

Lolo Community Council
August 10th, 2010 Meeting Minutes
(Approved @ 9/14 meeting)

- ◆ **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Sue Hadnot @ 7:05 PM
- ◆ **Roll call:** A quorum was present consisting of: Will Geer, Sue Hadnot, Devin Jackson and Tom Wolf
Gary Buehler. Gary Hoffman was absent.
- ◆ **Additions to agenda:**
 1. Discussion for October meeting date to be added to new business – Change to October 5th
- ◆ **Approval of minutes:** Minutes of the July 13th meeting were approved as submitted.
- ◆ **Treasurer's Report:** Check for \$40.00(USPS postal box rent, one year) was written during the month.
Balance is \$440.55
- ◆ **Communications**

Received:

 1. Bank statement
 2. Lolo Peak News
 3. Bitterroot Star
 4. MFRD "Smokescreen" newsletter
 5. Traveler's Rest Chapter/Heritage Foundation Newsletter
 6. Missoula City Council Meeting Notice of Public Hearing to create two city wide special districts

Sent:
None.
- ◆ **Drafts for correction or approval:**

Pending – Letter to MFRD for continued work in parks off of Lower Ridgeway for Pine Beetle Tree removal.
- ◆ **Special Reports:**
 1. MFRD – Paul Finlay reported that he was in contact with Eric Norris of the DNRC and Lisa Moisey from rural Initiatives about the Pine Beetle Kill trees in 2 parks Off of Ridgeway in Lolo. Eric Norris was going to flag the trees for removal and with correct spacing for a healthy environment for the parks. MFRD has a chipper and could bring that in for chipping along with a truck for removal of the chips. Access to the parks would need permission from the adjacent landowner – Paul Rossignol. Burning of the slash is not permitted at this time. Eric Norris is out of town until August 16th and Paul and Mr. Norris would continue to work together to accomplish this project. He will keep Tom Wolf and the Council apprised of the project.
- ◆ **Old Business**
 1. Election of council officers for 2010. Sue Hadnot was elected Chair, Devin Jackson was elected Vice Chairman, Will Geer was elected Treasurer. Secretary position will be elected at the September meeting.
 2. Mormon Creek road Update: Sue Hadnot had a discussion with Greg Robertson, director of Public Works to see if there has been any activity on the status of Mormon Creek Road and Highway 93 intersection. He has ordered an accident report from MDT. He said these reports are not a high priority for the department and usually take a long time to be completed. Second thing discussed was whether Mormon Creek Road met the weight standards and road turning radius for semi-trucks. He said he has asked the County Attorney to determine how the county can enforce this when roads do not meet standards. The difficulty is because many rural and residential roads have semi-truck usage for deliveries of furniture, moving vans, and parking in front of their homes when they are truck drivers. Third item - Public Works does not have authority over Vann's to ask them to park their trucks off-site at night after hours to reduce noise in the neighborhood. The trucks have the legal right to park at the Vann's Parking lot. It was suggested that trucks park at the weigh

station when it is not in use. Neither Vann's nor the county has the authority to request this. Willis Curdy suggested that some residential areas benefit from looking at creating a frontage road that parallel's a highway with a stop light that several roads feed into one exit. Also it was suggested we contact MDT to see if any traffic lights will be come available through the work that if being done on intersection for the potential Big Rig project.

3.The Health and Human Services Sub-Committee chair by Diane Sands was meeting in Helena and that could be watched on PBS or send comments for Medical Marijuana law revisions. The following websites are resources for information and comments can be sent to the subcommittee.

http://leg.mt.gov/content/Committees/Interim/2009_2010/Children_Family/Emerging-Issue/cfhhs-report-on-recommended-changes-june2010.pdf

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/medicalmarijuana/i148text.pdf>

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/medicalmarijuana/frequentlyaskedquestions.shtml>

◆ New Business

1. Jamie Erbacher –Office of Planning and Grants – Conditional Use Permits and recommend Fee Schedule for North Lolo Zoning District. Jamie made a power point presentation defining the proposed conditional use permits that would be necessary if a resident in the rural zoning district of North Lolo were to start a business or change the use of their property not permitted in the zoning definitions. Comments are being taken at the OPG through August 11th and the Missoula County Commissioner's will be having a public hearing at their August 18th BCC meeting. The final version can be found at the following link:

ftp://www.co.missoula.mt.us/ruralftp/LoloAreaRegionalPlan/NLoloProject/BCC/2010-066_RuralZoning+regs.pdf. (Please note that this is a rather large file.)

A list of permitted uses was outlined and a list of conditional uses was presented. The fees would be for anyone who wants to establish one of the conditional uses. This is the first time that the county is establishing fees for conditional uses in rural zoning. This is to be a format for future planning for any rural zoning districts.

2. Website – Yearly payment due. June 1 – May 31st - \$100.0

3.Sterling Millar – Dunrovin Ranch – Sterling brought to the councils attention that a law named Title 76 mandates that any parcel where there are 2 buildings on a property and one is used for lease, rent or other kind of occupancy such as an in-law apartment must go through subdivision review. He said that this affects a huge number of small businesses in Lolo and Montana and is an unnecessary financial and bureaucratic burden on property owners. He is working with Cliff Larsen and some of the candidates for the house to propose an amendment to keep Bed and Breakfast's, Outfitter's and Small Working Ranches from the bill. Doug Hadnot suggested that instead of piecing the bill with amendments that if the bill is a bad bill that the whole bill be looked at and totally be recalled or removed. Sterling will forward his information to the council and we can look at it for our recommendation. This affects a large number of residents and property owners in Lolo. Many people have family living in extra buildings or occupancy on small scale. The cost of subdivision review, time and burden the experience is far reaching and can put many people in extreme financial strains. The council will review title 76 at a future meeting, prior to the next legislative session.

4. October regular Lolo Community Council Meeting has been voted on to be changed to October 5th to better fit with the absentee ballots for the November election and that Sue Hadnot was out of town for October 11th. The changed was passed and notices of meeting changes will be posted and notice of sub-committee will be posted for public information.

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◆ **Committee reports**

1. Highway 12 Bike Path committee: - final draft is being sent off to the State. Then it will be ready to go out to bid.
2. Trails Committee: Jean Belangie-Nye reported that the group would be floating the Bitterroot River to locate potential sites for a bike bridge. – Only as – an option – not a decision. They are continuing to work on all options, funding, ideas to keep in the forefront and not forgotten.
3. Traveler’s Rest: No report.

***Open Forum:**

1. Big Rig Discussion. A review of the EA was discussed from the number of turnouts, milepost construction and overall travel time schedule. All information can be found at:
http://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/docs/eis_ea/kmtp/ea_kearl.pdf
2. Meet the Candidates sub-committee – Jean Belangie- Nye volunteered to work with Sue and Kathleen Stanchowski to plan the October 5th meeting.

◆ **Adjournment-** The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by Sue Hadnot - Chair