

Minutes of the Public Hearing  
Denali Borough Assembly  
Tri-Valley Community Center  
August 8, 2007

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6 CALL TO ORDER Deputy Presiding Officer Gerald POLLOCK called the public hearing to order at  
7 6:45PM.

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9 ROLL CALL Assembly members present: Teresa Hall, Baxter Mercer, Eileen Holmes, Clay Walker,  
10 David Evans, Robert Kohlsdorf, Josh Hockin, Gerald Pollock and Armeda Bulard.  
11 Mayor Talerico was also in attendance.

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13 1.) **ORDINANCE 07-14, VERSION D:** an ordinance amending DB Code titled  
14 Solid Waste.

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16 Gordon Carlson, Cantwell, spoke against version E. He also spoke against the  
17 call out rate. Carlson felt that the car rates should be increased and the landfill  
18 should be open more hours to the public.

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20 2.) **ORDINANCE 07-20, VERSION B:** an ordinance appropriating up to  
21 \$300,000 from the Assembly Budgetary Reserve fro fiscal year 2008.

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23 There were no public comments.

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25 3.) **ORDINANCES 07-17, VERSION B:** an ordinance to amend Chapter 2.20 of  
26 the Denali Borough Code titled Assembly Procedures.

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28 There were no public comments.

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30 4.) **ORDINANCE 07-19, VERSION A:** an ordinance providing for the  
31 establishment and adoption of the classification of borough municipal entitlement  
32 land.

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34 There were no public comments.

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36 5.) **ORDINANCE 07-21, VERSION A:** an ordinance creating title 5, Chapter 5.20  
37 of the Denali Borough Code creating the Board of Adjustment.

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39 There were no public comments.

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41 ADJOURNMENT POLLOCK declared the Public Hearing adjourned at 6:52 PM.

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44 APPROVED: Gerald L. Pollock II  
45 Gerald L Pollock II, Presiding Officer

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47 ATTEST: Gail Pieknik  
48 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

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51 Date Approved: SEPTEMBER 12, 2007  
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CALL TO ORDER Presiding Officer Gerald Pollock called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

ROLL CALL Assembly members present: Gerald Pollock, Armeda Bulard, Teresa Hall, Baxter Mercer, Eileen Holmes, Clay Walker, David Evans, Robert Kohlsdorf, and Josh Hockin. Absent: None. Mayor Talerico was also in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Charlie Loeb, National Park Service, introduced Charlie Rutkowski, Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) to assist the Denali Borough community with formulating a non-profit transit community organization program. CTAA is Washington DC based and they encourage the formulation of non-profit community transportation systems. Rutkowski informed the assembly of the support his organization can provide to the Denali Borough and NPS. Loeb stated that Mayor TALERICO has been working with NPS and the Healy/Denali Chamber of Commerce to encourage the start-up of this system.

Kathie Wasserman, AML Executive Director, Juneau, thanked the Denali Borough Assembly for hosting the summer Alaska Municipal League meeting and encourages the assembly to attend the conference.

Teresa Chepoda Usibelli, Healy, thanked AML for coming, and made comments about the bid process for accommodations for AML conference attendees.

Ann Marie Boniakowski, Healy, stated that there was confusion on the street signs from the highway and requested assembly assistance to fix the problem. When visitors come here it is confusing to them because the sign says Healy Road but it is really the Healy Spur Road.

Gordon Carlson, Cantwell, stated his concerns over DOT reallocation of funds for the Stampede Road, not being used in the borough.

AGENDA HALL MOVED to approve and MERCER seconded. MERCER MOVED to add Teresa Usibelli under section 4 Communication and Appearances, MERCER seconded. HALL moved to amend to add

