

MINUTES



SRSA Board Meeting Tuesday, July 1st, 2025

Piper Paulish
Seat A

Vacant
Seat B

Valisa Higman
Seat C
Secretary/Treasurer

Elizabeth Diamant
Seat D
Chair

Jenifer Cameron
Seat E

A. Call to Order: 5:25

B. Roll Call: Valisa, Elizabeth, Jenifer, Lisa (Staff), Heidi (City Manager), Jen Swick (community member via zoom), Willy Dunne (Assembly member via zoom), Piper absent with prior notice,

C. Approval of Agenda:

1. Valisa moves to add approval of April 1st minutes to item D and correct the date of upcoming meeting
2. **MOTION:** Approve agenda: Valisa moves to approve agenda as amended, Jenifer seconds
3. **VOTE:** No objections agenda approved

D. Approval of Minutes from June 3rd, 2025 and April 1st, 2025

1. **MOTION:** approve minutes from June 3rd, 2025:
Valisa moves, Jenifer seconds
2. **VOTE:** No objections minutes approved
3. Approval of minutes from April 1st, 2025
3.a. **MOTION:** approve minutes from April 1st, 2025:
Valisa moves, Jenifer seconds

3.b.**VOTE:** No objections minutes approved

E. Public Presentations and Requests:

none

F. Reports

1. Treasurer Report: We have done pretty well spending out our remaining money in various funds. The one thing we didn't spend out was the improvements other than building which was money allocated for flooring, and we also bought a fridge and range with that account. The flooring was cheaper than we thought, so we did not spend it all. It might be August before we get a year end report that tells us our fund balance after the fiscal year closed.
2. Facility Coordinator's Report: Lisa has been gone and doesn't have a coordinators report, but sports has been going really well, though no one has been doing the adult softball. Eddie Woods class was a huge success: 26 kids and everyone had fun. The evening dance classes were a lot of fun as well. Soccer has been going well. Ceramics, next session starts July 8th for adults, and we will start a session for 11-15 year old.

G. Old Business

1. Susan B English Pool Update

- 1.a. Heidi, Lisa, Liz and Jen Swick put together a proposal for using the .25 mil increase and proposed decreasing the pool manager position in order to afford funding that position. The Borough is now saying that we can't use any of our funds to go to the school district for funding the pool. Because the school district is funded to the cap by the borough, they are saying our funds, which are technically borough funds, can not be used if the school district is still still managing the pool.
- 1.b. Willy is not convinced that this is a final answer. It seems there is a lot of discussion about how to separate the pool from school district funding. Ninilchik is in the same boat, trying to figure out how to allow community funding of the school pools.
- 1.c. Liz says we are still gathering information about financials as far as how much it costs to run the pool. It seems that the expenses for paying lifeguards, chemicals etc. does balance out with the revenue the pool

brings in. The big issue is that this does not account for utilities, the new pump that is needed or the pool manager. It looks like there is an addition 100-120 thousand needed to run the pool. Even with the mil rate increase we are looking at 50 thousand dollar deficit.

- 1.d.Jen Swick did try to call the assistant superintendent about next year. She wasn't able to get ahold of her. Jen was wondering if the district was totally out. She feels like there are a lot of unknowns, and it is really frustrating to be waiting for answers to all these questions.
- 1.e.All of the other pools other than us and Ninilchik did end up getting funded. So we are kind of out on our own as far as finding a solution for this year. It sounds like the other pools will move out of district funding after this year.
- 1.f.Willy is waiting for some clear legal opinions on how to move forward.
- 1.g.Lisa: Willy, can you help us advocate for the SRSA being part of the larger service area and part of the discussion for that if that is the way things move in coming years.
- 1.h.Liz: I will be continuing to advocate for funding the pool up until the bitter end. They gave the other pools more time, and that isn't very equitable. They seem to know that, and we need to keep speaking up.
- 1.i.It would be a good idea for us to put out another plea to the community to write more letters expressing our desire to have the pool funded. Make it clear to the community that the other pools are being given more time to come up with alternative funding. So encourage writing to the School Board in support of funding the pool while we come up with a solution.
- 1.j.Jen Swick: Now that the district is funded to the cap, do they have to take the money back? Willy: this was just an opinion from borough finance and it may not be true. Right now it is a vague opinion that the SRSA money might count towards funding to the cap. Juneau apparently funds over the cap or "outside the cap" as they say. In the final analysis it would be up to the Borough legal department to see if this funding would be allowed.

1.k.School Board meeting is Monday July 7th

H. New Business:

None

I. Public Comments:

1. Heidi: The city is updating their comprehensive plan working with the Alaska Municipal League. We will rent the SOCC July 9th from 6-9 for a community discussion about the future/vision for Seldovia. This will guide a lot of decisions including council decisions and budgets moving forward. Public input is very important.

J. Board Comments:

1. Jenifer: Thank you card for Mark and Clare for folks to sign as a thank you for housing Eddie Wood.

K. Announcement of Next Meeting: August 5th, 2025 at 5:15pm

L. Adjournment

1. **MOTION:** Valisa moves to adjourn, Jenifer seconds

2. **VOTE:** No objections

Meeting adjourns at 6:23

Minutes approved on _____

By Seldovia Recreational Service Area Board

Affirmed by SRSA Secretary, Valisa Higman _____

Signature