

Seward Bear Creek Flood Service Area Meeting Minutes

October 6, 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 October 6th, 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 7:00 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, absent
- 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 September 8th, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes with no objection.

E. REPORTS AND PRESENATIONS

1. Julie Hindman, River Center Planner, reported on new DNR requirements for reclamation plans and bonding, even on streams outside of their direct management. Reported on the NORFMA Conference, which was different from past years, with no federal representation. FEMA's future role remains unclear.

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- 2. Nicholas Chapman, SBCFSA Program Manager, reported on the flow status of all creeks, and on the progress of the upper Kwechak project, speaking optimistically about the progress so far. He also remarked on Sam's positive experience at the NORFMA conference in Seaside, OR.
- F. PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMIT 3 MINUTES PER PERSON)
- G. BOARD'S RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS
- H. CORRESPONDENCE
- I. PFRMITS FOR REVIEW
 - Multi-Use Permit for Philip Zimmerman, River Center #13711 Reisner made a motion to approve, Murawsky seconded.
 VOTE ON MOTION: approved unanimous.
- J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NFW BUSINESS

1. Establish November Work Session Topic:

Romemmich moved to establish the November work session topic as a continuation of policy development for mitigation on permitted dredging sites, with feedback from the KPB Legal Department, seconded by Vice Chairman Ganser

VOTE ON MOTION: Approved unanimous.

- L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS
- M. PUBLIC COMMENT (LIMIT 3 MINUTES PER PERSON)
 - 1. Kris Lielmo, expressed appreciation for the work being done by SBCFSA Board, noting that "it's not the water, it's the gravel" that is the problem, and acknowledging how challenging the work can be.

N. BOARD COMMENTS

Murawsky thanked Kris for attending and encouraged him to run for the board. She offered thoughtful, good-natured remarks to each board member, highlighting their strengths and teamwork.

Roemmich, remarked that as the newest member, there's still a lot to learn and many questions to ask. Expressed appreciation for everyone's patience and support. Noted it was sad to see several members leaving and joked that he hoped it wasn't because of him. Added that Nick is a valuable team member and Sam is doing well, and reiterated eagerness to continue learning about the board's work.

Ganser, shared his decision to not run again was made with confidence in a strong board, however, without knowing two others were also stepping down. He expressed those ten years was thorough service, and wished luck to all.

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Resiner, thanked Mark for serving as the 4th longest Board Member in SBCFSA history. Also offered thanks to Andy and Nici for their service. He remarked that the Board was looking at the same page from different angles, and is confident Nick will continue to be a strong leader. Thanked staff for an excellent job. Reminded that October is the historical flood period.

Bacon, noted that this was his last meeting for the time being. He stated that all the work done by the board was a valuable service. He remarked that he would miss serving and hoped to return in the future. Commented that he learned something at every meeting, found each work session topic interesting, and appreciated the diverse strengths of the board. He expressed hope that the vacant seats would be filled soon. He also mentioned that he had not realized membership had been reduced to four and said he would do his best to help spread the word.

Hettick, expressed that he would miss the three departing members, especially Mark, for all his help running board meetings and while on medical leave. Remarked that he was glad to have had the staff and board they did, and agreed that it was a great all-around team. Hoped that three new members would join soon, noting he had heard rumors of one or two potential candidates.

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 November 3rd, 2025.

Samantha Allen
Administrative Assistant

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Date of Approval

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