

**General Membership Meeting
of the
Big Lake Community Council
September 12, 2012**

At Faith Bible Fellowship Church

<http://www.biglakecommunitycouncil.com/>

1. The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Bill Kramer. A quorum was established with the presence of board members: Ina Mueller, Jim Faiks, Jim Hutton, Dan Mayfield and Gary Swearer.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the agenda.
4. The minutes of the August meeting were amended as follows: the comment that “Darcie feels that Title 43 was a step backwards.”, was stricken from the minutes. The minutes were then accepted as written.
5. Program: Community Impact Assessment. Report was given by Lauren Driscoll (MSB planner) and Shelly Wade (Agnew-Beck). The main thrust of their report was on obtaining the input from the Big Lake community. Both stressed the need for public involvement. Shelly said that the assessment will be looking to narrow the current 15-20 possible routes (between Port McKenzie and the Parks Hwy.) to 3 or 4 route corridors and how the different corridors will affect the community, currently and in the future. More information and contact info is available at www.biglakecommunityimpact.org
6. WSWCD (Wasilla Soil and Water Conservation District) manager Chuck Kaucic gave a short presentation on their programs. Chuck can be reached at 907-357-4563 (x103) for more information. Ken Walch reports that Sammy Taylor is hard at work on the BL Recycling project. He requests that a committee be established to help Sammy with her labors. Jim Hutton said that the recycling program is working with Valley Recycling. They need community support to get more space at the transfer station and get the borough to help with hauling expenses. Gary Swearer reported that he had attended a public meeting (sponsored by Representative Mark Neuman) regarding low salmon returns for the Valley. Department of Fish & Game head Cora Campbell was there as well as the department heads for both commercial and sport fisheries. The basic message from the Dept. of F&G was that they “followed the plan” for upper Cook Inlet. If that was the cause for the low Valley run, we could/should expect the same in the future, unless the “plan” gets changed.
7. Reports:
 - a. Borough Assembly Report – none.
 - b. Road ServiceArea Report – Mr. Tews said that they are working at getting the area roads in shape. They also have a rock crusher available – if/when the borough ok’s it’s use.
 - c. Fire Service Area Report – none.

- d. Treasurer's Report - \$8579.41 is in the checking account and \$279.00 is in savings, for a total of \$8858.41
 - e. Membership Report – 67 current members.
 - f. Chamber of Commerce Report – Ina Mueller reminded everyone that the Fall Family Derby will be held on September 29th. The chamber luncheon on 9/17 will host a mayoral debate at noon.
<http://www.biglakechamber.org/>
 - g. Trails – Dan Mayfield recognized MatSu Health for their grant approval of \$7500; showing support for Big Lake and the healthy aspects of trail riding. They are tentatively expecting a grant from the State Department of Outdoor Recreation in the amount of \$21,400. Meetings will resume at Pizza Thyme on Fridays at 7pm. <http://www.biglaketrails.org/>
 - h. School Report – Jim Hutton said that Borough Budget Director John Harris told him that the first phase is the evaluation of the school. The second phase will be to make recommendations to the borough on what should be done by the end of the year.
 - i. Transportation Report – Gary Swearer reported that the committee had met the previous week and reviewed the various projects the community council is interested in. It looks like the S. BL Rd realignment construction should be starting in the spring. Ken Walch expressed concern over a state “corridor study” vs our local “corridor study”. Should we do an “exclusion” corridor study?\
 - j. Incorporation – Jim Faiks reported that the petition is moving forward. The boundary commission is reviewing the Big Lake boundaries. Meetings continue on Thursdays at 6:30pm.
 - k. Community Grants – all grant money has been disbursed, except to the library. It has been announced that the “Pirates” show has been cancelled for this year. It would seem that the grant to Pirates (for advertising) had already been spent, before the decision to cancel.
- 8. Correspondence – The State of Alaska Department of Commerce sent the BLCC a notice of non-compliance, regarding a report on BLCC's nonprofit standing. Bill Kramer will handle.
 - 9. Land Use/Platting – It seems that we do not get notification of changes in a timely manner. An item on the Horseshoe Lake area was received, but the comment period ended on 9/5/12.
 - 10. Unfinished Business – none.
 - 11. New Business – none.
 - 12. Board Member Comments – Bill reported that the new website is up and is a work-in-progress. Ina mentioned that membership dues are due for 2013.
 - 13. Adjournment at 9:10pm.