

HOLLIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL, Inc. MEETING

Special Meeting Minutes

Supplemental Meeting on Hollis Timber Sale and Logging Roads

Proper notice of the meeting date/time was given per the Hollis Community Council, Inc. By-laws

TUESDAY, March 26, 2019

7-9PM

FIRE HALL, HOLLIS, ALASKA

Board Members Present: Sandra Nessett, Tom Harden, John Ryan, Ron Curtis, Roger Cates, Steve Gass,

Absent Board Members: Dan Sharp

Council Members/visitors Present: Linda Holt, Gary Holt, Greg Staunton (DNR), Mike Cooney (DNR), Bill Tyrell, Sandy Curtis, Brian

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Sandra Nessel at 7:05 and the floor yielded to Greg Staunton (DNR).

A. Scope of DNR responsibility

- a. Greg Explained that DNR is not the land manager on this project. That distinction falls on the Alaska Division of Mines, Land and Water.
- b. Greg (DNR) is the Timber manager on the project. He directly oversees the harvest and contract compliance.
- c. Greg explained that Logging roads have different permitting criteria than a sub-division road. A road not for logging needs 401 permits from the Army Corp of Engineers.
- d. DEC would need to be involved from a water quality and sediment standpoint.
- e. Greg explained that due to a Forested Wetland designation, there would need to be a permit to Fill. DNR has a Silva cultural exemption to the Clean Water Act.

B. Standard Actions

- a. Once the harvest is completed. The land is moved to passive management (Thinning). Thinning usually takes place within 20-30 years after initial harvest.
- b. Alaska Forest Practices call for temporary Roads built for Timber access to be returned to a state of passing water after the completion of harvest.
- c. One of two road designations and subsequent actions must be completed.
 - i. Inactive – Maintain Drainage and Waterbar. Inactive roads should be bladed to outslope to eliminate ditch and culvert maintenance.
 - ii. Closed –

C. Community Comments, Questions and Answers

- a. Tom and Gary both commented on access for Hunting, Firewood and ATV access.
- b. Tom asked about Liability. There is some question as to if the designated area fall in the borders of the community and we need to follow up. That said, Liability could be significant according to Greg.
- c. John commented that there is no firewood on the lower road and it should be closed.
- d. John asked about keeping spur roads B-3 and B-2 open and said he was willing to dig the culverts out after all the firewood had been collected. Greg was willing to consider this but wanted to take another look at B-3 before he committed. Greg said he will also need to talk to Paul S. (MHT) on the B road.
- e. Gary asked about wood permits. Greg said they are \$10 per cord, 3 cord minimum, 10 cordMax.
- f. John asked about a community, commercial firewood sale. Greg said it was possible.

Motion to adjourn:

Meeting adjourned: 8:26

The next council meeting will be on April 9, 2019, Community Room, Fire Hall, 7-9PM.