

## MEETING Minutes

**Date & Time of Meeting:** May 12, 2021 12:00 PM AST  
**Location of Meeting:** Microsoft Teams  
**Purpose:** Monthly Meeting

### Meeting Summary / Comments:

The purpose of this meeting is to update the membership on ASCE activities and give an opportunity for continuing education credit. The presentation is on the proposed West Susitna Access Road Project. Presenters are Wescott Bott, PE and Jesse Peterson with AIDE.

### Discussion Items:

#### 1) Branch Items

- a) President Report – Matthew Coburn, P.E.
  - i) Scholarship update provided by Beth Madison, PE: 2021 Scholarships issued to:
    - \* Samuel VanderWeele, from Palmer HS. Planning on studying mechanical engineering at Wichita State University in Kansas.
    - \* Jillian Holland, from Mat-Su Middle College. Planning on studying civil engineering (water resources) at UAA.
  - ii) Branch Plans for the summer season. Golf Tournament not being held. Donations will still be accepted toward the Scholarship fund. Other fundraising opportunities ideas are being would be appreciated.
  - iii) Next meeting date is set for September 8, 2021.
- b) Treasurer Report – Tae Voight, EIT
  - i) Current Balance is: \$4184.67 No petty cash on hand.
  - ii) Anticipated Expenditures: None at this time
  - i) Gift Card draw winners: Ori Miller for March and Jason M for April.
- b) Secretary Report – Steve Rowland, P.E.

Nothing to report
- c) Subsidiary Organization and Committees
  - i) Program Committee
    - (1) We are always looking for presentation ideas. If you would like to present or have an idea for a presentation contact Jamie Taylor at [Jamie.Taylor@matsugov.us](mailto:Jamie.Taylor@matsugov.us)
  - ii) Outreach
    - (1) None currently planned.
    - (2) Committee Chairman position is vacant, and we need a volunteer.

#### 2) National/Regional/Section Items of Interest?

- a) National: Tor Anderzen contributed latest news. Elections are this month.  
Infrastructure Report Card in process.

- Workgroup to recognize 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ALCAN Highway completion
- b) Regional: None provided
  - c) Section: None provided
- 3) Other Business
- a) Check out our website which will include meeting links! <http://branches.asce.org/mat-su/>
  - b) Member Comments :
- 4) Presentation:

***Jesse Peterson***  
***Senior Manager for Project Finance & Asset Management Group for AIDEA***  
***&***  
***Wescott Bott, PE with HDR***  
***Project Manger***

Title:  
***West Susitna Access Road***

The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA), in coordination with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) and industry partners, is in the pre-development planning stage for a multi-use public access road leading to resource development opportunities west of the Susitna River and in the Skwentna River valley. The proposed project is called the West Susitna Access Road and its purpose is to diversify the state and borough economy and lead to job creation. The project is currently at the preliminary engineering stage and future work plans include environmental baseline studies, advancement of engineering, identification of alternatives, and initiation of the NEPA process.

Meeting adjourned at 1305 AST

**Attendance:**

TP Parks, Trent

PM Peter Mamrol

RH Robert Halcomb

SG Stafford Glashan

TV Tae Voight(Guest)

TA Tim Alley

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PA Andy Adams, PE (Guest)

BM Beth Madison\" (Guest)

**WB Bott, Wescott**

DB Danielle Bischoff

DD David Darrington

JT Jamie Taylor  
Organizer

**JP Jesse Peterson**

JC Josh Cross

KE Kiana Eller

LK Lyon Kopsack (Guest)

MS Maria Sanders (Guest)

MC Matthew Coburn (Guest)

MS Micah Schoming

TP Parks, Trent