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# Alaska Exploration & Mining Company

Pullman, Washington  
December 14, 1933

Mr. H. W. Nagley  
Talkeetna, Alaska

Dear Mr. Nagley:

When we left Alaska I promised to let you know the results of some of our conferences and efforts that we were making to procure road appropriations for the district in and around Talkeetna. You are familiar with most of the efforts that we made in this line, until you left us at Valdez. Will say that you or I, one or both, of us forgot to bring your copies of the petition that we had prepared on that trip; however, I had one copy that had many signatures on it and made use of it. We were both fortunate and unfortunate at Juneau. Wagner and I failed to make contact with Ike Taylor there, but we were lucky in that Governor Troy boarded our boat on his way to the states.

Through Mr. Murray's efforts we were able to get a conference with the Governor while on the boat. In that conference we stressed the need of roads to our properties which included Peters Creek, Alaska Exploration, and Cash Creek, and we had a very favorable reaction from the Governor; in fact, he made special efforts to have arrangements made whereby we could meet and talk with Ike Taylor on his arrival in Seattle on the boat following ours. That conference with Taylor was duly carried out a week later, and the results are that we have a promise for road development through this whole district. Naturally these promises for roads are contingent to some extent on the appropriations that are coming up. The Governor informed us that road building in Alaska had been placed upon a six-year development plan and that they were in hopes that they would be able to speed that development up some. The road referred to has been placed in the budget of the road commission to receive \$150,000 for this development program.

In the conference with the Governor, the problem of immediate work in the Talkeetna district was taken up. Mr. Murray and the rest of us had outlined a little work that we suggested might be done this winter on the N.R.A. program, which would give employment to ten or twelve men out <sup>near</sup> Talkeetna. The suggestions were favorably received, but I have not heard whether or not they were carried out. I am in hopes that the men are there by this time.

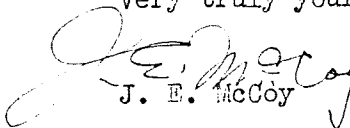
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Mr. H. W. Nagley  
December 14, 1933

I think it might be well to outline to you, so that you can communicate to all others interested in this road project, the things that we have requested, and that we feel are likely to be put over on this development. After discussing the whole thing thoroughly with Mr. Murray, and we had already discussed it with the Peters Creek people, we all fully decided that the most feasible and economical course ~~of~~ this road would be to take a route from the Peters Creek Bridge up the creek on the gravel benches to Peters Creek Camp; from there, follow the road as it is now used to Elwell Cabin; then cross Peters Creek in a direction toward our Bird Creek property until the Cash Creek summit is reached, and from there continue the road down Cash Creek to the Cash Creek Camp. Thus all efforts at development will be put on one road only, and this one road would serve practically all of the mining camps in the whole district. Mr. Murray brought out that the abandonment of the road from the Peters Creek Bridge around to Cash Creek as it is now used, would not cause anyone any inconvenience for there is no one on that section of the road who is actively engaged in mining or even prospecting; hence, it would be lots cheaper and more economical to put the road around as proposed. Mr. Taylor said in conference that he expected to put men in and survey the proposed route from Peters Creek Bridge to Peters Creek Camp, just as soon as the snow was off so that they could work and so of course the expectations are that work will start immediately following that.

I thought it would be a very good idea to let you and others interested in Talkeetna know exactly what we had planned and what we were asking for, because it is only by the help of all and the unified action toward a definite program that we can expect to get the best results. Hope that this proposition appeals to you and Tom, and all of the others concerned in Talkeetna. Surely ~~would~~ <sup>should</sup> be agreeable to McDonald because it passes right through the property that he is interested in.

We are getting along very busily out here this winter, preparing for our return to Alaska and getting finances in shape to take care of the Coffield and Carlson property. At the present time our expectation is to land in Talkeetna in time to do our freighting as usual, up to the Placer camp. I presume that as usual you are very busy taking care of all of the activities of the Commercial Club, the Kiwanis, Good Fellowship, and all other civic activities of Talkeetna. Surely hope that you are enjoying it as much as you did the social activities on our trip out. Give my best to friend; Tom and Jack and other inquiring parties in Talkeetna.

