

**SUSITNA BASIN
RECREATION RIVERS MANAGEMENT PLAN
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 22, 2022
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 June 22, 2022, via Microsoft Teams.
- B. Roll Call – Board Members Present: Joseph Wright (Acting Chair), Don Redick, Emma Pokon, Nancy Conklin, Tim Dabney, Mike Overcast, & Stephanie Nowers
- C. Board Members Absent: Israel Mahay (excused), Stafford Glashan (excused), Mike DeMaria (excused), Bruce Knowles, and Aaron Benjamin.
- D. Stephanie Nowers MOVED to approve the meeting Agenda. Don Redick SECONDED. PASSED without objection.
- E. Stephanie Nowers MOVED to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from 5/25/2022. Don Redick SECONDED. PASSED without objection.

II. New Business

- A. Plan Process Update
 - a. Scoping Open Houses

Talkeetna	June 15, 2022 6:00-8:00 PM	Talkeetna Public Library
Anchorage	June 29, 2022 12:00-2:00 PM	Robert Atwood Room (104) Robert B. Atwood Building
Wasilla	June 30, 2022 4:30-6:30 PM	Wasilla Public Library
Virtual	August 2, 2022 1:00-3:00 PM	Microsoft Teams (visit the project website for more info)

- b. Participants' notes on maps and other public comments gathered from these meetings will be made available on the [project website](#) soon.
- c. 75 responses to the User Questionnaire have been received to date. Responses continue to

come in. The questionnaire can be accessed by visiting: <https://arcg.is/0uKLiK>

B. New Board Member Introduction – Stafford Glashan

- a. Stafford Glashan is the new Matanuska-Susitna Planning Commission Representative for the Board. Stafford was unable to attend today's meeting.

C. Board Member Public Contact Information

- a. The Board discussed how they want the public to be able to contact individual board members. Don Redick created an excel spreadsheet with board member contact information. Don will send the excel spreadsheet out again for board members to populate and then it will be added to the [Advisory Board webpage](#). Don also started a Facebook page that any Board member could be an administrator for. The page doesn't allow public comment, but is being used to distribute information on meetings, etc.

D. Board Member Vacancies

- a. The board discussed the continued vacant board seats. To apply for a board member vacancy visit: <http://www.boards.alaska.gov/apply>
- b. Nancy Conklin stated that she knows several people who applied and were told it would be 2-3 months at least before they would hear whether they are appointed or not.
- c. Joseph Wright will check in with the Boards and Commissions office and report back at the next meeting.
- d. Mike Overcast stated the importance that members are seated soon for the success of the Board, not just so a quorum can be more easily reached, but also to have full representation for the area's stakeholders.

E. Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan Review

- a. Continued discussion on Chapter 4
 - i. Some of the Implementation recommendations were completed. DNR will work on getting a preliminary report on what has been implemented from the Plan for the next meeting.
 - ii. Monica Alvarez (DNR) explained that a minor change to a plan can correct map errors, omissions to land status, grammatical errors, or to provide clarification. A minor change cannot change the basic intent or policy of a plan. A minor change is defined in regulation as a change that does not modify or add to the plan's basic intent and that serves only to clarify the plan, make it consistent, facilitate its implementation or make technical corrections.
 - iii. Any changes to the plan aside from minor changes are subject to legislative review. This plan revision process could lead to suggestions for statutory

changes, such as altering what must be approved by the Legislature.

- b. Assign Chapter 3 for review
 - i. Due to the importance and the considerable length of Chapter 3, the Board decided to assign only the portions of the chapter covering the Little Susitna River and the Deshka River for the next meeting.

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

- a. Becky Long, Melissa Heuer and Margaret Stern of the Susitna River Coalition called in to provide public comment.

IV. Comments from Board Members

V. Adjournment – Next Regular Meeting 7/27/2022

- a. Without objection, the Board adjourned at 10:46 AM.