

Minutes for January 11th, 2011

- ❑ **Call to Order:** Chairman Sue Hadnot called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- ❑ **Roll Call:** William Greer, Sue Hadnot, Devin Jackson, Gary Beuhler, and Tom Wolf were present. Gary Hoffman was absent.
- ❑ **Call for Additions to the Agenda:** none
- ❑ **Approval of the Minutes of February 9th, 2010:** Minutes were approved as written
- ❑ **Treasurer's Report:** The balance as of Nov 9, 2010 was, \$590.55. No Checks were written. The current balance for Jan. is \$590.55.

- ❑ **Communications:**

Received:

1. Bank Statement
2. Lolo Peak News
3. Bitterroot Star paper
4. Travelers' Rest Chapter/Heritage Foundation: Newsletter
5. Missoula Rural Fire District: Newsletter

Sent:

1. Letter to Elections office reminding them of our vacant chair.

❑ Drafts For Correction or Approval

1. None

❑ Special Reports

1. Missoula Rural Fire – Paul Finnley- The process for Fuel Mitigation is beginning information is available on <http://mrfdfire.org/>. They are currently addressing their program for 911 response.
2. Highway 12 Bike Path- Greg Robertson – The plans are being completed and funding will be provided for a March Bid process.

❑ Old Business

1. Sewer and Water Board – Missoula County Commissioners and Missoula Public Works- Jean Curtiss Commissioners Chair – The County recommends dissolving the Lolo RSID 901 Board. Advisory Input from the community would be provided from the current sources. The Council was assured that the funding, already under County management, can not be used for any other purpose. The current issues facing the RSID are the need to raise rates to be considered for Federal funding. The Board has had problems keeping members seated. The Bylaws state that members are appointed by the Commissioners. The Council expressed that the members of the community had expressed concern and would prefer to keep the RSID Board. Tom Cook RSID 901 Chair stated that at the moment there is little growth but if Lolo expanded again like it did recently the Board would be more active. He also offered his help in finding members to fill the

empty slots. The Commissioners responded that they understood our concerns and would consider keeping the Board but if they advertised for members again and no one applied they would most likely dissolve the board. Ray DiPascuali offered to sit on the Board but lives outside of the RSID 901 Sewer district.

2. Title 76 (Platting and Subdivision Act) - Sterling Miller Presentation - This law applies to parcels of land less than 160 acres. Three counties in Montana (including Missoula Co.) have interpreted the law to apply to any parcel of land that includes more than one structure that may be rented or leased to another person. Application of the law in this manner could require landowners to go through the costly subdivision review process just because they have more than one building on their property, even though they have no intention of dividing the land or selling their property. Several bills will be presented in the Legislature addressing this Law they are currently being drafted and do not have a LC # yet. Champ Edmunds Representative for HD 100 (including Lolo) will be introducing one. Ravalli County has reversed their stance on the interpretation. Missoula County is still holding some hostage permits based on this interpretation.
3. Report on Hwy 93 - Glacier Way – Ridgeway Intersection. Tom Wolf and Will Geer – Will has canvassed a number of homes that use Glacier Way and provided a chart of responses. All of the Glacier Way residents prefer it the way it is. Tom had discussed with several of his neighbors on Ridgeway and they expressed it should be changed. The idea of a 3rd turn lane was proposed and better signage would help considerably. Discussion was tabled for further research.

□ **New Business**

1. None

□ **Committee Reports**

1. Traveler’s Rest – Loren Flynn – The Winter Storytelling Series has started. The Sessions will be on Saturdays. A proposal in the Senate would alter the current funding for State Parks. SB 13 would change the current Opt Out Fee that is incurred for vehicle registration to an Opt In Fee. A similar bill in Washington made funding all but disappear. This Fee accounts for close to 33% of TRPHA’s budget and would considerably limit the services they provide. Loren asked people to please contact to their local representatives against the bill.

□ **Open Forum**

- **Adjournment** Meeting was adjourned at 9:29