

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invasive Weeds • Education • Administration 	<p>cafeteria and what they pay. It was a productive meeting; the hospital really wants to be serving healthy food. They are willing to buy “uglies” and “olds,” since they’ll be making soups and stews.</p> <p>Food Hub training: Trainings continue on how to use the food hub; the grant is over, so Keeper is now supporting the program. Growth has been 60% since the first year; Soldotna bought everything available to them. Producers have to have enough faith in it for them to grow for that market, and buyers need to know about it and be willing to use it. This summer, Food Hub will have a presence in the public health building across from Two Sisters.</p> <p>Soil Health Study: It’s continuing, a third year has been added because new farmers have come on board.</p> <p>BLM/NRCS Soil Survey funding: BLM is getting ready for the field season; BLM had Soil and Water hire another field working: Conor Roland-Chicvara.</p> <p>CWMA: Katherine is doing a CWMA community training on April 17 in Kenai; one focus will be wheelers and other ORVs that act as vectors spreading weeds on and off trails. There’s a national campaign called “Play, Clean, Go,” and the districts now have access to that informational, promotional material.</p> <p>Education on invasives: Kyra and Katherine are going to Seldovia tomorrow to talk about what actually works when trying to control weeds with tarping, digging, and spraying. Reed canarygrass is a containment category on this side of the bay but efforts continue to prevent, eliminate it across the bay. Kyle Graham is interested in paying Katherine to do some drone work to look for Reed canarygrass from drone footage at the right time of year when it’s coming up earlier than other grasses.</p> <p>Ag in the Classroom: The district is still trying to organize an Ag in the Classroom workshop.</p> <p>New office space agreement: Still nothing new.</p> <p>NACD Funds: These funds in the future will be limited to CSP: the Conservation Stewardship Program, which won’t be of much help to the District.</p>	
<p>Div Ag funding</p>	<p>Chris reported discussions are still ongoing about Div Ag funding, but the governor’s numbers zeroing it out seem to be holding up. Otto suggested that we invite Sarah Vance’s husband to a meeting (he’s now on the state Board of Agriculture). Board of Ag has met once since the new administration. One of the Board members blogs about agriculture—she’s very negative about some aspects of ag but knowledgeable about others.</p>	

Additional trail funding	Matt Steffy at City of Homer Parks and Rec is considering hiring our Kris Nichols to work on trails with HARP funds.	
Agency comments	Fritz Creek subdivision: Local experience says the size should be bigger than 2 acres, that soil is super wet, slope will inhibit 1 acre lots. Tom Cat drive has very unstable soils, heaves and boils all the time. Ten more houses out there will be messy. Though the paper says that the tributary was not found, but there is well-known water running there. Stream setbacks need to be put in place	Devony to write up comments for DNR
Herbicides in storage	The district has herbicides on hand that should be disposed of. Katherine has made a list, which the board reviewed. Some of these are no longer on the approved list for the state, so they can no longer be used. The district could surplus these to the community or dispose of these at the hazardous waste disposal day at the Homer Landfill. Disposing at the landfill will have costs associated.	Consensus: Do not dispose of at the landfill
Earthworms	Night crawlers were dumped near the public boat launch at Nikiski Lake (as a result of bait abandonment). They consume and deplete the humus layer and redistribute mineral soil to the surface in a way that disrupts healthy soil composition. The question was raised to the board whether we should propose prohibiting the importation and sale of night crawlers into the state. The Board of Game would be the entity to consider this proposal. (A Feb 28, 2019, article by Matt Bowser, Entomologist at Kenai National Wildlife Refuge was reviewed by the board.) Discussion followed.	No action was taken.
CRMP Plan	We need a date and we need a district member	Shoot for the end of May at a time near the CHA meeting. Jim?
4wheeler engine	Needs a new head, new piston, jug, need top end rebuild kit. \$700-800. Jim can fix	Otto made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$800. Kyra to make out a check to Jim
Future wheeler	Do we get one that is used and cheap? Or do one on payments and get the best time off that engine?	
	Thank you to Otto and McNeil for the donated meat for Mark Rodrick's funeral	