

**Mat Su State Parks
Citizens Advisory Board
Minutes
December 14, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Anderson at 7:07 PM.

A quorum of the Citizens Advisory Board was present and due notice had been published.

I. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mary Anderson
Howard Carbone
Steve Charles

Robert Homer
Greg Ronnbeck
John Strassenburgh

Roy Wahl

II. MEMBERS ABSENT

Neil Fox
Dave Horn
Glenn Goodman

III. MEMBERS EXCUSED

Christopher Hospidales

IV. STATE PARK STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Biessel, Superintendent
Teri Zell, Secretary to the Board

V. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Nicole Avecedo, Ralph Baldwin, and Doug Gasek

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by John, seconded by Steve to approved draft minutes of previous meeting with minor corrections.

Approved without objection

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Mary told the board a Tall Towers meeting was scheduled for 12/14

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Nicole Avecedo and Doug Gasek of the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, gave a presentation explaining the time lines and procedures leading to final park policy for the Preservation Plan for Independence Mine State Historical Park. They are currently soliciting suggestions for use. Inventory was completed on 12/10/2010, comments will be received until January 2011, and completion is planned for July 2011.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Steve reported that there was no meeting of the NLSRA Management Plan committee. He will solicit comment from the board by email. Steve also noted he would speak with Brandon McCutcheon on behalf of committee based on comments received.

b) Mary gave the legislative briefing. The new Legislative Briefing is ready and will be distributed to the delegation in written or electronic form. Meeting in person with legislators and their staff will take place the first part of January 2011.

A motion was made by John to move the Fishhook Creek Hydro project ahead of the Superintendent's Report, giving it consideration next. Motion seconded by Steve and passed without objection.

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Wayne reported that he was moving employees around to deal with shortages created by loss of personnel through various, unavoidable causes. The Matanuska Lakes Recreational Area renaming is scheduled to be approved on Dec. 15, 2010. Director King indicated he would sign off on recent changes to the board by-laws, and that the new Hatcher Pass use plan restrictions were being challenged by both motorized and non-motorized users, but had been sign off by the head of DNR, Tom Irwin, and were thus in effect.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Following preliminary discussions, a motion was made by John and seconded by Howard to submit a Letter of Comment concerning the Fishhook Renewable Energy project in Hatcher Pass. The letter will consist of "bullet points" assembled and considered by the board from lists provided by John and Wayne. These points will deal with safety, erosion, hydrology, and view considerations and how they will relate to recreational management issues created by the project. Following discussion, both John's and Wayne's points were recommended for inclusion and approved by a unanimous vote of the board.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIII. NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary reported that the AK "Trail Rendezvous" event was currently in the planning stage and looking for people to join the committee.

The next meeting of the CAB will be on January 11, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Wasilla Middle School Library.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by John to adjourn, seconded by Steve and passed without objection.

Submitted by:

Greg Ronnback, Secretary Pro Tem, CAB