

**Minutes from
Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve Advisory Council
Meeting 4/12/2012**

The meeting took place at the Haines Borough Assembly.

Council members present:

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| Stephanie Scott | Mayor Haines Borough (co-chair) |
| Mike Eberhardt | DPOR Superintendant (co-chair) |
| Steve Vick | Borough Assembly |
| Ben Kirkpatrick | Conservation |
| Dean Risley | Fish and Game Board |
| Paul P | State Forestry |
| Rich Chapell | ADF&G |
| Della Brouillette | Chilkoot Indian Association |
| Evangeline Willard-Hoy | Business and Industry) |
| Steve Lewis | USF&W(phone in ~ 9:20) |

09:00 Call to Order:

Motion to approve agenda – Stephanie Scott requested to add under new business one item: Jim Stanford requests giving a presentation for the creation of a Haines Memorial Winter Recreation Area at 25 mile. Motion approved 9:04

Jim displayed a map of the 25 mile area. Indicated support from various community groups for establishing a portion of the preserve at 25 mile as the Haines Memorial Winter Recreation Area which should be added to the borough parks and rec plan. Discussion ensued with Dean voicing concern over creating a designated use area that may limit use elsewhere on the preserve. Ben K. would like to see recreational use specifically included in the next management plan revision. Mike E states the preserve would still be managed as is and maybe management rules could be added as needed. Steve V questions maint needs. Jim explains that the newly acquired state parks snow grooming equipment would continue to be utilized to set track.

Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes approved from 2/18/2012

Old Business

Proposed Sheep Canyon Lk Channel restoration project

Discussion ensued. Mike E. states that there is an unofficial inquiry with ADF&G Habitat. No response to date. Project is not to occur till Habitat approves permit. Ben K. voices that this needs to happen soon as low water is needed to accomplish this project.

River Adventure's proposal for SCL access

Discussion ensued. Mike E. states that the swan biologist with ADF&G indicates that SCL is a swan breeding area so no boats should be allowed into the lake. Steve L. reiterates that surveys show the lake as a breeding area for swans. Dean supports allowing RA access into SCL.

Public Comment:

Duck Hess states that he has been running his tours long before the current increase in the swan population and the population continues to increase in areas he operates in.

River Adventures proposal of sale to the state

Public Comment:

Karen Hess clarifies the sale as property and buildings excluding equipment and understands that the proposal begins with a recommendation from the council before proceeding on to the state legislature.

Discussion ensued with Greg and Mike clarify that if an acquisition should occur the inholding would transfer to the managing agency. No additional benefit from a state acquisition. Greg P would like to see the property continue as the current business. Dean supports the proposal. Rich has no preference either way.

New Business

Anniversary celebration update

Evangeline has spoken with various supporters. Event to be held at the Village Hospitality House in Klukwan during SE Alaska State Fair July 26-29. Stephanie Scott inquired if the preserve has an official logo. Mike indicated no. Preston mentions that Franklin Mint may be able to help out as they have done business with the preserve.

Haines Hwy. realignment information

Mike explains handout on road realignment to bring up to fed highway stds. Some curves removed taking preserve land, other land added to compensate comes to the std 2:1 swap Steve V motions to approve the land exchange Dean seconds. Discussion ensued. Mario(public) believes the realignment will increase highway speed and increase bird mortalities. Ben K agrees and questions if spawning habitat will be affected. Mario alleged that DOT fell a tree last year that had an eagle nest and will make the lat/long available. Dean clarifies that DOT cleared the right away corridor. Steve L. explains that DOT will be applying for the necessary permits through the preserve. Ben K. believes that the preserve could gain a better deal than the std 2:1 land swap, maybe some pullout improvements, trails. Stephanie S. Indicates that a list of preserve improvements should be developed for just such a situation. Evangeline supports the swap. Motion approved 8 for 1 opposed(BenK.) 9:50

ADF&G update

Rich mentions a 12-21 mile juvie- King tagging in progress with a coded wire to track where the fish range during harvest.

State Forestry update

Greg P mentions public comment continues on the 13 mile sale. No other updates. Mario(public) asks about goshawk sign. Greg indicates none during is walks through the unit but has not gridded.

Parks Update:

Mike E. states deferred maintenance budget looks good. No budget cuts. Preston is still planning on installing a portable steel grate for raft takeouts and fishing at 14 mile. Ben wants data on launch sights gathered by ADF&G. Preston clarifies that the ADF&G biologist who visited the area was not gathering data but becoming familiar with the sites and is now transitioning to another position. There is no data document. Ben believes that launch sites need to be addresses in the next mgmt plan. Greg P Volunteers to generate maps of existing launch sites well before the Oct 11 meeting. Bart(public) mentions that launch sites are ever changing as the river changes so future planning needs to consider this and be flexible.

Preston sums up grooming season with groomed out at 25 mile 4/5 times and scouted other locations in the valley. Groomed the Chilkoot State Park. Also currently playing phone tag with DOT on litter signage along the highway. Scott(public) states committee should have a DOT planner at a meeting when highway realignment project draws closer.

Next Meeting:

Council set an approximate date and time of Oct 11, 2012 at 09:00 A.M.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Minutes by R. Marek