

Lolo Community Council

May 19, 2011 Meeting Minutes

(Approved at June 14, 2011 meeting)

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- ◆ *Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order by Sue Hadnot, Chairperson @ 7:03 PM
- ◆ *Roll call:* A quorum was present consisting of: Will Geer, Devin Jackson, Gary Hoffman, Tom Wolf and Sue Hadnot. Sue recognized Michele Landquist, County Commissioner, as a guest.
- ◆ *Additions to agenda:* Residence requirements for council board position. (Niki Sardot letter)
- ◆ *Approval of minutes:* Minutes of the April 12, 2011 meeting were approved as written
- ◆ *Treasurer's Report:* Beginning balance \$290.55. Received \$250 from County. New Balance \$540.55

◆ **Communications**

Received:

1. Bank statement
2. Bitterroot Star
3. Lolo School Highlights
4. MFRD "Smokescreen" newsletter
5. Traveler's Rest Chapter/Heritage Foundation Newsletter
6. Electronic reminder from RI for All Council Meeting on May 23.

Sent:

None

◆ **Drafts for correction or approval:**

None

◆ **Special Reports:**

MRFD – Bill Colwell, MRFD Chief, provided a PowerPoint presentation of the annual report of MRFD activity for 2010 and updated the council on plans for 2011. A new rig will be coming to Station 1 in Missoula and their present rig will be relocated to the Lolo station. Bill's presentation was very thorough and appreciated by the group

◆ **Old Business**

1. *Meeting Location and Rent discussion:* Sue reported that the Community Club has refunded \$475 to the council as a rent adjustment. The Community Club will now be charging us the non-profit rate of \$125 per year. We are now paid through October 1, 2011. A discussion was held with regard to changing the meeting location from the Community Club to the former Baptist church on highway 93. This location was offered to the council rent-free by Tim Netzler. After discussion, a motion was made by Will Geer and seconded by Gary Hoffman that we continue to hold our meetings at the Community Center at least through October of 2012. Members of the council expressed their opinion that we need to better publicize our meetings coupled with the fact that the Community Center's location on the south side of town is problematic. It was felt that signage in that location promoting our meeting dates may not be seen by Lolo residents if they don't travel past Highway 12. After discussion, the motion to continue meeting at the Community Center passed on a vote of 4 to 1.
2. *Budget-Final Draft-Due by May 25:* Will Geer reviewed the budget figures prepared for presentation to the County Commissioners. He produced 2 scenarios; the first was a budget of \$1000 and the second was a budget of \$2060. The \$2060 budget would provide the council with additional funds to hopefully create more citizen attendance and involvement at our monthly meetings. A discussion followed as to ways in which we could effectively communicate these goals with the residents of Lolo. It was suggested that we employ MCAT to create public service messages that would be broadcast over Bresnan cable. In addition, RI will be contacted to see if they can liaison with the Missoulian to make certain that our meeting dates are published on a regular basis. We will also attempt to utilize the electronic signs at the Hayloft and Lolo School to advertise our meetings. After discussion, a motion was made by Devin Jackson and seconded by Tom Wolf that we accept the \$2060 budget as presented by Will Geer. This motion was approved on a 5-0 vote

◆ **New Business**

1. *Residence requirements for Lolo Community Council members:*

A recent application for a council position from Niki Sardot was rejected after it was determined that she did not live within the boundaries of the Woodman-Lolo combined school district boundaries that were originally established when the Lolo Community Council was originated. Based on that criteria, Gary Hoffman, present Council Secretary, was also not eligible to serve. Michele Landquist informed the council of the remedy and outlined the steps involved in changing the present boundaries in order to make both Niki and Gary eligible to serve. The process would essentially require us to circulate a petition in order to qualify the boundary change for the ballot. The issue would then be voted on by those within the newly proposed boundary. Michele agreed to bring this issue up with the other commissioners to see what can be done to remedy the current situation. Michele agreed to report back to Sue with any new information regarding a possible solution.

Michele performed a swearing-in of Tom Wolf to serve another term on the council.

2. *Marketing and meeting awareness plan:* This item was tabled until the June 14 meeting

◆ **Committee reports**

1. Highway 12 Bike Path Committee: Sue reported on her recent trip to Washington DC to lobby for funding for the bike path extension to Fort Fizzle. She was unsuccessful in obtaining any assurances that funds may be available any time soon. In the meantime, Greg Robertson is in the process of finalizing the bid package for the Highway 12 bike Path and it should be let out for bid by the end of this month (May). We may actually see some movement by August or September.
2. Trails Committee: No report
3. Traveler's Rest: No report
4. Parks board: No report

◆ **Open forum**

No items submitted

◆ **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion approved and meeting was adjourned at 9:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hoffman, LCC Secretary