Very truly yours,

  
J. E. McCoy

INTERIOR WAR DEPARTMENT

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

JUNEAU, ALASKA

January 9, 1934

Mr. H. W. Magler  
Tolkeetna, Alaska

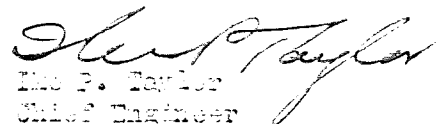
Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 29th enclosing a petition for the extension of the present road up Peters Creek to Cache Creek.

You are advised that this project has been included among others submitted to the Public Works Administration requesting additional funds for roads in Alaska. As yet no action has been taken on this request and it is not known at this time whether additional funds for these projects will be made available.

Unless additional Public Works funds are made available especially for this project it will not be possible to extend the road as our normal appropriation is available only for maintenance and minor improvements.

Very truly yours,

  
Eric P. Taylor  
Chief Engineer

INTERIOR WAR DEPARTMENT  
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION  
JUNEAU, ALASKA

January 22, 1934

Mr. Jack Devault, Secretary  
Talkeetna Commercial Club  
Talkeetna, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter to Dr. Smith which was referred to the Governor's Office has been referred to this office for reply.

You are advised that the project to extend the present Cache Creek road up Peters Creek to Cache Creek has been included in a program of road construction submitted to the Administration of Public Works. As yet, no funds have been allotted for this project and it is not known at this time what action will be taken. It is evident, however, at this time that our regular funds will be sufficient only for maintenance of the existing system and the extension of the Cache Creek road cannot be performed unless funds are made available by the Public Works Administration.

It is noted that you state that the balance of roads in the Territory obtained funds for work. This is not entirely correct. There were a number of projects, however, for which funds were definitely allocated by the Public Works. This group did not include all the meritorious projects by any means and it was necessary for the Road Commission to expend these funds on the projects to which they were definitely allocated.

Very truly yours,

*Ike P. Taylor*  
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Chief Engineer

Officers  
Carl Almy, Pres.  
R. E. Krautter, Vice-Pres.  
M. H. Hooley, Secretary  
C. A. Anderson, Treas.

# Calkeetna Commercial Club

Calkeetna, Alaska

Board of Directors  
J. F. Major  
Robert McIntosh  
J. F. Ferguson  
W. A. Johnson  
Thomas Wetherell

JANUARY 14th, 1919.

Minutes read and report of Sec. stood approved of meeting Jan. 7, 1919.

Report of Treasurer made, and stood approved.

## SIC. REPORT.

25 present at last meeting of Club.

7.00 taken in, and turned over to Treasurer.

5 new members admitted. Total membership pd. up, 40 members.

Roads and Trails committee reported, and approved.

Pertaining to roads-&trails committee, as to the erection of three relief cabins on the Cache-cr trail, the Sec. was instructed and empowered, ~~xx~~ by motion made and carried, to take the matter up with the Territorial Road Commissioner, James E. Wilson, of Valdez, in order to receive further consideration in the matter.

Judge Coffey ~~xxxxxxx~~ discussed the ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ Iron Creek trail matter, especially pertaining to the immediate securing of the cable for Sheep-cr. and made the generous offer to assist in getting benefits for that vicinity, by communicating with Shonbeck and others; motion made and carried that his offer be accepted, with the thanks of the Club.

Motion made and carried that Mr. Major of the Publicity Committee, be instructed to construct the ore cabinet, size to be 3X5 feet, glass doors, and with 4 shelves, bill for same to be presented to Club for payment as soon as completed.

Motion made and carried that the Sec. take the matter up with the Postoffice Department at Wash. D. C. in reference to securing mail service for the Cache Creek district; also to submit a signed petition in support of same.

