KENAI PENINSULA Borough

Seward Bear Creek Flood Service Area Meeting Minutes

September 14th 2026 - 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

Maile Branson
Seat C
Term Expires 2028

Rodney Roemmich
Vice Chair
Seat D
Term Expires 2026

Steven Taylor
Seat E
Term Expires 2027

Thomas Swann
Seat F
Term Expires 2028

Isaac Elhard
Seat G
Term Expires 2028

A. CALL TO ORDER

The September 14th, 2026 regular meeting of the Seward-Bear Creek Flood Service Area board was held in person/Zoom. Board Member Reisner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

There were present:

Board Members

A. David Hettick, Chairman -*excused*
B. Robert Reisner
C. Maile Branson
D. Rodney Roemmich, Vice Chairman - *excused*
E. Steven Taylor
F. Thomas Swann -*excused*
G. Isaac Elhard

Comprising a quorum of the SBCFSA Board.

Also in attendance,
Nicholas Chapman, SBCFSA Program Manager
Samantha Allen, SBCFSA Administrative Assistant
Cindy Eklund, KPB Assembly Representative

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Reisner called for unanimous consent to approve the agenda. There being no objection, the agenda was approved as displayed.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Reisner called for unanimous consent to approve the August 3rd, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. There being no objection, the minutes were approved as displayed.

E. REPORTS AND PRESENATIONS

1. Nicholas Chapman, SBCFSA Program Manager, reviewed his written report, and added that there were two participants at the prebid-meeting for RFP27-007 Bruno Creek Revetment and Drainage Improvements. However, 40 users have viewed it on Bid Express, which is promising.

He played footage of Salmon Creek at SC15, to show where the creek has diverted out of its main channel and into the woods. There is a need to do a project on this section of the creek immediately.

He added that next Spring, it's important that the Service Area pulls a large amount of material out of Salmon Creek through Nautical. During the last high-water event, there was about 3-4 inches of water coming onto private yards. He shared that if the Service Area hadn't mitigated that section of creek 2 years ago, the private property wouldn't be safe today.

He also reviewed footage from the Jap Creek Restoration project, mentioning that he was pleased with the work performed.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMIT 3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

G. BOARD'S RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

H. CORRESPONDENCE

I. PERMITS FOR REVIEW

1. Multi-Use Permit for the Kenai Peninsula Borough, River Center #13856
   Elhard made a motion to approve the permit as presented, Taylor seconded.
   VOTE ON MOITION: approved unanimous.

2. Multi-Use Permit for Zimmerman, River Center #13949
   Taylor made a motion to approve the permit as presented, Elhard seconded.
   VOTE ON MOITION: approved unanimous.

J. UNFINSHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Vote to reallocate funds from the revetment design for Box Canyon Creek to Salmon Creek at Nautical Restoration and SC15 Restoration.
   Taylor made a motion to reallocate funds from the revetment design for Box Canyon Creek to Salmon Creek at Nautical Restoration and SC15 Restoration, Elhard seconded.
   VOTE ON MOITION: approved unanimous.

2. Establish October Work Session Topic
   Taylor made a motion to establish the October work session topic as "Recap of the Photogrammetry Presentation", Elhard seconded.
   VOTE ON MOITION: approved unanimous.

L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

1. 2026 Election on November 3rd
   Candidates
   Seat A, 3-year term, Expires 11/229 -David Hettick, Sr.
   Seat D, 3 year-term, Expires 11/2029 – No Candidates

2. Resurrection Bay Historical Society is hosting a historical, story-telling program on the Oct.1986 Flood on September 17th at 7pm at the Seward Community Library.

3. "Prescription by Year" spreadsheet is a working documentation of property damages in the Service Area caused by flooding.

4. Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission Vacancy
Seward City Seat (Term Expires 07/31/2029)
https://www.kpb.us/local-governance-and-permitting/leadership-governance/planning-commission/planning-commission-application

M. PUBLIC COMMENT (LIMIT 3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

N. BOARD COMMENTS

Reisner, thanked the Board, Staff, and Assembly Rep. Cindy, and wished Sam good luck with everything. Described the situation down at SC15 as needing to be addressed immediately to prevent flooding and safe guard the Alaska Railroad, Nautical and the Highway.

Branson, offered a big thanks to Nick and Sam, as usual. Shared that her inner-Scientist really enjoyed the "Precipitation by Year" spreadsheet, positioning it as a tool to help analyze where to allocate funds. Congratulated Sam!

Taylor, thanked Maile for zooming in to make a quorum. Recounted how impressed he was with the Jap Creek Restoration project; it was wonderful and right on target. He was surprised by the bed load at SC15 and Nautical, agreeing it needs to be addressed. Thanked everyone for being here.

Elhard, thanked everyone, and noted appreciated for Nick keeping up with everything. Congratulated Sam and wished her a fun trip.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Reisner called for unanimous consent to adjourn with no objection, and with no further business to come before the board, adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

The next regular work session and board meeting are scheduled for October 5th 2026.

Samantha Allen — Administrative Assistant

10/5/2026 — Date of Approval