

**Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
Tri-Valley Community Center
April 12, 2006**

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CALL TO ORDER Presiding Officer Gerald Pollock called the public hearing to order at 6:45 PM.

ROLL CALL Assembly members present were: Gerald Pollock, David Evans, Sid Michaels, Baxter Mercer, Armeda Bulard, Paul Schenk, and Bob Sheldon. Absent were: Teresa Hall and Eileen Holmes. Mayor Talerico was also in attendance.

1.) Ordinance 05-20, Version B: an ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances establishing an area wide conditional use permit for coal bed methane exploration and development.

Eric Oberg, Stampede Road, reviewed a letter from Denali Citizens Council dated April 11, 2006.

Steve Denton, Usibelli Coal Mine, offered a presentation on Coal Bed Methane prepared by Mitch Usibelli.

Chuck Tomkiewicz, Panguingue Creek Subdivision, spoke in favor of a fully diversified economy. He believes tourism is growing and that gas drilling and tourism are mutually exclusive; you cannot have one with the other.

Susan Braun, Panguingue Creek, reiterated with Tomkiewicz.

Cathy Leiser, spoke for Eric Saylor who is concerned about the devaluation of his property on Stampede Road.

Rick Weibel, Otto Lake, suggested conducting a survey to find out what the people want.

Andrea Blakeway, Panguingue Creek, stated the mission statement of the borough assembly. She suggested a presentation by Usibelli and inviting Denali Citizen Council to do a presentation in contrast.

Charlie Boddy, Usibelli Coal Mine, the borough needs to diversify, it will not sustain itself by only taxing the tourist industry.

Teresa Chapoda-Usibelli, Healy resident, spoke in favor of Coal Bed Methane.

2.) Ordinance 05-21, Version B: an ordinance of the Denali Borough establishing coal bed methane exploration and development regulations.

3.) Ordinance 06-01, Version C, an ordinance providing for district formation and land use regulations.

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Steve Jones, McKinley Village, stated that this will correct most of the problems stated by Mr. Gorski, Borough attorney. He also spoke regarding the proposed land use ordinance.

4.) Ordinance 06-07, Version A, an ordinance adding DBC Chapter 3.45, establishing a 2% general sales and service tax within the Denali Borough.

There were no public comments.

5.) Ordinance 06-09, Version A, an ordinance amending DBC 3.25.020, to increase the amount of overnight accommodations tax.

Daren Nolan, Princess Cruises, quick calculation would be \$350,000 increase this summer.

Teresa Chepoda-Usibelli, spoke against the proposed increase and the effect it would have the smaller businesses. The borough needs to show where and why the money is needed.

Anmarie Boniakowski, Healy resident and small overnight accommodation operator, spoke about the addition of new rooms this year. She suggested putting this on hold another year.

Joann Wallace, Healy resident, spoke in favor of a sales tax instead of constantly doing this to our hotel owners. She would like to see diversification.

6.) Ordinance 06-10, Version A, an ordinance requiring fiscal notes.

Chalie Boddy, applauded the efforts of EVANS to put this forward. It is the responsibility of the borough.

ADJOURNMENT POLLOCK declared the Public Hearing adjourned at 7:19 PM.

ATTEST: SIGNATURE ON FILE APPROVED: SIGNATURE ON FILE
Borough Clerk

Presiding Officer

Date Approved: MAY 10, 2006