

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 08/01/23
Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2023-054**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A JOINT FUNDING
AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S.
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY TO COOPERATIVELY MAINTAIN THE STREAM RIVER
GAGES AND GAGING STATIONS**

WHEREAS, the stage-only gaging station located on the Anchor River near Anchor Point and the continuous record stream gaging stations located on Grouse Creek near Seward, the Snow River near Seward, the Kenai River at Cooper Landing, and the Kenai River below Skilak Lake outlet near Sterling provide valuable hydrological data collected for flood warning and flood forecasting purposes on the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the gages have been jointly used by the Kenai Peninsula Borough (“Borough”) and the U.S. Geological Survey (“USGS”) for several years under a joint funding agreement (“JFA”); and

WHEREAS, this proposed JFA is for a one-year period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with the borough paying \$80,000 and with the USGS paying \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds were appropriated for the JFA in the FY2024 annual budget; and

WHEREAS, the Borough’s best interests are served by entering into this JFA to assist in minimizing flood damage by providing early warning of impending flood hazards to property owners in low-lying areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the mayor is authorized to execute a joint funding agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey substantially in the form of the accompanying agreement in which the borough contributes \$80,000 towards joint funding of costs of field maintenance and of analytic work using the above-described stream gages.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall be effective retroactively to July 1, 2023.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST 2023.

Brent Johnson

Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Chesley, Cox, Derkevorkian, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tupper, Johnson
No: None
Absent: None