Judge Coffee and W.M. Peltier spoke on good of the organization, and their remarks were very favorably received, and appreciated by this Club.

Motion made and carried that meeting Adjourn until next regular meeting night, Jan. 21, at 8-30 p.m.

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H.R.B. Sec.

Officers

Carl Almy, Pres.  
R. E. Krautler, Vice-Pres.  
H. H. Healy, Secretary  
C. A. Anderson, Treas.

# Talkeetna Commercial Club

Talkeetna, Alaska

Board of Directors

J. F. Major  
Robert McIntosh  
J. F. Ferguson  
W. A. Johnson  
Thomas Wetherell

Talkeetna Monday, 20th, 1919.

Minutes read and stood approved, of meeting held Jan. 14, 1919.

Report of Treasurer made and stood approved,

Secretary's report made and stood approved,

5 new members admitted to membership. Redwoodé included.

Roads and trails committee reported and stood approved; and Judge J.F. Coffey made a member of said committee, by the chair. Committee on Relief reported and stood approved, by submitting the ~~xxxxx~~ Total cost of sending for body on Susitna river, said cost to be \$300. and Sec. requested to answer the telegram of Gov. Riggs accordingly in order to obtain funds.

bills presented and ordered paid (stationary) copy paper.

Secretary reported that envelopes were needed, and it was ordered that same be ~~xxxxxxx~~ sent for at once, with the phrase ALASKA ~~XXXX~~ CAN PAY THE NATIONAL WAR DEPT to be printed on the face of same.

Moved and carried that regular meetings be held at 8 p.m. instead of 8-30 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, that Mr. Pennington be appointed a Com. of 1 to write a letter to the Nenana News, informing said newspaper of the conditions generally, pertaining to his trip out over the trail, as well as other information for the best interest of this district; the motion was carried.

Motion made by Mr. Ryan that the Talkeetna C. Club take the matter up with the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce in reference to co-operation towards the improvement of the Talkeetna-Nenana trail from Indian R. North, to-wit: That the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce be asked to furnish provisions ~~xxxxxxx~~, supplies etc., and that the Talkeetna People will furnish the required labor for such work. Motion carried.

Regarding the GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Pennington, Mr. Laughlin, Mr. Coonay, and Judge Coffey, made very interesting as well as informing ~~xxxxx~~ remarks.

Secretary reported that the Cache cr. mail petition was out for the required number of signatures, and that as yet the P.M. General had not been written to as requested, in order to obtain such service.

Secretary reported that he had written a letter and sent a telegram re. relief cabins to be constructed on Cache cr. trail. That with the valuable assistance of Judge Coffey and Mr. Brannon, said matter

Meeting held Tues. 4th, 1919, at the Harper house.

Minutes of meeting Feb. 25th, read and stood approved.

Report of Treasurer made and stood approved, stating that there was \$40.40 on hand this date, in the Treasury.

Report of Secretary made and stood approved.

Two new members admitted to membership, Mr. Carl Larson, and John H. Robinson.

Dog race committee reported \$36.50 to be turned over to the Club's Treasurer as a successful result of getting up the race from Talkeetna to Dead Horse and return, a distance of 46 miles. Date of race March 2, 1919.

Wm. S. Brown, as a committee of one to communicate with J.F. Coffey at Anchorage; requesting Mr. Coffey to see Eames regarding the Interior mail service to be taken over this route, reports that Eames was not in Anchorage but in Cordova, and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the matter was not taken up.

Further action pertaining to the Cache creek mail service petition was left to the Post master, T.P. Weatherell, as Mr. Weatherell stated that he had received a request, regarding residents of Cache creek, that same be marked in order that the Dept. would know. ~~xxx~~

Payment of dues; \$55 dollars collected from members, and turned over to the Treasurer. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Bills to be presented for payment; none.

Motion made and carried that the dog race committee be extended a vote of thanks by the Club for their ~~xxxx~~ successful undertaking, and that they be honorable discharged ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Publicity committee reports having received 1000 advertising booklets from the printing office, and a motion was made and carried that said committee retain charge of same, to distribute without waste in the best possible manner for the benefit of the country, as they see fit.

