

ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 24, 2016  
9:00 a.m.

Taken at:

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority  
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 120  
Anchorage, Alaska

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**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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Trustees present:

Russ Webb, Chair

Mary Jane Michael (via Speakerphone)

Carlton Smith (via Speakerphone)

Laraine Derr (via Speakerphone)

Larry Norene

Paula Easley (via Speakerphone)

Jerome Selby (via Speakerphone)

Trust staff present:

Jeff Jessee

Steve Williams

Heidi Wailand

Carley Lawrence

Michael Baldwin

Miri Smith-Coolidge

Trust Land Office:

John Morrison

Wyn Menefee

Paul Slenkamp (via Speakerphone)

**PROCEEDINGS**

CHAIR WEBB calls the meeting to order and states that all trustees are present. He moves to the agenda and asks for any additions or corrections.

MR. JESSEE states that, depending on the outcome of the first two business items, there may be a need to discuss the communications plan.

TRUSTEE DERR states that there is supposed to be an executive session.

CHAIR WEBB explains, that is left open for the purposes of having some discussion about these items and the strategies related to them.

TRUSTEE NORENE states that there are some matters of negotiation, monetary and things, that might be appropriate for a short executive session, and then come back on the record with the issues.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion to approve the agenda, as amended.

TRUSTEE NORENE seconds.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

CHAIR WEBB asks for any ethics disclosures. He states that there was a request for an ethics disclosure at the last meeting. He continues that he would prefer that the Trust policy and approach not be driven by requests from individuals about issues that are already on the record. He adds that Mr. Jessee is working on that and will give an update at the September meeting. He states that there are two items on the agenda: a P-1 timber sale, Petersburg area; and a K-3 timber sale in the Ketchikan area; both of which are related. He asks Trustee Norene if these issues relate to the need for an executive session.

TRUSTEE NORENE replies, yes, in matters of negotiation.

TRUSTEE NORENE makes a motion to move into executive session.

TRUSTEE SELBY seconds.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

(Executive session from 9:08 a.m. until 9:58 a.m.)

CHAIR WEBB moves back into the open session of the formal board and performs another roll call.

TRUSTEE SMITH states that because of his schedule, he needs to leave in 15 minutes.

TRUSTEE EASLEY states the same.

CHAIR WEBB states that there are two items on the agenda and begins with the P-1 timber sale in the Petersburg area.

MR. MORRISON states that Paul Slenkamp will give a brief consultation on each of the items.

MR. SLENKAMP states that the P-1 timber sale is located in Petersburg, Alaska, in Southeast Alaska. It has potential for providing \$2,673,250 into principal; \$471,500 into income. He

continues that it will be approximately 17,500,000 board feet on 2600 acres of land. It will be primarily, but not completely, helicopter logging.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion that the board approve the Resource Management Committee recommendation that the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with the disposal of timbers through a negotiated sale on Trust land near Petersburg, as proposed, no later than January 15, 2017, unless legislation directing the Secretary to effect an exchange of land from the Forest Service is passed affecting the subject parcels.

TRUSTEE NORENE seconds.

MR. MORRISON states that the items and language is very specific and asks for an amendment.

TRUSTEE SELBY withdraws his motion.

TRUSTEE NORENE states that second accepts that.

*There being no objections, the motion is withdrawn.*

CHAIR WEBB asks if there is another motion related to the P-1 timber sale.

TRUSTEE NORENE makes a motion that the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with the disposal of timber as proposed, through a negotiated sale on Trust land at Petersburg after January 15, 2017, unless by that time legislation is enacted by Congress directing the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange with the Trust, National Forest land identified of equal value as the subject parcel.

TRUSTEE SELBY seconds.

CHAIR WEBB states that there is a circumstance today where the timber industry is declining and has been in decline in Southeast for some time. He continues that without some available timber to harvest, the timber industry in Southeast Alaska is likely to be dead in a short period of time. He adds, if that occurs, the Trust would be unable to extract any value from both these particular parcels. He states that in order to gain the value, either the timber has to be harvested or have an exchange occur in short order to be able to move forward. He asks for any other comments or questions.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

MR. MORRISON asks Mr. Slenkamp for another brief consultation.

MR. SLENKAMP states that the K-3 timber sale is located south of Ketchikan, Alaska, and encompasses a highly visible area known as Deer Mountain. This has been for sale through a federal legislative mandated sale but was pulled off at the request of the Forest Association in 2003. He continues that this parcel is involved in the Alaska Mental Health Trust land exchange. This particular timber sale would provide up to \$1,785,000 revenue to the principal; \$335,000

worth of income. He adds that this is a very high visibility, controversial area, and is also part of the Mental Health Land exchange. The Trust Land Office recommendation would be to proceed with the negotiated K-3 timber sale on the outlying parcels.

TRUSTEE NORENE makes a motion that the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with the disposal of timber, as proposed, through a negotiated sale of Trust land near Ketchikan after January 15, 2017, unless by that time legislation is enacted by Congress directing the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange with the Trust National Forest land identified of equal value as the subject parcel.

TRUSTEE SELBY seconds.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

CHAIR WEBB asks for anything else to come forward. There being none, he asks for a motion to adjourn.

TRUSTEE NORENE makes a motion to adjourn the meeting.

TRUSTEE SELBY seconds.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

(Special Full Board meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.)