1 Resolution 07-29. MERCER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
2 The VOTE to approve the agenda as amended was unanimous.  
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4 MINUTES 1.) Assembly Meeting: Public Hearing and Regular Meeting held on  
5 July 11, 2007.  
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7 HALL MOVED to approve the July 11, 2007 minutes and BULARD  
8 seconded. HALL moved to amend to add the moment of silence that  
9 was requested at the previous meeting. MERCER seconded. The  
10 VOTE to approve the minutes was unanimous.  
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12 FINANCIAL 1.) The financial report will be presented at the September meeting.  
13 REPORT  
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15 SEAT  
16 APPOINTMENTS Mayor TALERICO recommended Brad Fabrizio for seat D on the  
17 Assembly Advisory Committee.  
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19 HALL MOVED to approve the recommendation. HOCKIN seconded.  
20 The VOTE was unanimous.  
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22 MAYOR'S Mayor TALERICO gave a report of his activities. The mayor spoke to  
23 REPORT changes to the landfill and the annual DEC inspection report. Mayor  
24 TALERICO updated the assembly on the McNeil land issue. DNR is  
25 proposing some solutions and Mayor TALERICO is working with DNR  
26 to find a solution to this issue.  
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28 The mayor made the following introductions:  
29 Shannon McCarthy, DOT, Public Information Officer.  
30 Anna Plager, DNR, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.  
31 Kathy Wasserman, Alaska Municipal League, Executive Director.  
32 Betty Svensson and Shana Crondahl, Alaska Municipal League staff.  
33 Grier Hopkins, staff member, Senator Thomas' office.  
34 Dana Krawchuk, staff member, Representative Guttenberg's office.  
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36 SCHOOL None  
37 REPORT  
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39 ASSEMBLY HOCKIN no comment  
40 COMMENTS  
41 WALKER thanked everyone for coming out.  
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43 EVANS asked about a recycle center and if staff member Scott  
44 Allen completed a report for the assembly. He also asked for an  
45 update on the sewage lagoon in Anderson. Mayor Talerico stated

1 that the work has started and the city of Anderson will be able to  
2 begin use in September.

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4 MERCER no comment.

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6 BULARD thanked everyone for attending and providing written  
7 materials to the assembly.

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9 KOHLSDORF thanked Brad Fabrizio for accepting an appointment  
10 on the Assembly Advisory Board.

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12 HOLMES thanked Brad Fabrizio and thanked everyone for coming  
13 to the meeting.

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15 HALL no comment.

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18 COMMUNICATION 1.) John Duffy, Mat-Su Borough Manager: Duffy stated that the Mat-  
19 AND Su Borough worked with CTAA and they were very helpful. Duffy  
20 APPEARANCES provided an update on the rail extension from Willow to Port  
21 MacKenzie. The Service Transportation Board will begin a formal  
22 EIS soon. Duffy asked the assembly if they would like to have a  
23 public hearing in the Denali Borough. HALL stated that she would  
24 like to see public hearings. Duffy requested Denali Borough  
25 assistance with a review of the highway bridges in the two boroughs  
26 and a funding source to maintain bridges and highways in our two  
27 communities in response to the Minneapolis bridge collapse. Duffy  
28 gave an update on the ferry, opening in 2009.

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30 2.) Denali Citizens Council presentation regarding Stampede State  
31 Recreation Area. Nancy Bale, DCC president showed the assembly  
32 and public a current map from DNR of the Denali Borough Municipal  
33 Land Entitlement selections. Bale stated the majority of DCC's 450  
34 members are Denali Borough residents. The DCC membership  
35 would like to see current uses preserved in the Stampede Area. A  
36 couple of concerns that DCC has, protection of fish and wildlife  
37 habitat should be noted in Senate Bill 173, reconsider the  
38 boundaries currently in the bill just west of Eight Mile Lake, DCC  
39 would like to add to the boundary current unencumbered within the  
40 state lands. DCC would like to see a town hall meeting with Senator  
41 Thomas and Representative Guttenberg in October. HALL stated  
42 that she agreed that we should have a town hall meeting soon with  
43 our legislators.

1 MERCER stated his opposition to further restrictions on land use in  
2 the wolf townships. HALL concurred.

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4 3.) State of Alaska, DNR, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.  
5 Anna Plager provided a handout to the assembly and the public on  
6 the Chena River State Recreation Area Management Plan. Plager  
7 provided background on her career with DNR and is now in charge  
8 of 16 recreation areas and parks. Plager described the  
9 management of state recreation lands and the Alaska Administrative  
10 Code.

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12 KOHLSDORF asked Plager how the Stampede Recreation Area  
13 would be managed. Plager stated that a management plan would  
14 determine uses and a ranger station would be established. DNR  
15 utilizes volunteers extensively. HALL asked if the Chena River  
16 State Recreation Area Management Plan is online. Neal Laugman,  
17 Panguingue Creek resident, asked Plager how the recreation area  
18 would be funded. Plager explained the funding methodology of her  
19 division. Amanda Austin, Panguingue Creek Subdivision resident,  
20 asked if this area was established would funding be included.  
21 Plager stated if the bill goes with a fiscal note some funds will be set  
22 aside to provide basic startup operations.

