

**SUSITNA BASIN
RECREATION RIVERS MANAGEMENT PLAN
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 16, 2022
10:00am-12:00pm**

MINUTES

The recording for this meeting is available [online](#). By accident, the first six minutes of the meeting were not recorded. The meeting was called to order and roll call took place during this time. That information is captured below.

I. Call to Order

- A. The regular meeting of the Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Advisory Board was called to order at about 10:00 AM on February 16, 2022 via Microsoft Teams.
- B. Roll Call – Board Members Present: Donald Redick, Mike DeMaria, Emma Pokon, Tim Dabney, Israel Mahay, Mike Overcast, Chris Elder, and Nancy Conklin. Joe Wright joined about 11 AM.
- C. Board Members Absent: Aaron Benjamin, Stephanie Nowers (excused), Bruce Knowles, and Jody Payton.
- D. Emma Pokon MOVED to approve the Minutes from last meeting. Don Redick SECONDED the motion and it PASSED without objection.

II. New Business

- A. Planning Process Review:
 - a. New Planning/Coordinator Position
 - i. Monica Alvarez discussed the plan process and current timeline.
 - ii. DNR will be hiring a new Planning/Coordinator Position to assist with the revision. The application period has closed and DNR hopes to get someone on within the next few weeks.
 - b. Public Comment Period/Notification Process
 - i. Plan to begin scoping process soon.
 - ii. Monica Alvarez discussed the methods by which the public can submit comments and how those comments are used.
 - iii. Emma Pokon MOVED to extend the scoping public comment period from 30 to 60 days. Mike Overcast SECONDED the motion and it PASSED without objection.
- B. The Planning Team Roster:
 - a. The Planning Team Roster was presented to the Board. This is available on the [Advisory](#)

[Board webpage.](#)

C. Resource Assessment Discussion/User Survey Update

- a. Board members discussed the need to review the assessment to decide whether or not it needs to be updated.
- b. The Resource Assessment is available on the [1991 Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan webpage.](#)

D. Agriculture Board Position discussion:

- a. There was general support for adding an Agriculture Board Position in some form. DNR was tasked with doing further research on the possibilities given the legal constraint of the Board membership being set in statute. The Chair suggested this item be added to the next meeting's agenda for further discussion and possible action.

E. User Group Outreach & Engagement discussion:

- a. Each Board Member was given an opportunity to share thoughts on how they would conduct User Group Outreach & Engagement. It was decided that DNR would investigate the appropriateness of sending the Board an excel file listing all people (and their affiliations) currently on the Recreation Rivers contact list. The list would be scrubbed of contact information such as emails, phone numbers, and street addresses. After receipt, Board members can examine the list and send DNR any suggestions for further additions.
- b. Furthermore, after discussion, Don Redick offered to poll Board members and collect what contact information they would be willing to publicly share, and then send that information on to DNR to disseminate to improve public engagement with the Board.

III. Comments from Members of the Public (Maximum 3 minutes/person)

IV. Comments from Board Members

V. Adjournment – Next Meeting 4/16/2022

- A. Joe Wright MOVED to ADJOURN. Don Redick SECONDED. Without objection, the Board adjourned at 11:49 AM.