Lindauer announces plans for gubernatorial campaign

Rural newspaper publisher and former legislator John Lindauer announced recently he is going to run for governor.

Running as a Republican, Lindauer said he has a plan to create more jobs and control state spending in the face of declining oil revenues.

Lindauer said he is running for governor because the public wants a candidate with optimism about Alaska's future and who is strong enough to stabilize the economy.

He said his administration would give the voters a direct stake in cutting the state's budget in the face of declining oil production by putting all money surpluses resulting from the budget cuts directly into the Permanent Fund dividends.

In addition to using bigger Permanent Fund dividends to give voters a major incentive to help control state spending, he proposes to reallocate state resources to provide more law enforcement to convict bootleggers and drug dealers.

Lindauer, 51, is an Anchorage resident who built and operates newspapers and radio stations throughout rural Alaska.