

Membership Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2025 – 7 pm

Boys & Girls Club Bogard

Website: <https://www.nlakes.cc>

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Rod Hanson, President. Hanson welcomed everyone. Board members introduced themselves. Quorum verified as 4/5 board members and 10% of council members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Miller.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

There were no recommended revisions and the agenda was approved unanimously.

3. PRIOR MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Minutes from the September 25, 2025 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION #1

- Michael Bowles introduced himself as a candidate for the Borough Assembly District 1 seat.
- Franklin Conaway encouraged donations to the Mat-Su food bank.

5. CORRESPONDENCE & ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Many items in the report will be addressed in the regular agenda. Attendees were reminded they can follow up with questions about any item in this report.

The following items were highlighted separately:

- Item 3- The planning commission is considering a resolution to reduce required lot size for single family homes in single family Special Use Districts from 40,000 sf to 30,000 sf. R. Hanson initially indicated he would testify in opposition. Discussion ensued and there was no consensus on a position for the NLCC. R. Hanson will consider preparing a balanced response to the planning commission about the proposal.
- Item 6- There is an opportunity for public comment about the Jonesville Shooting Range on November 6th. A public hearing will be held in Sutton that evening.
- Item 12- The planning commission submitted a resolution to the Assembly opposing the allowance of Large Lot Districts.

6. OFFICER / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. President's Report - R. Hanson reported that the Boys and Girls Club has paused operations for Southcentral Alaska due to funding and cashflow problems. He asked for ideas on how to financially support the

organization from our community council. Louis Calandri made a motion to offer monthly support to the Boys and Girls Club of Wasilla for a total amount between \$2,000 and \$2,500 once they re-opened. The motion was seconded by David Crawford and then approved unanimously.

- b. Treasurer's Report - Jolleen Coleman gave a brief summary of the balance sheet and budget. We anticipate underspending our approved budget this year.
- c. Finance Committee - No Meeting, no report.
- d. Bylaw Committee - No meeting. No report.
- e. Nomination Committee - Sharon Johnson will address later this evening.
- f. Road & Traffic Safety Committee - R. Greenberg reported that Engstrom-Trunk route selection report was discussed and will be brought up later this evening. The CAMP was also discussed and gave input to the committee on what they feel the priorities ought to be. Greenberg also brought up the need for code changes. She is also stepping down from the committee at the end of the year and asked people to consider stepping up.
- g. North Lakes Comprehensive Plan Committee - C. Vague was not present.

7. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

- a. James Bunch, the COO of Mat-Su Regional came to present about the expansion of mental health services. They need letters of support for a new 45 bed mental healthcare hospital. To express support, please log in to Lookforwardmat-su.com.

8. STATE & BOROUGH OFFICIALS - UPDATES

- a. None present

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Randy Hillman spoke about the Borough Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board meeting and their approval of a resolution to get land around Wolf Lake to make a community park.
- b. R. Hanson pointed out a copy of the final letter from the NLCC to the MSB Platting Officer regarding the proposed Vanda Valley Subdivision was included in the meeting packet. Sending the letter was approved at the September NLCC meeting.

10. ONGOING / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Cole Branham from the Matsu Borough presented the Engstrom-Trunk Road Selection report. More information is available at the website <https://akprojectinfo.com/engstrom-to-trunk-connector/>. The NLCC will be submitting a letter or resolution regarding the proposed routing to the MSB after our November Membership meeting. The MSB is currently reviewing the draft report. Mr. Branham indicated that a recommendation for the Assembly to decide on the final routing will be made after the consultant finalizes the report and expects this will be sometime in early 2026.

- b. Review Road Project Priorities. Included in the meeting packet was a draft of CAMP related road priorities. This is a work in progress and will be ultimately provided to the new MVP organization, the State DOT, and the MSB.
- c. Big Lake Trails - Letter of Support, consistent with our past support of the organization, was signed by R. Hanson and included in the meeting packet.
- d. R. Hanson sent a letter of appreciation to the Borough about the improvements made to Lakeview Drive. It is in the meeting packet.
- e. MSB PRT Advisory Board has started a Donor Bench Program where residents can purchase a bench and plaque for \$1500 to be placed in parks. Information is in the meeting packet.
- f. Kreative Konfections applied through AMCO for a new marijuana shop off Bogard near Williwaw. The owners previously presented their plan to the NLCC and addressed questions about security and odor management. The NLCC will not object.
- g. There have been vacancies on different planning commissions and boards and R. Hanson encouraged residents to get involved and to volunteer to serve on some of these committees, such as the District 6 Planning Commissioner seat and the RSA25 Board seat.

11. NLCC BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

- R. Hanson gave an overview of the election process (see document in meeting packet). There were four nominees for three Board seats. Nominees introduced themselves. Rod Hanson and Jolleen Coleman were willing to serve a second term. Franklin Conaway wished to step down from the Board due to other commitments. David Crawford expressed his interest. Mary Anderson was not present and so Sharon Johnson, the Nominations Committee Chair, read off a statement about her background and interest.
- Members present voted by paper ballot. Members on the Zoom call voted by text to Sharon Johnson. Johnson then tallied and announced the results. The following persons were elected to fill the three seats for a 2-year term: Coleman, Jolleen; Crawford, David; Hanson, Rod.

12. NLCC BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Board members went into a quick executive session to determine which roles the Board Members will take.

13. BOARD MEMBER ROLE ASSIGNMENTS

- R. Hanson announced the outcome of the Executive Session:
 - Coleman, Jolleen Treasurer
 - Crawford, Dave Director at Large
 - Hanson, Rod President
 - Smith, Nichole Secretary
 - Vague, Colleen Vice President
- R. Hanson welcomed Dave Crawford to the Board and thanked Franklin Conaway for his past Board service.
- Franklin Conaway spoke about his intent to stay involved and active with the NLCC.

14. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION #2

- Michelle Huen, introduced herself as a candidate for the Matsu Borough seat 1.
- Hunter Kuznicki, vice chair of the Alaska Young Republicans, asked for help in getting young people to vote.

15. ADJOURN

- A motion was earlier approved to extend the meeting to 9:10 pm
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:04.

16. ATTENDANCE

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| a. Members: | 16 |
| b. Non-Members: | 11 |
| c. TOTAL | 27 |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Signed by: _____ Date Signed: _____

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