

John Bennett

From: John Bennett
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 8:40 AM
To: 'Quigley, Ryan L (DOT)'; Sowerwine, James E (DOT)
Cc: Fuglestad, Eric P (DOT); Karen Tilton
Subject: RE: SLEs on half section lines / RO Districts?

James – I'm guessing you're seeking a distraction from Sterling Highway? I have never attempted to see if the half SLE acceptance was recorded in all districts. The attached shows in 1995 where the recorder queried DOT about the unrecorded document in the Kotzebue district asking whether they wanted it recorded. Not sure if either HQ didn't understand the issue or in an abundance of caution they just said, yeah, go ahead and record it. So if you searched Kotzebue, you would probably find another one. Also you've likely seen the attached draft Extinguishment document. I also have never looked to see if any of those were ever recorded. The AG's memo is saying that a vacation isn't warranted because it was never a legal interest to begin with. JohnB

From: Quigley, Ryan L (DOT) [mailto:ryan.quigley@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 7:21 AM
To: Sowerwine, James E (DOT) <james.sowerwine@alaska.gov>
Cc: Fuglestad, Eric P (DOT) <eric.fuglestad@alaska.gov>; John Bennett <JBennett@rmconsult.com>; Karen Tilton <ktilton@rmconsult.com>
Subject: RE: SLEs on half section lines / RO Districts?

I would suspect it is recorded in all. Here is Seward and Cordova. I searched for "100 feet wide" in the OCR'd files (greatest thing ever thanks John!) for those two districts.
The OQCD wasn't recorded uniformly? Meaning not all districts?

SEWARD

Serial No. 62-490

ACCEPTANCE OF UNRESERVED FEDERAL
LANDS FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES

The State of Alaska accepts unreserved lands for highway purposes as authorized in 14 St 43 USCA 932. It is declared that all section and section lines in the State of Alaska are public. The width of these highways is 50 feet on each side of the section lines and half-section lines. It is declared that all officially proposed and existing highways on the public domain are 100 feet wide.

The authority to accept this grant is vested in these Departments by Sec. 2, Art. III, Title I, C.S.A. 1957 and Sec. 19, Ch. 64, SLA 1959.

DATED at Juneau, Alaska, October 2, 196

ACCEPTANCE OF UNRESERVED FEDERAL
LANDS FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES

The State of Alaska accepts unreserved public lands for highway purposes as authorized in 14 Stat. 253, 43 USCA 932. It is declared that all section and half-section lines in the State of Alaska are public highways. The width of these highways is 50 feet on each side of the section lines and half-section lines. It is further declared that all officially proposed and existing highways on the public domain are 100 feet wide.

The authority to accept this grant is vested in these Departments by Sec. 2, Art. III, Title I, Ch. 152, SLA 1957 and Sec. 19, Ch. 64, SLA 1959.

DATED at Juneau, Alaska, October 2, 1962.

CORDOVA

Serial No. 62-231

RECORDED - FILED
Cordova REC. DIST.
DATE <u>10-15</u> 19 <u>62</u>
TIME <u>2:45</u> P.M.
Requested by <u>Dept of Highway</u>
Address <u>Rd 41841</u> <u>Juneau</u>

James E. Sowerwine
Commissioner
Department of Public Works

John Bennett
Commissioner
Department of Highways

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 2nd day of October, 1962.

Ryan Quigley PLS|CFedS
DOT&PF Right of Way Engineering
(907) 269-0561

From: Sowerwine, James E (DOT) <james.sowerwine@alaska.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 8:17 PM
To: Fuglestad, Eric P (DOT) <eric.fuglestad@alaska.gov>; Quigley, Ryan L (DOT) <ryan.quigley@alaska.gov>; John Bennett <jbennett@rmconsult.com>; 'Karen Tilton' <ktilton@rmconsult.com>
Subject: SLEs on half section lines / RO Districts?

Don't worry, I'm not aiming to raise the specter of half SLES.

I am feeling slightly at odds with actual work and am seeking a distraction in reading what is left over from other people's actual work. To that end... does anyone know if DOH/DPW recorded the attached (alleged) acceptance of half-SLEs in all recording districts? It would make sense that it wasn't just Bethel. Last page of the attached opinion.

Again, curiosity only. The OQCD wasn't recorded uniformly, but maybe this was?

James Sowerwine
Project Coordination Supervisor
DOT&PF Central Region
4111 Aviation Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99519-6900
Direct: (907) 269-0647
Main: (800) 770-5263
Availability: M-TH 6:30-5:00