

Introduced by: Mayor, Bjorkman
Date: 10/12/21
Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2021-077**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY
NORTH ROAD EXTENSION ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

- WHEREAS,** the Road Service Area Board (“RSA Board”) advises and make recommendations to the mayor and assembly concerning road maintenance, construction, and improvement issues, right-of-way regulation, and the operation and management of road service area activities; and
- WHEREAS,** the RSA Board has been involved with the North Road Extension since 2014 when Apache AK Corp requested approval from the RSA Board for construction of an extension to the Kenai Spur Road; and
- WHEREAS,** while the Apache AK Corp plan was ultimately abandoned, the plans prepared by Apache AK Corp formed the basis for actions in 2016 where the RSA Board passed a resolution urging the assembly to accept over \$5 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Western Federal Lands (“US DOT WFL”) to extend a portion of the N. Spur Highway; and
- WHEREAS,** the assembly agreed with the RSA Board and passed an ordinance accepting the grant funds from US DOT WFL for the construction of approximately 7.5 miles of gravel road within the borough’s right-of-way beginning at the terminus of the Spur Highway at Captain Cook Recreation Area and ending at Otter Creek; and
- WHEREAS,** a year later additional funds were appropriate by US DOT WFL which extended the road to just past Otter Creek; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2021 the road was completed and the assembly adopted an ordinance accepting it into the borough’s road maintenance program; and
- WHEREAS,** there are still several homes and recreational cabins in the area that lack year-round gravel road access; and
- WHEREAS,** there are at least two subdivisions past the endpoint of the gravel road with numerous lots and the owners of those lots have a vested interest in seeing the North Road extended even further; and
- WHEREAS,** establishing a temporary task force to advise and make recommendations to the mayor and assembly regarding issues of the citizens affected by the North Road

extension within the limited scope of authorized borough powers and to assist all parties to understand the scope of the situation and all resources available; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2021 the RSA Board passed Resolution 2021-005 recommending the assembly establish a temporary North Road Extension Advisory Task Force composed of residents who reside alongside the North Road Extension or whose residences can reasonably be reached via the North Road Extension or a reasonable extension thereof;

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

SECTION 1. A North Road Extension Advisory Task Force (NREATF) is established for the borough subject to the provisions of this ordinance as follows:

- A. Purpose and Scope.** The NREATF shall consider and investigate matters related to the development and betterment of the North Road Extension, now and in the future. The task force will produce a comprehensive report to the assembly recommending the future of the North Road Extension, including any future funding needs and available sources of funding to meet those needs.
- B. Membership.** The NREATF will consist of seven (7) voting members appointed by the mayor and approved by the assembly, and an ex-officio assembly member to be appointed by the Assembly President. Appointed members must reside in the area accessible via the North Road Extension or along the area which would be accessible if the North Road Extension were to reasonably be extended.
- C. Officers.** A chair and vice-chair must be selected at the first meeting. The NREATF must coordinate with the KPB Road Service Area staff to set meeting dates and times, to publicize meetings, and to post meeting agenda, materials, and meeting minutes.
- D. Meetings.**
 - 1. Meetings will occur once a month in assembly chambers or via Zoom as designated by the NREATF.
 - 2. The NREATF will utilize Robert's Rules of Order as a guide for conducting its meetings.
 - 3. All meetings must be open to the public as provided in AS 29.20.020 and AS 44.62.310, and in accordance with the policies set forth in AS 44.62.312.

- 4. The task force will provide reasonable time to hear public testimony at each meeting.
- E. Filling vacancies.** Vacancies on the work group will be filled by mayoral appointment and confirmed by the assembly.
- F. Authority.** The NREATF serves in an advisory capacity and shall not take any final action or position on behalf of the assembly or the administration. The NREATF is not authorized to act on the borough's behalf.
- G. Posting Membership and Meeting Notices.** Notice of membership opportunities, vacancies, and NREATF meetings must be posted at the North Peninsula Recreation Center, Borough Administration Building, the Borough Road Service Area main office, and the Borough's website. The Borough Road Service Area shall not incur costs for publishing meeting notices in a newspaper
- H. Final Report.** The task force shall provide a final report to the assembly by October 12, 2022 recommending the future of the North Road Extension, including any future funding needs and available sources of funding to meet those needs.
- I. Duration.** The NREATF shall automatically dissolve one year from the effective date of this resolution unless extended by the assembly.

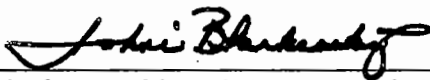
SECTION 2. That this resolution is effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.



Brent Hibbert, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bjorkman, Carpenter, Chesley, Conder, Derke, Verkerian, Dungs, Elam, Johnson, Hibbert
 No: None
 Absent: None