

City of Edna Bay - Special Meeting

1 — Meeting Date, Place and Call to order:

This Special meeting was held on Thursday, April 9th, 2015 at Edna Bay School.
Mayor Richter called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

2 — Roll Call:

Heather Richter	- Mayor / Presiding Officer	(Present)
Karen Williams	- Vice Mayor / City Council	(Present)
Tyler Poelstra	- Clerk / City Council	(Present)
Myla Poelstra	- Treasurer / City Council	(Present)
Carleigh Fairchild	- City Council	(Present)
Paul Haag	- City Council	(Present)
Doris Greif	- City Council	(Absent)

2.1 — Public Participants:

Curtis Greif	Pat Richter	Mike Williams	Spencer Lamkin	Charleen Bartels
Russ Bartels	Eric Nichols	Clarence Clark		

3 — Consent Agenda:

A: Approval of Meeting Agenda:

The current agenda was read by Mr. Poelstra.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor, and no objections were noted.

Motion:

Mayor Richter moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

- *Seconded by Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra*
- **Approved by unanimous vote of the council**

3.1 — Business:

Special Business:

- a: *Informal meeting with Clarence Clark (DNR) Regarding Division of Forestry Activities*

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Special Business

Item A – Informal meeting with Clarence Clark (DNR)....:

Mayor Richter introduced Mr. Clark to the Council and public in attendance.

Mr. Clark shared that his main reason for meeting at this time was to provide updated information on projects that Division of Forestry has underway that may affect the community. He noted the closure date and time on various comment periods and encouraged residents to comment with knowledge that can work to benefit the final stages of the proposals.

He announced that a hearing will be held in Edna Bay on April 23rd regarding the State Forest Management Plan. This will provide the public with a Q & A session and a means to submit written and verbal comments on the proposal. He suggested one area residents may want to look into is the section regarding access rights and maintenance corridors for the road system.

Mr. Clark noted that the intentions for the State Forest Management Plan are “Descriptive” instead of “Prescriptive”, which provides for contractors not being told specifically what they have to do. He noted that the basis for the document is to tell them what the important goals are, not to say what they “Must” do and instead say what they should “Consider”. Public comments have been taken into account and adjustments have been made based on the comments received.

Mr. Clark is working with the University of Alaska on identifying a wood based energy source for Edna Bay. He suggested that there are feasibility study grants available through the AEA that the City could pursue if the community desired. The Division of Forestry is gauging community interest before deciding how far they

will proceed with assisting in the planning process of an energy solution.

He shared that all stake holders in the forests of Kosciusko are working together to resolve how they can work together without charging each other for use of infrastructure. The USFS is planning to replace the bridges in Edna Bay, and it was clarified that the USFS does not need to obtain an easement to work on the road system through the community. Division of Mining Land and Water owns the easement, which is designated a public right of way easement. DMLW can issue a letter of authorization to the USFS to allow the work to be conducted. It is not clear if all issues have been resolved for that to take place.

The Interagency Land Management Assignment (ILMA) comment period closed on the 30th of last month. Mr. Clark noted that he appreciated the letter that the City submitted. The ILMA will be issued soon. He noted that the Division of Forestry is not opposed the the road easement the City requested through the 36 acres of land obtained by DOF, and they are also not opposed to the City selecting the lands surrounding the 36 acre area obtained by the DOF for the LTF.

Mr. Clark shared that the community road that passes through the Mental Health Land Trust at the North end of Edna Bay does not have an easement. He is working on obtaining an easement and then assigning it to the public benefit once obtained. It was noted that if the USFS obtains the easement through this area, they would have control of the road in that area and be able to regulate access. Mr. Clark added that DOF has funds designated for infrastructure projects, and working to resolve the issue with this easement issue falls under the designated use for the funds.

A question about the bypass road was raised. Mr. Clark stated that the road is abandoned, done, gone. DOF is not interested in hauling any logs on the community road. They want to help fix the road for access to the community services (phone, dock, store, roads) for the contractors that are working with them. He noted that some issues with the road easement may not be resolvable, but he is hopeful that main ones can.

The easement through the 36 acres of State Forest land will be issued by Division of Mining Land and Water and will be concurred on by DOF. They are not opposed to the community having access easements to the two parcels of settlement lands if they are obtained by the City.

Mr. Clark shared that he wants to keep the City included in the process going forward, and is willing to meet with the City going forward and speak on our behalf to the group of stake holders that are all working on Kosciusko.

5 – Persons to be Heard:

None.

Adjournment

Mayor Richter moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion seconded by Councilor Williams

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.