Regarding the Communication received from the Nenana Chamber of Commerce, requesting this organization to assist in securing through telephone service to connect up both ends from Indian to Nenana, the subject was thoroughly considered, and it was decided to let the matter rest for the time being, considering the financial position of the A.E.C., The subject however meeting with the approval of this Club, and it was expressed that the matter be taken up at a more appropriate time than now.

Motion made and carried that a committee be appointed to communicate with the Telephone sup't. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ John Longacre, at Anchorage, regarding the possibility of installing a telephone on the Cache Creek side of the rivers. Committee as follows,

J.F. Coffey,

J.H. Robinson,

Ed. Lee.

Roads and trails committee reports that they have taken up the matter of improving the Talkeetna Nenana trail at several points, with the road house keepers.

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J.F. Coffey of the roads and trails committee reported that while in Anchorage recently, he talked for roads and trails for this part of the district.

Relief committee- no report.

Social Committee, no report.

Good of organization: Mr. Robinson gave an instructing interesting talk covering conditions in Alaska at this time, and pointing out the importance of advertising this section of Alaska.

Moved and motion carried that Club adjourn until next regular meeting night, Mar. 11th, 1919.

H.R.B. Sec.

*Approved. W. H. H. H.*

Special meeting Mar. 19th, at the hotel.

Minutes read and stood approved, after being corrected.

Regarding the Iron creek cable: Bids received for transportation as follows:-

Transportation,

C.F. Hall,	45.00
T.L. Owens,	75.00
Ed. Lee,	50.00
G.L. Kennedy,	48.00

Hall the lowest.

Construction,

C.F. Hall,	150.00
T.L. Owens,	225.00
G.L. Kennedy,	150.00

Moved and carried that the Committee be empowered to act for the Club, in sending the above said bids by telegram immediately, and to send letter containing bids as received in writing, with full particulars.

J.F. Coffey and W.S. Brown, offered their services in posting a sign board on the Iron creek trail, near the grade.

Moved and motion carried that Club adjourn.

H.R.E. Sec.

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Meeting held at the Hotel, March 11th, 1919.

Minutes of meeting held March 4th, read and stood approved.

Four new members admitted to the Club. \$18.00 collected in dues. Twenty members present.

Chas. Mack reports that the Treasurer, Rob't. McIntosh turned over to him all funds and records to be turned over to the Club.

Report of Committees:-

Regarding the Cache creek mail petition, T.P. Weatherell reports that he had written James a letter on the last mail covering information requested xx, regarding the number of Cache Creek operators in the district, etc.

The Telephone committee reported that they were securing figures and information in general for the Telephone Dept. That Mr. Ed. Connors representing said Dept. was in town to look into the matter, and it was stated that the Dept. be guaranteed the sum of \$5.00 per month for the use of the phone. The Committee was instructed to continue with their good work, and make their reports accordingly.

Motion made and 2nd that the Club support the above Committee by guaranteeing the sum of \$5.00 per month xxx as requested by the Telephone Dept. Motion carried.

Bills presented for payment as follows: Circulars \$16.00, stamps, \$2.50- Mail carrier from train to P.O. & return, \$5.00- Motion made and carried that the same be paid by the Treasurer.

Standing Committees:

Roads & Trail Committee reports that the sum of twenty dollars is needed immediately to do repair work on on the Talkeetna Nenana trail. Motion made and carried that the Committee endeavor to get the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce to put up half the amount, and that this Commercial Club pay the other half.

Relief Committee: no report.

Social Committee: no report.

Publicity Committee reports that there are about 200 circulars left on hand; that there has been 200 sent to the various towns in Alaska, and ~~xxxxxx~~ many to the Cities in the States; to the Steam-ship and R.R. Companies, and some to Canada.

