

Fairbanks
Stormwater
Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

7/9/2026

In Attendance John O'Brien (COF), Dan Adamczak (ADOT&PF), Cynthia Nelson (ADOT&PF), Chris Darrah (Shannon & Wilson), Christy Everett (TVWA), Val Webb (FNSB), Joni Scharfenberg (FSWCD), Line Persson (ADEC), Nick Waldo (ADEC), Kelsey Aho (Private citizen and Storm Drain Artist).

Agenda items 1-5: Introductions, July 9, 2026, draft agenda was approved. April 9, 2026, draft meeting minutes will be sent post-meeting.

Public Comment

Kelsey Aho, Fairbanks-area resident, provided public comment: Noyes Slough no longer navigable by kayaking due to beaver dams.

Meeting Summary

We discussed the lack of committee representation for City of North Pole following the resignations of Tim Glidden and Robert Forcier. Dan Adamczak called UAF to follow up with them regarding when they will fill Robert's position and resume Noyes Slough sheen surveys.

We discussed the success of our two main public events: Storm Drain Art and Stream Cleanup Day. Here are some suggestions on improving SCUP for next year: 1) For hand washing station...borrow 5-gallon water cooler from Stantec, 2) more signage to help people find the event and put the DNR park address on the flyer for easy navigation. 3) advertise the event on KUAC radio. 4) do art bags again (Thanks Melissa Spicer & Stantec!) they were a hit!

A suggestion was made to launch a new Storm Water Survey to gain public input on Storm Water issues. Past Storm Water Surveys were conducted in 2008, 2014/2015 and 2020.

Discussion on the update of the Chena Riverfront Plan that Christy is involved with. The commission should consider expanding the spatial coverage of the plan to include areas upstream/downstream of City of Fairbanks to benefit responsible development adjacent to the Chena River. At the previous meeting it was discussed that this would be a good topic for a future guest presenter.

Action Items:

- ❖ Review past storm water community storm water survey results. Prepare a new survey to launch in 2027 to gauge public opinion on storm water conservation, Chena River and Beavers on Noyes Slough.

Next Quarterly Meeting: October 8, 2026.

Meeting Adjourned (11:45am).