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24 4.) Teresa Chepoda Usibelli, Healy, spoke to the letter she sent the  
25 assembly regarding the DOT improvements. Usibelli supports the  
26 enhancement of a community trail system and mentioned some  
27 available grant funding sources for trails. Chepoda Usibelli supports  
28 the Healy Town Center concept as presented by Charlie Loeb in the  
29 Gateway communities' presentation.

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31 BREAK The presiding officer called a break at 8:25 PM. The meeting  
32 reconvened at 8:40 PM.

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35 ORDINANCES 1.) **ORDINANCE 07-18, VERSION A:** An ordinance amending  
36 Denali Borough Code Ordinances, Chapter 3.05.040 titled Budget  
37 Generally, Budget Expenditures by adding Subsection E.

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39 HOCKIN MOVED to reintroduce and enter on the minutes  
40 Ordinance 07-18, version A, HALL seconded. HALL felt that this  
41 ordinance deserves a public hearing. The roll call VOTE was 6-3.  
42 EVANS, POLLOCK and KOHLSDORF opposed. The MOTION  
43 passes.  
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1 HOCKIN MOVED to introduce. HALL seconded. The roll call VOTE  
2 was 6-3. KOHLSDORF, POLLOCK and EVANS opposed. Motion  
3 passes.  
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5 HALL MOVED to postpone to the next meeting, HOCKIN seconded.  
6 The VOTE was unanimous.  
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8 PENDING  
9 ORDINANCES

1.) **ORDINANCE 07-14, VERSION D:** An ordinance amending DB  
Code titled Solid Waste.

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11 MERCER MOVED to adopt and WALKER seconded.  
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13 MERCER MOVED to change the tipping fee from \$ 90 to \$ 95 per  
14 ton. EVANS seconded. Gordon Carlson stated his concerns about  
15 how many borough residents don't know about the fee changes.  
16 MERCER stated that he thought the \$90 to \$95 fee change was not  
17 substantial enough to hold another public hearing. EVANS,  
18 WALKER and HOCKIN concurred. The VOTE was 8-1. HALL  
19 opposed. HALL MOVED to amend Section 3, effective date to  
20 January 1, 2008. HOLMES seconded. The VOTE was 8-1.  
21 KOHLSDORF opposed. Further discussion ensued. HALL called  
22 the question. The roll call VOTE to adopt as amended was  
23 unanimous.  
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25 2.) **ORDINANCE 07-20, VERSION A:** An ordinance  
26 appropriating up the \$300,000 from the assembly budgetary reserve  
27 for fiscal year 2008.  
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29 MERCER MOVED to substitute Version B for Version A,  
30 KOHLSDORF seconded. Discussion ensued. The VOTE was  
31 unanimous. MERCER MOVED to postpone to the next meeting,  
32 KOHLSDORF seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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34 3.) **ORDINANCE 07-17, VERSION B:** An ordinance to amend  
35 Chapter 2.20 of the Denali Borough Code titled Assembly  
36 Procedures.  
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38 MERCER MOVED to substitute Version C for Version B. EVANS  
39 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. Discussion ensued.  
40 MERCER MOVED to adopt. EVANS seconded. The roll call VOTE  
41 was unanimous.  
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43 4.) **ORDINANCE 07-19, VERSION A:** an ordinance providing for  
44 the establishment and adoption of the classification of borough  
45 municipal entitlement land.

1 MERCER MOVED for adoption, HALL seconded. KOHLSDORF  
2 asked about the Panguingue Creek area. Mayor TALERICO spoke  
3 to the ordinance. Discussion followed. Charlie Loeb stated that he  
4 is in support of the mayor's recommendation. The roll call VOTE  
5 was unanimous.  
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7 5.) **ORDINANCE 07-21, VERSION A:** An ordinance creating Title  
8 5, Chapter 5.20 of the Denali Borough Code creating Board of  
9 Review and Adjustments.