Motion made that the Office of Treasurer be declared vacant, and that the Club proceed to elect a new Treasurer. Motion carried.

Chas Mack being the only nominee for Treasurer was duly elected.

Moved and 2nd that Secretary be requested to send a telegram to the territorial road Commissioner, regarding cache creek relief cabins and Iron creek ferry cable across sheep creek.

Mr. Grier, just from Seward, mentioned that he heard from good authority that it was the intention to spend some money this next Summer, on the Cache-cr. trail by the Alaska Road Commission; and that Sup't. Eide of Seward, was strongly in favor of completing the wagon road to said district. Mr. Frank Robinson, also reports that the said trail would in all probability receive favorable consideration in

regarded in a favorable light, and that this district would be getting its share of attention in the near future.

Total amount taken in by the Club at this meeting, in dues and new membership, \$22.00. With the sum of \$81.85 turned over to the New Treasurer Chas. Mack, thus making total on hand this date, \$103.85.

*\$103.85 being ~~the~~ turned over to the Treasurer, Chas Mack.*

Moved and carried that meeting adjourn until next regular meeting night, Tues. March 18th.

H.R.B. Sec.

*Approved  
March 18, 1919  
H.R.B.*

Meeting held March 18th, at the Hotel.

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Minutes of meeting held March 11th, read and stood approved.

Proposition for membership- One new member admitted. (B.F. McNaught) pd. 1.00)

The sum of \$12.50 collected as follows for the Treasury:- \$10.00 from the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, 1.00 for one membership- 1.00 for dues, .50 for two .25 fines, for being late at the meeting, the names not being mentioned, as a matter of courtesy, collected to cover the names of S.S. Bettman, and Ed Lee; at the request of Bettman. (see meeting Mar. 19, 1919)  
Report of Secretary / ---

Telegram from road commissioner Wilson read, regarding Iron cr. cable, and the bill for sending same, being presented, amounting to 2.10 was ordered paid by the Club.

Payment of monthly dues: 1.00 collected.

Unfinished business: Motion made and carried that the Club immediately appropriate the sum of \$10.00- as authorized at meeting of March 11th, for work on Talkeetna-Nenana trail, same to be turned over to the Committee in Charge.

Regarding the Iron creek cable: motion made and carried that the Committee Post notices advertising for sealed bids for transportation and construction of cable system across Sheep-creek. Notices to be posted in four conspicuous places in town. Said committee to draw up the specification, and submit all details to a Special meeting of the Club to be held at the hall at 8 p.m. March 19th.

Talkeetna-Nenana trail, re-considered, B.F. McNaught reporting that he had done considerable work on the trail, that same proved satisfactory to the travelers. Motion made and carried that the sum of twenty dollars be paid to Mr. McNaught as payment in full for said work, as authorized meeting of March 11th.

New business:-

Motion made that the by-laws be amended to provide for the weekly meetings to be held Monday instead of Tuesday evenings. Motion withdrawn.

J.F. Coffey reports that Mr. Tewkesbury, is now in charge of the local land Department of the A.F.C. that Mr. Tewkesbury reports that the plat of this townsite has been approved by the Land Office and now awaits the signature of the President of the U.S. That it is the intention to get action thereafter as soon as possible regarding sale of lots; that the intention was to place this townsite on the market on the same plan as Wasilla.

*5/2 50 collected & Journal run & Treasurer.*

Moved that Club adjourn, motion carried.

H.R.E. Sec.

*Journal*

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*approved with the committee that the fund of money be equated*

Regular Meeting held at Brown's pool room Mar. 25, 1919.

Minutes of Special meeting held at the hotel Mar. 19th read and stood approved.

New membership- as follows admitted to Club: J.F. Luttrell, Ole R. Dahl, Al H. Wolf, Thos. Harris, A.A. Andersen, A.E. Andresen, Fred Pedersen, Geo. Nacy, F.M. Brown. Total number, nine.

Sec. report made stood approved.

J.F. Coffey as a Com. of one reports that he and F.S. Brown, had placed a sign board on the Iron creek trail, near the grade.

