

# KBNERR June Community Council Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2023

12:00–3:00

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533 E Pioneer Ave

Homer, AK 99603

<b>Meeting called by:</b>	KBNERR Community Council Chair George Matz	<b>Type of meeting:</b>	Quarterly Community Council Meeting
<b>Note taker:</b>	Ben Peters		

<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><b>Council Members:</b> Donna Aderhold, Paul Allan, Jim Hornaday, George Matz, Carol Harding, Francie Roberts, Laurie Daniel, Linda Robinson, Jessica Shepherd,</p> <p><b>Agency Members:</b> Kris Holderied (NOAA KBL),</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Matthew Carlson (UAA ACCS), Erin Larson (UAA ACCS), Lindsey Flagstad (UAA ACCS)</p> <p><b>KBNERR Staff:</b> Jacob Argueta, Syverine Bentz, Chris Guo, Ingrid Harrald, Jasmine Maurer, Ben Peters, Kim Schuster, Lauren Sutton,</p>
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## *Minutes*

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Welcome & Introductions	<b>Presenter:</b>	George Matz
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**Discussion:**

George Matz opens meeting, quorum reached. Remove Donna from minutes. Otherwise minutes approved. Second. Council calls for an executive session for personnel, Second from Donna Aderhold. handing the meeting over to Matt Carlson.

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Administrative Update	<b>Presenter:</b>	Matt Carlson
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**Discussion:**

Intern introductions and overview of work.

Seraina: working on fish diet card study building on last year's Hollings Scholar Claire Benadon's work; using stable isotope study

Eojin: working with University of Southern Florida team on furthering studies on Groundwater

Nicole: working with Ingrid and Jasmine on invasive species and education

Maxwell : Also working on groundwater studies with University of Southern Florida team

Jonah: UAF student studying benthic ecology / relationship to aquaculture

McKenna: tech that can take on the stever / boat experience; intends to be a marine scientist and has 5 years experience captaining boats for Coast Guard

**Matt staffing updates and transitions:**

- broadening research and education activities
- transferring coowe's grants to other staff
- Overview of ACCS structure and functions
- Paul: ACCS staff will be engaged with reserve staff with management as well as scientific expertise / field work assistance and data analysis and reporting
- George: financial - grant comes in, who does it go to? does it get split up?
  - all grants that come to the reserve will have components of overhead for the entire center
- Carol: are all national heritage programs matched with Universities?
  - About a third
- How do finances work with the Kachemak Bay Campus?
  - Separate funding sphere, Debbie Tobin is an affiliate to ACCS and can apply for grants through our office
- Are matching funds hard cash or inkind time and research
  - There is part of the match that is overhead that is not being garnered from the agency versus what would normally be charred
- Francie: the NERR has had difficulty in the past obtaining funding with ADFG does ACCS have similar issues
  - The amount that is provided through the University is minimal and have just enough to be able to apply for larger grant funds. Lots of grant writing takes place
  - Do you have any advocacy group for ACCS office? No just agency partners

<b>Agenda item:</b>	ACCS researcher intros / projects	<b>Presenter:</b>	Erin Larson / Lindsey Flagstad
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**Discussion:**

Erin Larson - Salmon Watershed Stewardship

Lindsey Flagstad - Peatland projects: Beavers as agents of climate change mitigation; Peatland Monitoring and Carbon Sequestration; Carbon Monetization

- Laurie: will you be moving the LiCor monitor/ sensor?
  - Yes, it takes a few minutes for process to complete
  - we will learn how to use it, write a guide, and share with other partners and monitors to expand monitoring capacity around the peninsula
- George: beavers have been extradited from Anchor River and board of game have turned down proposals for reintroduction of beavers
  - Laurie: do you have a sense that ADFG / board are interested in this concept / reintroduction
    - anecdotally, local ADFG biologists are interested in finding this data and possible financial aspect linking beaver wetting and carbon sequestration / carbon credits may be beneficial to ADFG decision making
  - Matt: not sure if board of game will be responsive to science to inform decision making but the top down pressure of monetization of carbon may be more persuasive
  - Donna: borough rewriting code on gravel mining/extraction, will you be working with borough administratively so they know that this project is happening?
    - This is an effort that Jacob is passionate about that was mostly spearheaded by Coowe and Lynn, hopes to continue involvement
      - worthwhile to inform Robert Ruffner about these projects

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Volunteer Opportunities	<b>Presenter:</b>	Ingrid Haraald
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**Discussion:**

KBEEA revitalization shows need for collaborative Discovery Lab Opportunities  
 would like to increase capacity through a docent program or having folks run tables at Discovery Lab  
 Beluga sloughs tuesdays 11-12:30

Teacher training June 14th and 15th (14 teachers signed up) looking for logistical help (driving / education help)

- George: who do you reach for the Beluga Slough walks? Visitors, residents?
  - A lot of visiting relatives, many anchorage folks, a lot of variety

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Committee Reports	<b>Presenter:</b>	Laurie Daniel / Carol Harding
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**Discussion:**

Harbor Expansion:

- Committee established: George, Laurie, Jessica, Steve Baird, hopefully Catie Bursch
- Drafting statements about general role of research reserve involvement in the harbor expansion, having consistent messaging and not advocating one way or the other
- There are aspects that will be funded by corps versus the city of Homer
  - corps will look at all impacts, the corps will look at alternatives that are developed and moved forward, what other impacts community members have expressed interest beyond just footprint of the harbor (increased traffic, housing effects, etc)
- Email contact on website is to HDR, it will then get sorted and sent to contacts at the city
- Reserve now in close contact with Ronnie McPherson at HDR, reached out frequently
  - helpful to give HDR / environmental scientist for Corps Kayla Campbell reports related to the spit, and scientific publications
- Lauren pushing for looking into ecology of spit / surrounding area; also pushing receiving funding
  - Army corps particularly open to receiving any help
- Consistent, persistent message is the plan
- Next steps are currently unclear
  - meeting at end of June,
- Last report was funded by the corps and the report itself was made to the city
- Jim: does the information include the effect of boat

Carol Harding: Lands and Facilities Committee - Conservation Acquisition

- February gathered team: Laurie, Francie, Donna, Paul, George; Lauren and Marie from KHLT; Ben and Coowe from KBNERR
- March info sharing with community / partners
- April two public sessions - proposal sharing; initial screening boiled down to 6 projects (from ~20)

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Council & Public Comment	<b>Presenter:</b>	Enter presenter here
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**Discussion:**

George Matz will gauge council interest in forming a communications committee to create communications plan and guidelines with CTP coordinator Syverine Bentz and council liaison Ben Peters. Donna Aderhold expressed interest in leading the committee

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Closing Remarks	<b>Presenter:</b>	Enter presenter here
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***Other Information***

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**Special notes:**