KENAI PENINSULA Borough

# Seward Bear Creek Flood Service Area Meeting Minutes

October 5th, 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 October 5th, 2026 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. Maile Branson
D. Rodney Roemmich, Vice Chairman
E. Steven Taylor
F. Thomas Swann
G. Isaac Elhard

*Comprising a quorum of the SBCFSA Board.*

Also in attendance,
Nicholas Chapman, SBCFSA Program Manager
Julie Hindman, River Center Planner
Samantha Allen, SBCFSA Administrative Assistant

## C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Hettick called for unanimous consent to approve the agenda. There being no objection, the agenda was approved as displayed.

## D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hettick called for unanimous consent to approve the September 14th, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. There being no objection, the minutes were approved as displayed.

## E. REPORTS AND PRESENATIONS

1. Julie Hindman, River Center Planner, summarized a Multi-Agency Permit Application received from DOT for removal of material under the Nash Road and Seward Highway bridges, noting more details, guidance and information about the project is necessary because FEMA is watching. She mentioned that this application won't come to the Board until the November meeting. It is critical for DOT to clear the bridges, so the River Center will most likely issue the permit unless there is Board objection.

Reviewed her attendance at the Northwest Regional Floodplain Management Association (NORFMA) Conference, sharing that FEMA and the NFIP are still in the process of being restructured. The biggest change so far is that FEMA is pushing some of their workload to the state; the State National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) coordinator will perform audits now, with support and technical assistance provided by FEMA.

Mentioned that updates to Seward's RISK Maps are on hold, although the River Center continues to request Seward be re-mapped as Alluvial. The State RISK Map Coordinator encourages continued requests for the update, to show a need. However, there is no current prospect it will happen. The River Center is looking for grants and other options like a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) to reduce restrictions around permitting.

Nicholas Chapman, SBCFSA Program Manager, reiterated his written report, adding that the Sawmill Creek Restoration project looked great. Glen Martin performed a clean out under the Nash Road bridge, and the property owner did work downstream. In regards to SC-15, after performing a survey, the restoration project needs to be a push to reestablish the berm.

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 Marshall and Esther Ronne Living Trust, River Center # 13965
Reisner made a motion to approve the permit as presented, Elhard seconded.
VOTE ON MOTION: approved unanimous.

J. UNFINSHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Vote to reallocate funds from Contract Services to purchase Software
Swann made a motion to reallocate funds from Contract Services to purchase the Site Scan Software, Chairman Hettick seconded.
VOTE ON MOITION: approved unanimous.

2. Vote to reallocate funds from Contract Services to purchase Drone
Swann made a motion to reallocate funds from Contract Services to purchase the Matrice 4 Enterprise Drone, Taylor seconded.
VOTE ON MOTION: approved unanimous.

3. Establish November Work Session Topic
Reisner made a motion to establish the November work session topic as a Field Trip to Mitigation Projects at 3 pm, Swann seconded.
VOTE ON MOITION: approved unanimous.

L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

M. PUBLIC COMMENT (LIMIT 3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

N. BOARD COMMENTS

Reisner, thanked board members and staff, stating hopes that the drone and software will lead the board to a forward path of foreseeing problem areas before anything happens and become a major tool to prevent independent flood areas.

Swann, thanked all for being here to make sure the valley didn't get filled in.

Roemmich, thanked everyone for having him, saying this was his last meeting. Requested the board to please not let his house flood.

Branson, thanked staff, and proclaimed excitement about the drone. Though she shared Roemmich' s sentiments, having managed many Federal Grants she understands the need for supporting data that Photogrammetry could provide.

Taylor, thanked staff, and thanked Roemmich for putting in the time to be on the board. Mentioned that of all the people who had complaints, Roemmich was the only one he knew who did something about it. Shared he is looking forward to meeting who steps in next.

Elhard, thanked everyone for being here.

Hettick, thanked staff for getting everything ready and Julie for being here.

O. ADJOURNMENT

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

The next regular work session and board meeting are scheduled for November 2nd, 2026.

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Samantha Allen

Administrative Assistant Date of Approval