

SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA UTILITY ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2008

The regular meeting of the South Central Alaska Area Utility Association was called to order at 9:30 AM at TelAlaska's conference room by President Travis Renk. Attendees:

Present:

Travis Renk	Enstar	334-7751	travis.renk@enstarnaturalgas.com
Bonnie Bailey	MTA	761-2510	bbailey@MTA-Telco.com
Paul Hatcher	AWWU	564-2721	paul.hatcher@awwu.biz
Jack Frost	MOA	343-8033	frostjl@muni.org
Jim Topolski	CEA	762-4780	jim_topolski@chugachelectric.com
Gary Haynes	GCI	868-8555	ghaynes@gci.com
Wade Wilson	MSB	745-9803	wade.wilson@matsugov.us
Mark Groeschel	TelAlaska	550-1678	m_groeschel@telalaska.com
Ken Morton	DOT	269-0686	ken.morton@alaska.gov

MINUTES:

The minutes for the March 2008 meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in the checking account is \$1031.94.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Advertising Committee: 2008 cards are here – they do not have the 2008 calendar. Next year we will use a different printer and not participate with the national locate center.

Legislative Committee: Nothing to report – no word on any proposed changes by DOT to their Title 17 regulations.

2008 Joint States Utility Coordination Council's Conference: Louise is looking into PayPal for the conference registrations for exhibitors and attendees using credit cards. Received nothing from Char at Alaska Destinations and have decided to let people handle their own before/after tour activities.

OLD BUSINESS:

Articles of Association: All primary members have signed the Articles. Jim Topolski suggested that ML&P should sign as they were one of the original founding members.

811 Advertising/Awareness: Discussion led by President Renk on what the utilities are doing to promote 811. Several comments on the logo – the one with the shovel sticking up vs. the one Louise has on her website. We need to make a greater effort to promote 811 and calling before you dig prior to the upcoming construction season. Does everyone have the 811 bumper stickers on their company trucks, vans, cars? How about info in their newsletters or billing statements?

SCAUA: Jim Topolski reported that the SCAUA website still has the MOA logo linked to the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce site.

NEW BUSINESS:

Matanuska Susitna Borough: Wade Wilson reported the MSB had contracted out the writing of the Subdivision Design Criteria Manual with DOWL & Chuck Leet of Alaska Rim Engineering, the Borough is holding monthly coordination & partnering meetings with the utilities in the valley, MSB is doing away with ALEA, the road & property data base, replacing it with GOVERN system, platting activity in the valley is substantially lower than in recent years, and Tom Herschbach is the new GIS section chief working on updating the Borough's tax maps.

Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP): Bonnie reported on the recent submission of MTA's SWPPP to MOA for their Eagle River job. One person told her the review would take 3 hours, hers took 3 weeks, so her advice is to give yourselves plenty of time for the submission and review by the MOA of these plans. It is her understanding that the EPA will have a presence in the field this year.

Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead Storm Water Training: Ken Morton and Jack Frost reported on upcoming training; one for government representatives and one for the private sector. Private sector training being held at the Anchorage AGC Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

NEXT MEETING will be May 13 at TelAlaska Conference Room at 9:30 am.

Respectfully,

Bonnie Bailey
Secretary