J.F. Coffey as the telephone committee, rendered his report regarding the Cache creek telephone across rivers. Same being approved and accepted by the Club.

Regarding the above telephone report, MOTION made and carried that the Club immediately buy all material for construction of the telephone as mentioned in the report, amounting to the sum of \$75.93, upon the assurance that Mr. Harris of the Dredging Co. puts up the purchase money. Said money to be but up, providing the Club pays all other expenses, such as placing of poles etc.

Trails & roads committee submits bill amounting to \$2.50 for cost of sending telegram to Road Commissioner Wilson, regarding bids received for Iron Creek cable. Bill approved and ordered paid.

Relief Com; no report.

Social Com; no report.

Publicity Com: no report.

Communications read by Sec.

Motion made and 2nd that a petition be sent to James I. Wilson, the Territorial road commissioner, for funds this season, for the Cache Creek trail. After some statements by the members and the trails & Roads Committee, the motion was placed on the table.

New business: none.

Payment of dues. the following paid their monthly dues., in advance:

J.F. Luttrell,  
Ole R. Dahl,  
Al H. Wolf,  
Thos. Harris,  
A.A. Andersen,  
A.E. Andresen,  
Fred Pedersen,  
Geo. Nacy,  
F.M. Brown.

Amount collected and turned over to the Treasurer, \$25.50

Good of Organization: some remarks, and Club adjourned until next meeting.

H.R.D. Sec.

*admitted Mar. 25-1919*

Meeting held April 1, in rear of O's racks Pool room.

Minutes of meeting held March 25th, read and stood approved.

New-Membership- as follows admitted to Club: L.A. Powless, Arthur Paul, C.J. Sullivan, C.A. Anderson. Total 4.

Payment of dues: made and turned over to treasury.

Sec. report made and stood approved.

Treasurers report made stating that he had \$23.02 on hand in addition to \$75.95 advanced for telephone, but to be returned to Club as to report of Committee, meeting Mar. 25, 1919. Report stood approved.

Through Chairman Coffey of the Telephone Committee, report was made that the sum of \$75.95 was paid to the Commission for the telephones wire etc., that the same had been received from Anchorage, and recommended further ~~xxxxx~~, ~~xx~~ action to be taken by the Club in the immediate construction across the rivers. Report stood approved.

Roads and trails committee: Mr. J. C. Murray of the committee, reports that he was given to understand that the A.R. Com. intended to spend about \$55,000 the coming summer on the cache cr. trail, and that the Territorial road Commissioners intended to spend about 15,000 on the same trail; also ~~xx~~ the Iron creek trail to be improved some.

Relief Com- no report.

Social Com- no report.

Publicity Com- no report.

Secretary read all communications received ~~xxx~~.

Bills to be pd. G.L. Kennedy for mail service, and hauling telephone from train, total \$9.00- ordered to be paid by the Club.

Unfinished business- Regarding the Telephone, motion made and carried that there be two more members placed on the Telephone committee, and that the committee be authorized to hire the necessary labor, etc., in constructing telephones across the rivers from Talkeetna, to supervise the work of same. The Secretary to ~~xxxxxx~~ write Thos Harris a letter advising him that the Club had advanced the purchase amount and requesting the sum of \$75.95 to be returned to the Club.

Com. as follows:

J.F. Coffey,

G.L. Kennedy,

J. Ferguson.

Motion made and 2nd, that the Club immediately select a location in town for the installation of the telephone, by bids, or any other way the Club sees fit. Motion withdrawn.

New Business:- Regarding the Iron creek cable, Cliff Hall was awarded the contract to transport same to Sheep creek from Talkeetna, as to letter from Wilson, the same ~~xxxxx~~ turned over to the roads Com.

Total amount collected at the meeting and turned over to the Treasurer, \$11.50 same being Membership fees and monthly dues.

Moved ~~xxx~~ that Club adjourn. A.R.E.

*Approved - as read -*