

ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL FULL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Teleconference

August 24, 2017

3:30 p.m.

Taken at:

3745 Community Park Loop  
Anchorage, Alaska

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**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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Trustees present:

Mary Jane Michael, Chair  
Carlton Smith  
Paula Easley  
Laraine Derr  
Jerome Selby  
Christopher Cooke

Trust staff present:

Steve Williams  
Valette Keller  
Miri Smith-Coolidge

Trust Land Office:

John Morrison  
Wyn Menefee

**PROCEEDINGS**

TRUSTEE EASLEY makes a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to consider CEO applications received to date that by law are not subject to public disclosure under AS 39.25.080(a).

TRUSTEE SMITH seconds.

(Executive Session from 10:34 a.m. until 4:11 p.m.)

(Break.)

CHAIR MICHAEL states that there is a quorum.

TRUSTEE DERR reports that no decisions were made in Executive Session.

CHAIR MICHAEL adds that the trustees absent are Jerome Selby and Russ Webb. She states that first on the agenda is discussion of the Chickaloon letter.

MR. MENEFEE states that Chickaloon sent a demand letter after the Trust Land Office denied requests for a permit to do an archaeological survey. He continues that it was denied because it was going to increase the challenges of doing development on Trust land, and that is contrary to the Trust mission. The Chickaloon Village Council disagreed and said that they would issue the permit because they have co-jurisdiction on Trust land. They were going to issue the permit to have the survey against the will of the Trust. He worked with the Department of Law and crafted a response letter, and passes it out. The gist of the letter is a notification to the Council, the Trust and the Trust Land Office that there was a reason for the denial; the right reason. Also, they do not have any lawful right to issue a permit on the land and were asked if there was an error to point out that law. They are being informed that if they were to go forward it could be construed as trespass. He added that if further discussion is wanted, to contact the Trust Land Office. He states that the Trust has requirements, under the Alaska Historical Preservation Act, and that will be complied with.

TRUSTEE SMITH asks if there is any sense of who is being dealt with.

MR. MENEFEE replies that it appears to be the Village Council.

TRUSTEE COOKE asks about the status of the land.

MR. MENEFEE replies that, on the map the items are all hatched where the Council wants to do the cultural surveys. It is on Castle Mountain, and there are no current projects that are aligned for that. It is in a general coal mining area, also with no plans.

A brief discussion ensues.

MR. MENEFEE states that he intends to send this out this week in advance of their ten-day deadline.

TRUSTEE COOKE states that sounds like an appropriate response.

CHAIR MICHAEL thanks Mr. Menefee and moves to the proposed motion.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion that the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees appoint Wyn Menefee as acting executive director of the Trust Land Office upon the date of resignation of John Morrison until the executive director position is permanently filled.

TRUSTEE COOKE seconds.

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

CHAIR MICHAEL states that the next item is another motion of clarification.

A discussion ensues.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion in recognition that the governance documents for the new organizational structure have not been adopted by the board, and the MOU with DNR has not been modified, the executive director of the Trust Land Office continues to do a direct report to the Board of Trustees until such time that the board formally adopts new governance documents.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

TRUSTEE DERR changes the motion to put a period after "Trust."

TRUSTEE DERR repeats the motion, stating: In recognition that the governance documents for the new organizational structure have not been adopted by the board, and the MOU with DNR has not been modified, the executive director of the Trust Land Office continues to directly report to the Board of Trustees.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

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

CHAIR MICHAEL lets the board know that Greg Jones has agreed to continue to work with the Trust on some of the issues we continue to have, after he leaves as acting CEO. The details of that will be worked out by staff. She asks if there is anything else to bring before the trustees. There being none, she asks for a motion to adjourn.

TRUSTEE COOKE makes a motion to adjourn the meeting.

TRUSTEE DERR states that she has one more item and thanks John Morrison for his years of service and his donations to the Trust Land Office and to the Trust.

MR. MORRISON replies thank you.

CHAIR MICHAEL states appreciation for everything he has done. She continues that he brought the organization to a place that could never be gotten to without the innovation and foresight in identifying those properties and all the things that he set up.

TRUSTEE DERR moves adjournment.

TRUSTEE COOKE seconds.

*There being no objection, the meeting is adjourned.*

(Special Full Board of Trustees Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.)