



Municipality of Anchorage

Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission

Action Summary

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

12:00 Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Planning and Development Center
and via Microsoft Teams
(Hybrid)

Regular Meeting

Commissioners	MOA Staff	Guests
• Emily Creely, Chair • Lee Cruise * • Maddie Halloran * • Nic Kinsman * • Matt Nemeth * • Samantha Simpson (<i>Excused</i>) • Rick Sinnott Virtual *	• Michael Nti Ababio, Long-Range Planning • Kenna Billups, Watershed Management, PME • Aubrey Schoneboom, Watershed Management, PME • Greg Soule, Development Services • Paul LaFrance, Private Development, DSD • Steve Ellis, Private Development, DSD • CJ Weed, Private Development, DSD • Tiffany Briggs, Real Estate* • Ryan Yelle, Heritage Land Bank, RED* • Emma Giboney, Heritage Land Bank, RED*	• Glenn Ball, American Landscaping LLC* • Ryan Kingsbery, 3-Tier Alaska* • Alice McKnight, 3-Tier Alaska* • Ryan Thomas, Great Land Trust*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Creely called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

A. Establishment of Quorum

Staff determined quorum was established after the roll call.

B. Disclosures

Chair Creely disclosed that her employer, DOWL, is under term contract with the Municipality and would most likely be undertaking the Phase II update of the Anchorage Wetlands Management Plan.

II. MINUTES

A. October 22, 2025, Regular Meeting

Commissioner Sinnott moved for approval of the minutes. **Commissioner Cruise** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (*none*)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. WNRAC Case No. 2026-01, Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) Case No. 2026-0036, the Anchorage Wetlands Management Plan Update, Phase I

1. WNRAC Resolution No. 2026-01, Supporting AWMP Update, Phase 1

Commissioner Sinnott moved for approval of Resolution No. 2026-01.

Commissioner Cruise seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. WNRAC Case No. 2026-02, Wetland Permit Application for Laurel Acres Subdivision, Block 9, Lot 1. Approved Jurisdictional Determination

Chair Creely called for a discussion of the permit application given it is the first ever to come before the Commission. The Commission discussed the permit for about 45 minutes, and staff and the applicant's representatives answered the Commission's questions.

Commissioner Sinnott made a motion to put a hold on the Commission's recommendation of WNRAC Case No. 2026-02 to allow agencies within the Municipality to review the permit and comment. **Commissioner Holloran** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Election of Officers

1. Election of Chair

Chair Creely nominated herself for Chair of the Commission, but the vote failed because a commissioner had stepped away from the meeting, so the fifth vote was not secured. The election of officers was suspended until the next meeting.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (*none*)

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF REPORT

A. Commission Vacancies (2)

Staff reminded commissioners to recommend names to the administration for appointments to the Commission.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.