

SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA UTILITY ASSOCIATION

**MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2008**

The regular meeting of the South Central Alaska Area Utility Association was called to order at 9:30 A.M. in the TelAlaska conference Room by President Renk. Attendees:

Present:

Travis Renk	Enstar	334-7751	travis.renk@enstarnaturalgas.com
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Mark Groeschel	TelAlaska	550-1678	m_groeschel@telalaska.com

MINUTES:

The minutes for the July 2008 meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$4,303.70 in the bank account

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

2008 Joint States Utility Coordination Council's Conference: We are going ahead with the conference as it would cost us too much money to cancel. Louise distributed the flyers for the conference on September 17-19 at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel. The Mayor will not be able to be the keynote speaker at the luncheon on the 18th however he will send a replacement. As of the end of August, 27 people were signed up for the conference, 6 vendors, 14 registered for golf, 42 for the dinner at Sourdough. We need to get more people signed up and involved. We need one more speaker for Friday morning.

Advertising: No report at this time.

Legislative: DOT permit regulations are still pending but looking for them to be published/adopted this fall. Ken will keep us posted on the development. No specific information on the changes to the regulations or if the public will have the opportunity to comment again before adoption.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

DOTPF Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Guidelines & Procedures for Utility Relocation Project. Group discussed DOTPF's new utility agreement process which will include SWPPP processes for 3 different scenarios; (1) Complete Advance Relocation – If the site is less than 1 acre and there is no potential for discharge into a creek or wetland, a SWPPP is not required according to the NPDES General Permit. When a SWPPP is required and included as part of the Utility Agreement, the utility contractor must consider TEPC as an additional cost required to implement the SWPPP. When more than a single utility requires relocation on a project, a “lead utility” is identified to obtain and manage the TEPC and the SWPPP for all work. (2) Partial Advance Relocation the lead utility is responsible for the initial TEPC and SWPPP. The utility company will provide a CESCL Certified Inspector to participate in weekly/event inspections of the relocation work site. (3) Relocation in Conjunction with Project all utility work is to be coordinated with the prime contractor and performed under the prime SWPPP.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MOA issued letter reminding utilities to note the locate ticket number on their project notifications.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be September 9 at TelAlaska's conference room at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully,

Bonnie Bailey
Secretary