

**SUSITNA BASIN
RECREATION RIVERS MANAGEMENT PLAN
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 10, 2024
10:00am-12:00pm**

MINUTES

The recording for this meeting is available [online](#).

I. Call to Order

- A. The regular meeting of the Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Advisory Board was called to order at approximately 10:04 AM on January 10, 2024, online via Microsoft Teams.
- B. Roll Call – Board Members Present: Hans Rodvik, Mike DeMaria, Emma Pokon, Nancy Conklin, Deantha Skibinski, Mel Grove, Joe Wright (Chair), Stephanie Nowers (Vice-Chair), Greg Bell & Curt Scoggin.
- C. Board Members Absent: All present
- D. Deantha Skibinski MOVED to approve the meeting Agenda. Emma Pokon SECONDED. PASSED without objection.
- E. Mel Grove MOVED to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from 11/1/2023. Nancy Conklin SECONDED. PASSED without objection.

II. Old Business

- A. Board Member Vacancies and Term Expirations
 - a. Board terms expire July 1, 2024, for Hans Rodvik and Mike DeMaria. They will need to reapply if they want to remain on the Board.
 - b. Monica Alvarez stated that Boards and Commission is still working on filling the three vacancies.

III. New Business

- A. Shelby Burrige gave a DNR Presentation on the Public Review Draft of the Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan.
 - a. Board Discussion on Next Steps
 - i. Emma Pokon requested an overview of how the Board’s Recommendations have been incorporated in the PRD and asked how the Board will contribute to the DNR process through comments or another mechanism.
 - 1. Monica Alvarez said this is up to the Board, but the Board could submit

official comments to DNR as part of the process during the public comment period. As for incorporating board input, almost all the Board Recommendations were folded into the plan.

- ii. Monica Alvarez stated that the Public Meeting Presentation will be uploaded onto the Recreation Rivers Plan Revision [website](#).
- iii. Stephanie Nowers asked if DNR was expecting the Board to provide input concurrently with the public during the comment period or expecting the Board to wait until after the public meetings and submit written comments as a Board at that time.
 1. Joe Wright recommended that the Board members provide their individual comments during the public comment period and then the Board can discuss after March 5 when the comment period is over.

B. Spring Meeting Schedule Discussion

- a. Hans Rodvik MOVED the Board meet on February 14, March 13, and April 10 from 10am-12pm. (Those are all second Wednesdays of each month.) Stephanie Nowers SECONDED. Passed without objection.

IV. Comments from Members of the Public (Maximum 3 minutes/person)

- a. Melissa Heuer (Susitna River Coalition), Margaret Stern (Susitna River Coalition), and Neil DeWitt called in to provide public comment.

V. Comments from Board Members

- a. Nancy Conklin requested a more detailed list of changes in the plan.
- b. Stephanie Nowers asked if going forward DNR could provide tracked changes.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Deantha Skibinski MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Nowers SECONDED. PASSED without objection. The Board adjourned at 10:38 AM.