

**Mat Su State Parks
Citizens Advisory Board
Minutes
January 11, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Anderson at 7:02 PM.

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

I. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mary Anderson
Steve Charles
Neil Fox

Robert Homer
Chris Hospidales
Greg Ronnbeck

Roy Wahl

II. MEMBERS ABSENT

Dave Horn
Glenn Goodman

III. MEMBERS EXCUSED

Howard Carbone

IV. STATE PARK STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Biessel, Superintendent

V. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

None present.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Robert Homer to include "Term Limits" under "New Business."
The motion was seconded by Steve Charles and approved without objection.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Robert Homer, seconded by Neil Fox to approve draft of December 2010 minutes with minor corrections.

Approved without objection

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

Alaska Railroad "Project Open House" scheduled for January 12, 2011. See attached.

IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None present.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a.) Steve Charles talked with Brandon McCutcheon and provided recommendations on behalf of the Mat-Su State Parks CAB. See attached.
- b.) John Strassenburgh submitted comments regarding this topic for the Mat-Su State Parks CAB.

XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a.) Planning process for Nancy Lakes. Brandon will hold public comments on specific topics.
- b.) Another IMSHP scoping meeting was held on January 10, 2011.
- c.) New director, Ben Ellis, assistant director Dave Griffin, 4 temporary rangers assisting in the Mat-Su. Two vacancies up coming.
- d.) Matanuska Lakes action is final. Only main traffic sign needed.
- e.) Hatcher Pass Management Plan opened for reconsideration.
- f.) Recreation Trails Grant program is in jeopardy.
- g.) South Denali Visitor Center was discussed. Topics included monies, road redesign, acreage transfer to state from Hooper Bay Native Corporation in exchange for lodge being built, design construction.
- h.) South Gateway Visitor and Convention center may be developed at Matanuska Lakes State Recreation Area.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- a.) CAB member terms limits were discussed.

Motion made by Chris Hospidales, seconded by Greg Ronnback to recruit continuously and establish a standing nominating committee.

- b.) Chair is Robert; members are Steve, Chris, and Mary.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIV. NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alaska Trails “Trail Rondy” will be held April 15 – 17, 2011.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Submitted by:

Roy Wahl