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## **Buckland Meeting Notes February 10, 2009 Meeting Denali Commission**

A Buckland meeting was scheduled for February 10, 2009. Debra Addie was on her way to Buckland at the time of the meeting. Sharon Lind canceled the meeting due to schedule conflicts. Greg Magee from VSW asked to keep the meeting as scheduled but to keep the meeting short. Sharon Lind contacted Steve Boardman and Bob Walsh and asked them to please attend.

**Update from Debra Addie** – Debra was traveling to Buckland on this date and there was not a written VSW report for this meeting. Greg Magee from VSW attended the meeting and provided the group with an update.

### **Discussion items during and after that report was as follows:**

- Greg Magee from VSW reported that a meeting would take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the water intake project and review potential other projects in lieu of the water intake project for the U.S. COE. It was discussed that various options for the water treatment plant were in discussion.
- Greg reported that the stimulus package provided funds to Buckland for their shovel ready project.
- Steve Boardman reported that a cost estimating team was working on the water treatment plant package and it would take about 2 – 3 weeks to acquire those estimates. Steve reported that the COE had a contract with CH2MHill for this. Greg told Steve he would call Dave Williams at the COE to discuss this further.
- Percy Ballot from the Community of Buckland asked for clarification from Steve on just what in lieu of the water intake meant. Steve Boardman stated that the water treatment project may be better suited to the COE versus the water intake project. Greg stated that VSW had met with the COE and would continue to meet with them to explore options.
- Steve Boardman reported that Dave Williams was working on cost estimates for the water treatment.

- Greg Magee reported that Debra Addie was on her way to Buckland to discuss preconstruction items including - Summit – and the gravel extraction project for the ice road. Greg reported that this work was funded and that Buckland was high on the VSW priority list.
- Darlene Hadley from the City of Buckland reported that the community had signed the \$1 million grant and mailed it back to VSW.
- Greg Magee discussed the potential funding through the upcoming stimulus package including potentially \$30 - \$60 million to IHS for water/sewer projects. Greg stated that since Buckland was shovel ready they were high on the list of priority.
- Greg discussed the downtown plan for that portion of the system and the sewer service to the lower part of the community. Greg reported that this includes the closure of the downtown sewage lagoon and would hopefully have funding thru the stimulus plan to keep this project going.
- Greg reported that the community has been very involved with the DAR and the community would be approving the DAR today. Greg added that the plant sheets were finalized and the construction downtown would be coming.
- Greg reported that the sewage lagoon was 95% complete. The project demobilized on 1/23 this year and VSW was confident the lagoon was flood proof. Greg added that fuel farm agreements were now in place as was spill insurance.
- To recap, Greg reported total budget costs at \$37.5 million, of which \$16 million was used to date and \$21 million was needed. Greg reported that Buckland remained high on the VSW priority list and completion was targeted for 2011 – of funding needs were met.
- The Community had been disconnected from the call at some point.
- Sharon Lind discussed the new Buckland page on the Denali Commissions new website.
- Greg reminded the group that the DAR was being discussed and would be approved in Buckland today.
- Sharon Lind apologized for the confusion the cancelation of the meeting and assured the group they would be informed of the next meeting time.



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