

# Meeting Minutes November 9, 2022

## Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc.

### Minutes of November 9, 2022

❖ 3 Officers required for quorum: TOTAL = YES ❖

Pres: Camden Yehle Y; Vice Pres: Steve Edwards  
Y; Treasurer: Trish Jacob Y; Sec: Patricia Fisher  
Y; Council Coordinator: Tim Swezey Y

❖ 13 Members of the Meadow Lakes Community required for quorum: YES ❖

**Meeting Quorum = Yes**

Meeting conducted at the on Zoom and in Person at Meadow Lake Seniors  
Recorded live and posted on Facebook after the meeting

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Camden Yehle.

**Quorum:** The Membership Committee determined that there was a quorum.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited.

**Consent Agenda:** President Camden Yehle asked for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion was made by Linda Conover, seconded by Chad Scott. The Consent Agenda was pass with no objections.

#### **Board Reports:**

**CIP:** No report.

**Membership:** No report.

**ByLaws:** No report.

**Gaming:** Ariel reported on a sold-out gaming event with AK Entertainment at the Palmer Train Depot on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The next event will be held on November 11 in Palmer.

**MLCD:** Ariel report that a grant for the orchard project was awarded to MLCD by the Alaska State Department of Agriculture

**Safety:** No report.

**Parks and Trails:** No report.

**Education:** No report.

**Council Coordinator:** No report.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Vice President:** No report.

**President:** Camden encouraged everyone to check the thickness of the ice before they venture out on the lakes.

There is a Road Service Area Board meeting coming up and Camden asked that anyone having any recommendation to the Board to contract her or Steve Edward during the next week.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Trish Jacob gave a report of the highlights of the financial report.

**Member Comments on Board Reports:** Randi Perlman praised the road service provided by the Borough in Meadow Lakes. Camden reported that the contractor for the work is Norther Asphalt. Dewey Bitler commented that work needs to be done on Hawk Lane, however, that road is not in the ML Service Area.

**Presentation: Update by Matanuska Electric on the proposed Fishhook-Pittman Transition. MEA**

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representatives Jennifer Castro gave an update on the retirement of 1988 Capital Credits, and also on a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter rate decrease, putting MEAs rate at \$.20 per kwh. (The national rate is at about \$.20 per kwh.) Regarding the new transmission line, Jennifer reported that during the next two years MEA will be acquiring Right of Way and substation sites, and will be conducting project design and permitting. The first phase of construction should begin during the summer of 2024, with construction of the ML substation occurring during the summer of 2025. The Fishhook substation is planned for 2026 with completion of the line anticipated by the end of 2027.

Meadow Lakes Community Council and ML Seniors had filed an objection during the Appeal Process based on the impact to the Senior Facility on Kim Drive. Jennifer reported that MEA reviewed the alternative route through the gravel pit and reported that this route is in conflict with the Matsu Borough's approved "Mining Plan". The alternative plan along the Parks highway was discussed with DOT and the Railroad. Those entities found that the issues of Right of Way could not accommodate that alternative. MEA is hopeful of coming up with plans to avoid conflict with ML Senior's Master Plan.

Patti Fisher suggested that the "mining area" is virtually mined out already. She asked for the name of the Borough contact that MEA spoke with.

Will Klatt replied that the 80 acres to the East of the Council property is being considered for mining by the Borough and a school site is planned in the area.

Mike Seine asked about upgrading the lines that run through the lakes. Jennifer did not have specific information regarding the upgrading of the underwater lines.

Dewey Bitler asked about the ROW along the highway. Will Klatt replied that according to DOT there was not room along the highway for the transmission line, and along the railroad, north of the highway, the gravel companies were opposed to that location.

Sherri Rusher had three questions/comments: 1) Sherri reported that Senior's should be counted as 8 units not 1; 2) Where is the substation being built? Klatt said that the substation location is being discussed with the owners and is privileged information at this point; 3) Sherri suggests that MEA should go down Suzanne and across Stacey.

Kendra asked if these lines will be above ground or underground. The response was above ground. She then commented that she agreed with Sherri that an alternative should be found.

Camden asked when MEA would come back with more specific location information and when MLCC and Senior's would next be able to offer comments. Jason (MEA) reported that MEA is in the process of signing a contract with a design consultant, and should have more details by the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023.

Sherri asked if the consultant to be hired will actually go out and look at the site locations. Will reported that design will be done both by computer and by actually physical evaluation of the proposed sites.

**Presentation: Recycling in the the Mat-Su Borough.** Tam Boeve, Executive Director, Valley Community for Recycling Solutions. Tam gave an overview of recycling in the Valley.

**Business:** Camden asked for approval by Council membership for a letter to Alaska State DOT for an Uninterruptible Power Supply to be installed at the intersection of the Parks Highway and Johnson Road. The UPS is necessary to safeguard against power interruptions for West Lake fire trucks entering the highway at that intersection. A motion to send the letter was made by Patti Fisher and seconded by Linda Conover. A roll call vote was taken and the letter was unanimously approved with two non-replies.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **Marijuana Notice:**

Alaska Extracts LLC, - Lic# 34273 - Marijuana Concentrate Manufacturing Facility.  
Status: Initiated. Facebook November 2, 2022: <https://bit.ly/3fxcVdE>. Location: 3807 Unit C West Machen Road. Documents: <https://bit.ly/3fxEflH>

#### **Alcohol Notice:**

The Silver Fox Inn, Mile Post 50, Parks Highway. Beverage Dispensary, Tourism Liquor License renewal. Instructions for objections to liquor license applications are located on our website at <http://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco>.

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**Agency Reports:**

West Lakes Fire: Chief Tawyna Hightower gave an update from West Lakes Fire.

**Persons to be Heard:**

Sherri Rusher announced the Community holiday potluck and white elephant auction on December 14 at Meadow Lakes Elementary at 6pm.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 14 at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

*Camden Yehle*

Camden Yehle, President    Date 1/30/23

*Patricia Fisher 1/30/2023*

Patricia Fisher, Secretary    Date