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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**February 13,2013**  
**Held at**  
**LAKESHORE STUDIO**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Vice President Dan Mayfield. A quorum was determined with board members: Dan Mayfield, Ina Mueller, Margaret Billinger, Gary Swearer and Jim Faiks, being present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The agenda was approved.
4. The minutes of the January meeting were approved.
5. As there were no new board members elected, the board remained unchanged.
6. Program: Ken Walch gave a PowerPoint presentation on a design concept for unpaved low volume roads that may have application for rural road construction in the borough. A test section of this road concept was constructed this past summer on the Call of the Wild Road. The presentation covered design and construction requirements for this type of road; a review of other locations where it has been used; a review of the conditions of existing low-traffic road conditions in the area and how this design concept could be used to upgrade existing sub-standard roads. It also covered construction of the test section showing road conditions before, during and after the test site construction. The construction of this 1/2 mile of road was performed by Tew's construction company. Many area residents contributed funds to help Tew's cover construction costs. But the vast majority of the cost was donated by Tew's Inc. To date no borough funding has been provided for this work. A performance review and evaluation of the work will be made this spring and early summer to be followed by an engineering report on the adequacy of this type of construction for use for other low traffic volume roads.
7. Persons to be heard: Floyd Shilanski met with Senator Huggins regarding local law enforcement. The governor has put in for an additional four state trooper slots for the Valley. Everyone is encouraged to write to Sen. Huggins supporting additional troopers so he can present them to the governor, asap. The VPSO (village public safety officer) program, for the Big Lake area is not covered under current legislation. Jo Walch thanked Cathi Kramer for starting the Jordan Lake Committee. They will meet on February 25, at 2pm at the library. The committee would like to add a parking lot and improve existing trails, this year. Dan Mayfield said that our state representatives may have access to “discretionary funds” that could be used for the Jordan Lake improvements. Cathi Kramer reported that home owners may be offered discounts on insurance for homes located in a “Fire-Wise” community.

8. Reports:

- a. Borough Assembly – Mayor DeVilbiss reported the following: the clerk’s office needs to be advised of the meeting place for the CC. (This has been addressed.) The Felony Flats meeting was postponed. There has been a request by the Knik Tribal Council to combine with the City of Huston. All property between the two entities would be included. The mayor agreed with Ken Walch that there are inequities in the Road Maintenance Department.
- b. Road Service Area – Gerard Billinger stated that there have been no complaints. The next RSA meeting will be held on 2/28, at 7pm at the library. Paul Duclos said that though the maintenance on North Shore Road has been very good, there is a need to run a blade along the shoulder to knock the berm off.
- c. Fire Service Area – Cathi Kramer said that a bid has been put out for a new pumper-tanker truck for the BL Station. The truck it replaces will go to the Horseshoe Lake Station. Ways are being looked at to improve truck maintenance. Work on the Susitna Parkway Station is ongoing.
- d. Treasurer’s Report - \$1959.64 is in the checking account. \$254.85 is in the checking account.
- e. Membership – Ina Mueller reports that there are 59 full members and 5 associate members in the CC.
- f. Chamber of Commerce – Ina said the next chamber luncheon will be on March 4. There will be a presentation by KABATA. Ice Classic tickets will soon be on sale. Proceeds support scholarships for Huston students. Thanks to Tew’s, Inc. for the help with trimming/untrimming the community Christmas tree.
- g. Trails – Margaret Billinger said the trails are in awesome shape. Dan Mayfield said the Huston Loop Trail is gorgeous. The Iron Dog Trail needs work. Cathy Mayfield reminded all that there will be a “Family Fun Run” in conjunction with Winter Fest. <http://www.biglaketrails.org/>
- h. School Report – None.
- i. Transportation – Gary Swearer reported that the CIA group has narrowed down the route corridors to three to be studied. [www.biglakecommunityimpact.org](http://www.biglakecommunityimpact.org) The Parks Highway upgrade to include a suicide lane (as desired by the City of Wasilla), has no other support among affected communities. The South Big Lake Road realignment is still scheduled to start construction in July of 2013. Cindy Bettine said that the City of Wasilla is trying to upgrade Knik Goose Bay Road with a suicide lane to Vine Road. Ken Walch said that he received a information package on the Rail Extension Project. There are lots of easements included. Public comment is open until February 21. Dan Mayfield said there survey parties working on the project now.
- j. Incorporation – Jim Faiks said the petition can be printed from their website. <http://www.biglakecity.com/> Jim said they still need between 100-150 signatures to proceed to the next step. Signers need to be Big Lake registered voters and possess a recognized ID.

- k. Community Grants – An extension has been filed with the borough for the money retained by the CC. A new grant committee needs to be appointed. A new action item for President Kramer
  - l. Correspondence – Ina received notice that the ABC Board received an application for renewal for the Hanger Lounge.
9. Unfinished Business – None.
10. New Business – None.
11. Announcements –
- a. CIP has been sent directly to Representative Neuman and will be placed directly on the States CAPSIS system.
  - b. Individual request outside CIP list was requested in the amount of 15k for parking lot improvements at Jordan Lake Park. Rep. Neuman requested a smaller project if discretionary spending became available.
    - c. Letter of appreciation was sent to Tew’s acknowledging their good work and thanking them for their company’s willingness to support community events and projects. Dan Mayfield read the letter.
    - d. A letter thanking Jim Clemenson for his considerable time spent on the local RSA board will be forthcoming.
    - e. Mat-Su Health will be conducting a series of 20 meetings in March and April around the Valley in order to understand how healthy Mat-Su residents are and where they should focus their efforts to secure the largest gains in health for the local residents. Those interested in participating should contact [lcraig@healthymatsu.org](mailto:lcraig@healthymatsu.org). Lynn Craig, 352-2860.
    - f. South Big Lake Road Realignment Open House, March 28 at the PMRE Office on Big Lake Road from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. Contact Debbie Passmore at 745-9886 for more information. Cindy Bettine will contact Debbie.
    - g. Parliamentary Procedure and Open Meeting Act Training, February 27, 2013, 6:00 to 9:00pm, Central Mat-Su Public Safety Building located at 101 W. Swanson Ave., Wasilla. RSVP to the MSB Clerks office 745-96-83, Lonnie McKenzie.
12. Board Member Comments – Dan Mayfield announced that he and Kathy were celebrating their 33<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary, to loud applause. Ina wished to thank the group of Big Lake residents (about 20) that helped make Winter Fest the success it was, this year. Jim Faiks, thanked Ina for her hard work on Winter Fest.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.