KENAI PENINSULA Borough

Seward Bear Creek Flood Service Area Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2025 - 7:00 PM | Regular Meeting | Bear Creek Multi-Use Facility
Zoom Meeting ID: 838 7499 8070

David Hettick, Sr.
Chair
Seat A
Term Expires 2026

Bob Reisner
Seat B
Term Expires 2027

Nicola Murawsky
Seat C
Term Expires 2025

Rodney Roemmich
Seat D
Term Expires 2026

Steven Taylor
Seat E
Term Expires 2027

Andy Bacon
Seat F
Term Expires 2025

Mark Ganser
Seat G
Term Expires 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER

The September 8th, 2025 regular meeting of the Seward-Bear Creek Flood Service Area board was held in person/Zoom. Chairman Hettick called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

There were present:

Board Members

A. David Hettick, Chairman
B. Robert Reisner
C. Nicola Murawsky
D. Rodney Roemmich
E. Steven Taylor
F. Andy Bacon
G. Mark Ganser, Vice Chairman

Comprising a quorum of the SBCFSA Board.

Also in attendance,
Nicholas Chapman, SBCFSA Program Manager
Samantha Allen, SBCFSA Administrative Assistant
Julie Hindman, River Center Planner

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Hettick called for unanimous consent to approve the agenda as displayed with no objection.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hettick called for unanimous consent to approve the August 4th, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes with no objection.

E. REPORTS AND PRESENATIONS

1. Julie Hindman, River Center Planner, reported on the status of the approved permits included in the packet, noting that they were not presented to the board due to time-sensitivity. Additionally, permit #13706 was issued in response to a violation, which typically does not require board review.

2. Nicholas Chapman, SBCFSA Program Manager, reported on the recent rain event, noting that the western creeks received significantly more rain. All areas held up well and the berm at SC15 performed effectively.

Reviewed the current status of the Kwechak Project: stations 78–55 have been completed, and a new survey will be conducted upstream following the recent rainstorm.

Trout Unlimited has grant funds for the design of three culverts and is pursuing additional funding for construction. The FEMA Bruno Road Revetment and Improvements RFI#3 will be submitted promptly. The FEMA grant has been reduced to cover only construction designs and a hydraulic study.

There is new ownership of the property along Kwechak Creek, and we currently do not have permission to conduct mitigation work. The creek bed load is high, banks are eroded, and landowner mitigation permits have not been obtained. The project is in a fringe area where intervention may be required if an emerging situation develops.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMIT 3 MINUTES PER PERSON)
G. BOARD'S RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS
H. CORRESPONDENCE
I. PERMITS FOR REVIEW
J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Establish October Work Session Topic:
   Reisner made a motion to establish the October work session to create a policy in regards to mitigation on contractor-owned property, seconded by Roemmich.

VOTE ON MOTION: Approved unanimous.

L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS
M. PUBLIC COMMENT (LIMIT 3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

N. BOARD COMMENTS

Murawsky, commented on a productive work session, with good project progress and strong attendance. Expressed disappointment over three open board seats with no applicants, highlighting a need for greater community involvement. Appreciation was expressed to Julie for her consistent participation and to Nick for his report.

Roemmich, commented on a good field trip, noted the rain in the forecast, and encouraged the continued care of service-area creeks.

Taylor, thanks were expressed to everyone in attendance, especially Julie for providing information on permits. Appreciation was also extended to Nick for his accomplishments and to Sam for coordination. Despite the recent rain, it was noted that everything remained smooth. This was the first year there had not been an urgent issue requiring immediate action, attributed to good timing and appropriate mitigation measures.

Ganser, expressed concern about the amount of gravel washed down in the recent rainstorm at the project site, relative to the amount of funds allocated towards mitigation. Shared that as temperatures rise, the gravel could become unmanageable. He expressed pessimism in regards to controlling the persistent gravel problem in the future.

Resiner, thanked staff for counited efforts for our planned mitigation projects, awarding them with his highest compliments, with special thanks to Julie. Extended a thank you to Brenda Alheberg for her continued support towards SBCFSA efforts. He conveyed a positive view of the board's performance and the status of the field.

Bacon, apologized for being unable to attend in person and appreciated the zoom option, expressed thanks for everyone's hard work.

Hettick, thanked everyone for stepping in during his absence and noted that he would be back next week. Special thanks were given to Mark for managing responsibilities while he was away, and appreciation was extended to all for their ongoing efforts.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hettick called for unanimous consent to adjourn with no objection, and with no further business to come before the board, Chairman Hettick adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

The next regular work session and board meeting are scheduled for October 6th, 2025.

Samantha Allen
Administrative Assistant

Date of Approval
10/06/2025