

MCLOA FALL MEETING – OCTOBER 12th, 2023 – 5:30 p.m. AK Time

The meeting occurred over zoom. Email reminders were sent out ahead of the meeting.

Attendance was taken at the meeting and a quorum was established.

All Board members present: Julian Hanna (President & Secretary), Craig Neil (Vice President), Cody Simmons (Treasurer).

MCLOA members in Attendance:

Mike M, Pete S, Elizabeth H, Eve, Katy S, Matthew E, Jeremy C, Jon S

Minutes from the winter meeting (on the mcloa.org website under announcements)

Motion made to adopt the winter 2023 meeting minutes. 2nd of motion was made, motion passed.

Treasurer's report (Treasurer)

Current Wells Fargo Checking Balance: \$39,000

Largest expenditure as of late was \$4,000 for phase 1 roadwork by Blackburn Industries

The renewal of the Board of Directors Insurance due at the end of October, the board will renew it.

Information around payment of members dues:

- QuickBooks auto-reminders are working; members may receive a reminder if payment has not been reconciled in our accounting books, so be patient.
- Julian confirmed the preferred method for payment of membership dues is on-line through QuickBooks.
- Paper check \$10 processing fee: In an effort to reduce both paperwork and prevent delays associated with receiving paper checks in the mail, and also to recover annual costs associated with maintaining the UPS PO Box, we will be issuing an additional \$10 check processing fee for paper check payments starting with the 2023 Member Annual Dues Invoices. Approximately 10%-15% of our membership pays with paper checks; Julian and Cody are available to lot owners if they need assistance with the online payment utility.
- Pete suggested, if payment on-line is difficult for members, they may want to pay ahead to avoid dealing with yearly on-line payment.

Elections

Julian made a motion, seconded, that Mike Murphy be elected as new Secretary for the MCLOA.

Passed unanimously.

Proposal made by Jeremy C

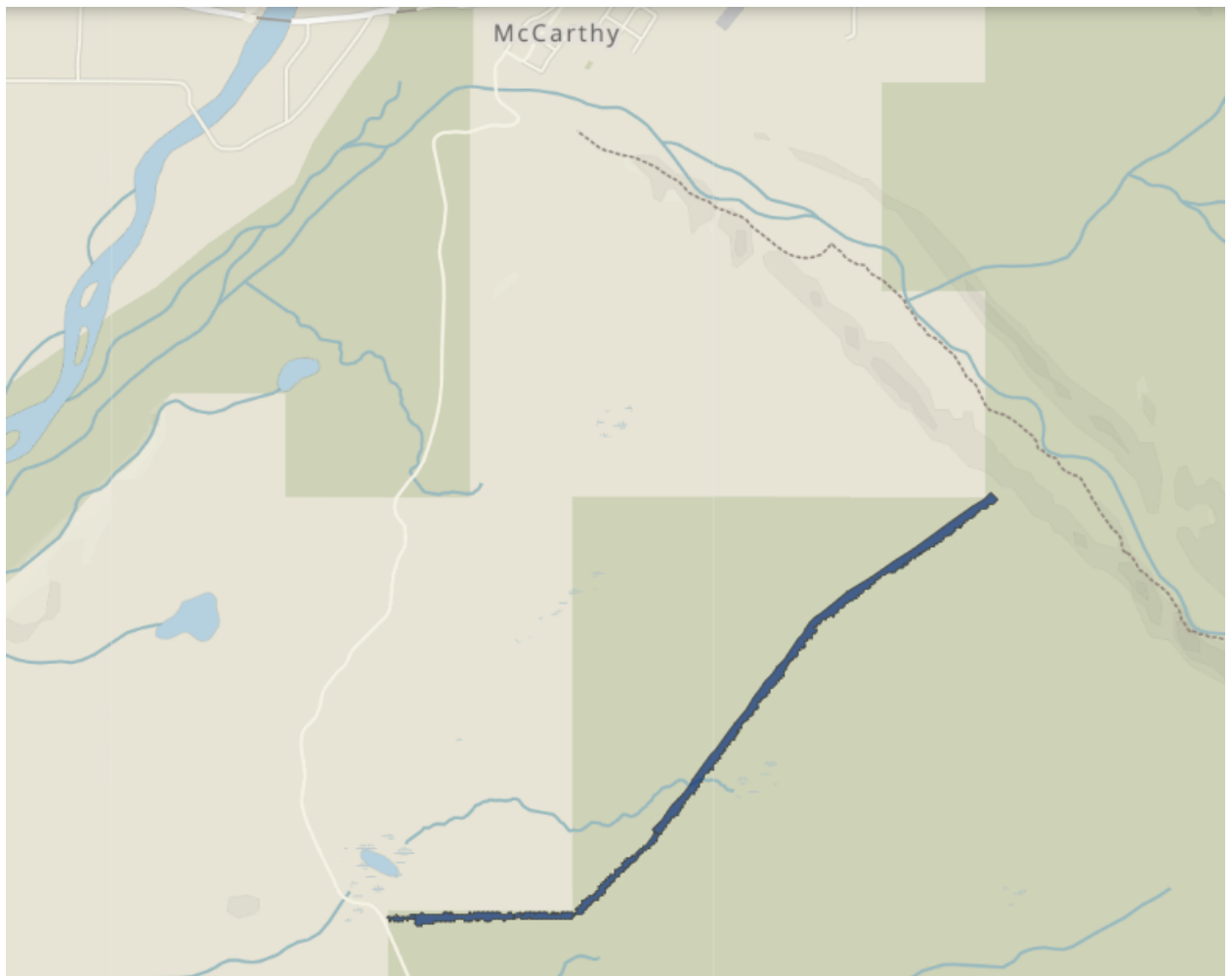
An MCLOA member, with approval of two or more board members, will have MCLOA permission to approach the McCarthy Area Council for matching funds, and spend up to \$3,000 of MCLOA funds total per proposal for road improvements to Nizina Road from McCarthy Creek to end of subdivision. If MCLOA bank account is under \$20,000 this permission is not to be granted to members from the MCLOA. This pre-approval is relevant for three years from approval expiring in October of 2026. The MCLOA member can approach MAC (McCarthy Area Council) with a proposal no more than once per calendar year.

(MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY – no abstentions)

Discussion: acknowledgement of reality of a time frame in passing proposals, voting on it, infrequency of MCLOA meetings – can take up to a year. Idea is to keep window open for a willing member to take action around road improvements and seeking matching funds from MAC, without having to wait until the next MCLOA meeting. Discussion included realistic expectations around what money may achieve – grading road, filling in pot-holes. MAC matching funds often greater than 50-50, so the \$3,000 spent by MCLOA may receive more than \$3,000 in matching funds. Acknowledge that process includes MAC wanting details around road work being done (so MCLOA member will need to do research, communicate with Rolands, know what the money will pay for).

New Business

- Julian provided an update around fuel abatement done around the perimeter of MCLOA in July.
- The National Park Service (NPS) Eastern Area Fire Management program completed the re-treatment of the University Subdivision fuel break in July 2023. The re-treatment involved thinning and piling spruce and other dead vegetation that had grown within the 50 foot shaded fuel break which was initially thinned in 2011.



- The completed re-treatment is shown on the map above. The thinning extends from the Nizina Road, parallels the private property line then goes cross country to utilize natural thin vegetation. Many piles of vegetation were created during the project and will be burned when appropriate, potentially late this winter. End of Report.

- The State of AK sent out a assessor of their fuel break line on the west side of the Nizina Road. They decided not to re-treat their line this year.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m. AK Time

Next Meeting: 2nd Thursday in May, 5:30 p.m. AK Time