant Bill Heiret would be attending the 3/8/16 meeting to talk with the Council about the application as submitted.

A motion by Darren Zimmer and seconded by Cathy Mayfield passed by unanimous consent to include the information as presented to this application be an agenda item for the March 8, 2016 meeting.

#### 17. Land Use/Platting

None

#### 18. New Business

BLCC MVFCU Account Signers Update. A motion made by Cathy Mayfield and seconded by Darren Zimmer passed by unanimous consent to change the Mat Valley Federal Credit Union account 93201 signers to be Carol G Kane and Yvonne Ruth. Bill Kramer's name will be removed from the account.

Carol stated at the 1/26/16 BLCC Board meeting, the Board reviewed how we do business to include:

- Casey Steinau and Jennifer Tew have agreed to co-chair the Community Outreach Committee. Concerted effort for community outreach is to increase community members attending the BLCC meetings.
- The Bylaws Committee has agreed to revise the bylaws to provide greater clarity and more accurately reflect how the Council does business. Darren Zimmer will chair the temporary Bylaws Committee and invited all council members to join and participate. Council members will be invited to become a member of the Bylaws Committee
- Web Page/Facebook would be updated to be more inclusive.
- Meeting Agenda Format – Cindy Bettini will be chairing acquiring speakers for the meeting.
- Membership – Casey Steinau will serve as 2016 membership chair.

#### 19. Unfinished Business/Action Items

None

20. Announcements

Bill Haller – The Bird Rehabilitation group will host Owlentines Day at Big Lake Lions Rec Center from noon to 2 on February 13. There will be owls on sight. Mud Volley Ball will happen 6/18/16. The event will move with the sand pit slightly to side of the Big Lake Rec Center. It is expected to provide better parking etc. Security will be hired for the event.

21. Board Member Comment

Yvonne Ruth – Houston High Basketball playing this weekend. She encourages everyone to come out and support the students at the games.

Sandy Baker – Please use the microphones. We are working to improve better communications with everyone and it's important for everyone to be able to hear.

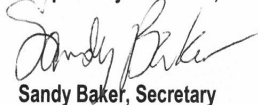
Cathy Mayfield – Please call Dan Mayfield's cell phone for assembly business.

Carol Kane – Thanked the following individuals for their commitments made to a variety of Big Lake community issues: Jeff Ross, Cindy Bettini, Bill Haller, Jill Parsons, and Jo Walch as well as everyone for coming to the Big Lake Community Council meetings.

21. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandy Baker, Secretary

**Big Lake Community Council Purpose:**

To provide a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs; to provide a method by which they can work together for expression and discussion of their opinions, needs and desires in a manner that will have an impact on our community's development and service; to provide to governmental agencies a method for receiving opinions, needs, desires and recommendations of residents and groups, and to give local governing bodies an improved basis for decision-making and assignment of priorities for all capital improvements and governmental programs affecting community development and individual well-being.