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11 MERCER MOVED to adopt, HALL seconded. Teresa Chepoda  
12 Usibelli, Healy, questioned the \$75 preparation fee. Jo Ramos,  
13 Healy, stated her concerns about how would the assembly consider  
14 a destitute case? POLLOCK stated that it may not be an issue.  
15 WALKER stated his concerns. KOHLSDORF stated his concerns  
16 about how the board will work. Mayor TALERICO explained.  
17 Borough Clerk Pieknik stated according to the DBC that the mayor  
18 decides fee waivers and therefore would be in a situation of conflict  
19 if voting on the boards. MERCER MOVED to change Section  
20 5.02.070 (B) striking the sentence "The Mayor will act as the ex  
21 officio member." HALL seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
22 HALL MOVED to strike 5.20.080, remove item B. BULARD  
23 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. The roll call VOTE to adopt  
24 as amended was 8 in favor and KOHLSDORF opposed.  
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## 26 RESOLUTIONS

27 1.) **RESOLUTION 07-29:** A resolution supporting the designation  
28 of the George A Parks Highway from Healy to Fairbanks as a  
29 State Scenic Byway.  
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31 HALL moved to approve. HOCKIN seconded. MERCER stated his  
32 observations of scenic byways. The roll call VOTE was unanimous.  
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## 34 OTHER 35 BUSINESS

36 1.) Mayor Talerico's Annual Work Plan per DBC 4.10.030, and  
37 Three Year Plan for municipal land management.

38 Mayor TALERICO requested the assembly's input on the annual  
39 work plan by the September assembly meeting. Mayor TALERICO  
40 stated that the assembly must review and approve the three year  
41 plan per the Denali Borough Code. The mayor pointed out the  
42 conditions of sale for the Panguingue Creek MLE lands. EVANS  
43 supported a conditional sale of the MLE lots and that the borough  
44 needs to encourage settlement not land speculation. HALL  
45 mentioned the lack of the borough affordable housing. MERCER  
likes the idea of a sealed bid, however, stagger the land sales.

1 Further discussion ensued about the land sales and how best to  
2 handle. HALL suggested that these items be added to next month's  
3 work session. HALL MOVED to add the work plans as the first  
4 agenda item for the September meeting, HOLMES seconded. The  
5 VOTE was unanimous.

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7 6.) Public Comments.

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9 Gordon Carlson, Cantwell, supported the assembly having meetings  
10 in all four communities.

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12 Scott Allen asked if a work session would be scheduled for a landfill  
13 finance discussion. A work session was scheduled for September  
14 26, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

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16 Teresa Chepoda Usibelli, requested a PA system be purchased for  
17 public meetings. Usibelli requested a motion to support a trail  
18 system.

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20 MERCER MOVED to have Mayor TALERICO request that DOT add  
21 monies for a trail system as part of the 2008 road work project.  
22 HOCKIN seconded. Discussion ensued. The VOTE was  
23 unanimous.

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25 ASSEMBLY  
26 COMMENTS

HALL requested that all assembly members attend the AML  
conference committee meetings this week.

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28 HOLMES concurred with HALL.

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30 KOHLSDORF no comment

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32 BULARD stated the importance of attending the AML meetings  
33 and thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight.

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35 POLLOCK reported on the Denali National Park road trip.

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37 MERCER stated concerns about the fence removal in Cantwell.  
38 MERCER requested that the mayor research what the intent is of  
39 the University of Fairbanks. MERCER asked about the Emergency  
40 Services Director position. Mayor TALERICO stated that there  
41 were two applicants and Rusty Lasell was hired.

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43 BULARD stated her concerns about the university's research  
44 activities in the Cantwell area.

1 EVANS stated his concerns about the due process of adopting  
2 ordinances.

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4 WALKER had no comments.

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6 HOCKIN thanked Teresa Chepoda Usibelli for bringing up the trail  
7 issue. HOCKIN stated that he thought the highway rehab project  
8 would begin in 2009.

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10 Mayor TALERICO reported on First National Bank of Alaska's  
11 upcoming visit to the borough on August 22, 2007.

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13 HOLMES thanked the borough for the new vests.

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16 NEXT MEETING 1.) The next regular meeting will be held in McKinley Village on  
17 **September 12, 2007**. Assembly work session 6:00PM, public  
18 hearing 6:45PM, and regular meeting to follow.

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20 2.) Work session on solid waste, **September 26, 2007** at 7:00 pm at  
21 Tri-Valley Community Center.

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23 3.) Joint work session with the Mat-Su Borough Assembly on either  
24 **October 12 or 13, 2007**, Mayor TALERICO will contact Mat-Su for a  
25 definite date and report back.

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27 ADJOURN. The presiding officer declared the regular meeting adjourned at 9:59  
28 PM.

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32 APPROVED: Gerald L. Pollock II  
33 Gerald L Pollock II, Presiding Officer

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37 ATTEST: Gail Pieknik  
38 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

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41 Date Approved: SEPTEMBER 12, 2007