

**MOTION: A motion that the Resource Management Committee recommends that the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with the decision to issue a negotiated mineral lease for exploration and development at the Ester Dome**

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority 6

Resource Management Committee  
Meeting Minutes - April 22, 2021

**Project and Trust lands described and attached hereto in Exhibit D surrounding Fox Pedro Dome, and Cleary Summit was made by TRUSTEE COOKE; seconded by TRUSTEE BOYLES.**

CHAIR STURGEON asked Ms. Chalup to give the explanation for this proposal.

MS. CHALUP stated that this project is all about data and reconnaissance rather than advancing a drill target or a known prospect into a developing mine. She continued that this was a much larger lease area encumbering both the Ester Dome Mineral Project lands and the area near Pedro Dome and Cleary Summit. This is about 10,200 acres, and all of these parcels own both the mineral estate and the surface estate. This agreement is all about acquiring the data for the minerals prospects that are on Trust land. The exploration work is contingent on the applicant successfully acquiring State, Federal, and local authorizations. She added that the land is currently undeveloped, vacant land, but has undergone explorations. Having the dataset as a Trust asset will help with marketing the property in the future as well.

CHAIR STURGEON thanked Ms. Chalup on a well-prepared and well-presented report. He asked for any comments, questions or concerns. There being none, he did a roll-call vote.

*After the roll-call vote, the MOTION WAS APPROVED. (Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Boerner, yes; Trustee Cooke, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Trustee Gwaltney-Jones, excused; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Sturgeon, yes.)*