AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
Lower Level Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
   A. February 24, 2020

VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT
   A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS
   A. PUBLIC NOTICES
   B. AGENCY/ORGANIZATION REPORT
      C. State House Bill 258 – An Act relating to state lands; relating to the authority of the Department of Natural Resources over state owned lands; relating to the disposal of state land; relating to the leasing and sale of state land for commercial or industrial development; repealing establishment of recreation rivers and recreation river corridors; and providing for an effective date.

X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

XIII. NEXT MEETING
      • April 27, 2020

XIV. ADJOURNMENT
I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mr. Strabel at 6:02 pm.

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Members Present: Ms. Owens, Mr. Wahl, Ms. Bettine, Mr. Strabel, Mr. Phillips, Ms. LaFleur, Ms. Kelsch, Mr. Palmer

Mr. Harris arrived at 6:15 pm

Members Absent and Excused: Mr. Wilson

Guests Present: Wes Hoskins, Brian Largent

III. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Phillips nominated Mr. Strabel and Mr. Wahl as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, respectively.

Motion: Ms. Bettine moved to unanimously elect Mr. Strabel as Chairperson, Mr. Palmer, 2nd. All in favor.

Motion: Ms. Bettine moved to unanimously elect Mr. Wahl as Vice Chairperson, Mr. Palmer, 2nd. All in favor.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Mr. Phillips moved to accept the agenda as written, Mr. Palmer, 2nd. All in favor.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Strabel led the pledge of allegiance.

VI. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. December 9, 2019

Motion: Mr. Phillips moved to accept the minutes as written, Mr. Palmer, 2nd. All in favor.

VII. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT

A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager

Mr. Leslie spoke about the start to the hiring season for summer employees.
Mr. Leslie reminded the Board about the meeting concerning the Wasilla Creek Headwaters restoration project.

Mr. Leslie updated the Board on the status of the Palmer pool renovation.

Mr. Leslie updated the Board that the broken gate at GPRA was in the process of actually getting fixed.

Mr. Leslie noted that although the Board has had many conversations concerning multi-use trails in Crevasse Moraine, the borough still has not had anyone from the public reach out to raise concerns. Mr. Hoskins noted that Marie from Corvus Designs might be a good facilitator for any user group meetings planned by the Borough as she had also participated in greenbelt meetings.

Mr. Leslie noted that Backcountry Horsemen are currently working with Land Management staff to set up a trail care agreement with the Borough.

Mr. Leslie said he would update the Board on the status of the Palmer Airport planning committee. Ms. Kelsch and Mr. Palmer both agreed to participate, when necessary, in the meetings.

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person

None

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC NOTICES

The Board discussed Public Notice MSB007557 and requested that it be added to March’s agenda.

B. AGENCY/ORGANIZATION REPORT

i. Brian Largent – Jonesville Public Use Area Plan

Mr. Largent spoke to the Board about the proposed Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan, it’s goals and possible next steps.

XI. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

None

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. FY21 Department Head Requested Budgets

XIII. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Harris – So long to Mr. Barber, welcome Ms. Kelsch

Ms. Bettine – Bill 204 in the State Senate, add topic to March’s agenda

Mr. Phillips – Excited to see the progress on the Jonesville management plan and eventually hopes to support it via a resolution from the Board

Ms. LeFleur – Thanked Mr. Largent for the information
Mr. Palmer – Advocated for a rifle range and appropriate management as it pertains to Jonesville and requested information as to how best to thank Mr. Barber for his service

XIV.  NEXT MEETING

- March 23, 2020

XV.  ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Palmer, 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm
"An Act relating to the Alaska Banking Code; relating to mutual savings banks; relating to interstate state banks and international banks; relating to the pledging of bank assets as collateral security to tribal organizations; relating to the pledging of bank assets for interest swap agreements; relating to state business licenses; relating to persons who make loans secured by interests in vessels or facilities; relating to liability for the release or threatened release of hazardous substances; relating to the Model Foreign Bank Loan Act; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 258
HOUSE BILL NO. 258 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to state lands; relating to the authority of the Department of Natural Resources over state owned lands; relating to the disposal of state land; relating to the leasing and sale of state land for commercial or industrial development; repealing establishment of recreation rivers and recreation river corridors; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Resources and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Natural Resources

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 18 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill clarifying the State's role in management of state land, removing barriers or obstacles in the state land sales process, allowing for the lease of state lands for economic
or industrial development, and repealing statutes that have created land use or management problems for the State.

This bill would make land managed by the Department of Natural Resources -- including Mental Health Trust land, parks and recreation areas, refuges, and habitat areas -- subject to the Department of Natural Resources' platting authority, regardless of where the land is situated. Under current law, plats for subdivisions of state lands for disposal of sale must be approved by a municipality exercising its platting authority. Obtaining this approval delays the platting process and slows state land sales.

To make the most of all avenues available to encourage land use for the benefit of the public, this bill includes a new statute for leasing state lands for commercial or industrial development. Under this new statute, the State can lease and sell lands situated within federally designated Qualified Opportunity Zones, or nominated and assessed by the state as appropriate for commercial development. The statute includes a process for requesting proposals from prospective lessees, for accepting bids, and for entering a contract to lease. This statute will allow the lessee to apply to purchase the leased land at any time during the term of the lease if the department determines the lessee has used the land for commercial development consistent with their proposal.

Further, this bill clarifies the state land sale bidding process by requiring an earnest money deposit, increasing the term of a contract for sale, and granting the state greater discretion as far as when to construct access roads related to state land sales.

This bill also repeals the establishment of recreational rivers and corridors. These statutes have created management problems for the State and through this bill we can end those management issues, maintain public use, and allow the State to consider the disposal of some of those state lands.

In order to make the best use of our state land for all citizens, I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/
Mike Dunleavy
Governor"