

SEWARD / BEAR CREEK FLOOD SERVICE AREA

Regular Board Meeting

January 9, 2012

A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Seward/Bear Creek Flood Service Area Board was held on January 9th, 2012, in Suite 122, Seaview Plaza, Seward. Vice Chairman Randy Stauffer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

There were present:

BOARD MEMBERS

Randy Stauffer, Vice Chairman
Bob White

Tena Morgan
John Eads

comprising a quorum of the board.

Absent:

Bill Williamson, Chairman

Also in attendance were:

Stephanie Presley, Service Area Coordinator
Dan Mahalak, Kenai Peninsula Borough Water Resource Manager

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (:25)

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA: White moved for approval of the agenda. Morgan seconded.

Vice Chairman Stauffer called for additions, corrections or deletions to the agenda.

None offered.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (:55)

1. December 5, 2011

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES: White moved for approval of the December 5, 2011 minutes. Morgan seconded.

Vice Chairman Stauffer called for additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes.

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None offered.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES: Unanimous.

E. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS (1:40)

1. City of Seward

City of Seward representative was not present.

2. Kenai Peninsula Borough

Dan Mahalak, Water Resource Manager for the Kenai Peninsula Borough reported

- a. Old Mill Buyout Project has been turned over to KPB Capital Projects and reclamation is to begin this spring.
- b. The Service Area has received grant award notification for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).
- c. KPB Floodplain Administrator will meet with Service Area staff January 11 at 1p.m. regarding the new FEMA Procedures for Non-Accredited Levees.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS – LIMIT 3 MINUTES (3:40)

Vice Chairman Stauffer asked for public comment with none being offered.

G. BOARD'S RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS (4:00)

Vice Chairman Stauffer asked for board response to public comments with none being offered.

H. CORRESPONDENCE & REVIEW OF PAYMENT REQUESTS (4:25)

None.

I. PERMITS FOR REVIEW (4:40)

None.

J. OLD BUSINESS (5:00)

1. Kwechak Creek Project Update

Dan Mahalak provided an update on the project at KC9. A permit application will be submitted to the River Center January 17th. Once the permit is issued, the project is

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expected to be completed within a week during the low water window this spring or in the fall.

2. Box Canyon Creek Draft Easement (7:30)

Vice Chairman Stauffer called for board comment on the Box Canyon Draft Easement provided by CIRI consultant Steve Planchon.

Dan Mahalak offered exhibit A, a map of the easement area depicting the easement boundary, water diversion structure and the access route across the CIRI parcel, as an addition to the draft easement provided in the board packet.

Board Members White, Eads, Morgan and Stauffer spoke in opposition to accept the draft easement as written with high annual rents.

MOTION: White moved to continue negotiation with the goal of a no cost easement. Morgan seconded.

Vice Chairman Stauffer called for board comments.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous.

3. USCOE Planning Assistance to the States Report (41:10)

Vice Chairman Stauffer called for board comment on the final draft of the US Corps of Engineers Planning Assistance to the States Report.

Board Members Morgan, White and Stauffer spoke in support of closing this project and moving forward with the next project with the Corps.

MOTION: White moved to accept the Planning Assistance to the States Report and close this project with the Corps. Morgan seconded.

Vice Chairman Stauffer called for board comments with none being offered.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous.

K. NEW BUSINESS (58:10)

L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS (No action required) (58:30)

1. FEMA New Levee Approach

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Stephanie Presley reported FEMA is accepting public comment on the proposed approach for analysis and mapping procedures for non-accredited levees until January 30th.

2. KPB Budget Kick Off Meeting January 10th, 4:00PM

Stephanie Presley reported the meeting has been cancelled due to weather and will be rescheduled.

M. PUBLIC COMMENT – LIMIT 3 MINUTES (1:04:00)

Vice Chairman Stauffer called for public comment.

Bob Reisner spoke in opposition to the annual rents on the draft Box Canyon Creek easement.

Dan Mahalak recommended the board plan for a number of maintenance projects this year.

N. BOARD COMMENTS (1:06:05)

Board Member White offered no comment.

Board Member Morgan wished everyone a happy New Year and thanked people for coming out on a cold night.

Board Member Eads offered no comment.

Vice Chairman Stauffer agreed with Mr. Reisner's comment and stated his sentiments are echoed by the board, and it is good to hear from the public. He thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

O. ADJOURNMENT (1:08:50)

With no further business to come before the board, Vice Chairman Stauffer adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2012 at the Seaview Plaza Building, Suite 122 at 7:00 pm.

Stephanie Presley
Secretary

January 23, 2012
Date of Approval