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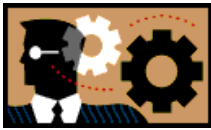
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Summer in the high country of Montana. Photo by Kris Gullikson



WE'RE CHANGING GEARS,  
AND WE'RE ALL EARS.  
WE'RE *YOUR* COMMUNITY COUNCIL,  
COME AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS!

## Seeley Lake Land Use Plan Update

### June 9<sup>th</sup> BCC meeting notes:

The BCC heard input at this meeting from the Placid Lake Cabin Owners Association relative to the density changes that have been proposed around Placid Lake. Although not uniform, the general consensus is that the densities should be left at one dwelling unit per 40 acres as originally suggested. Jim Moose from the Placid Lake Coalition made a lengthy argument for even less or no density in some areas and provided legal basis for his arguments. One of the biggest questions relates to how transfer of development rights (TDRs) might add density to the area. The Deputy County Attorney, James McCubbin, told the Commissioners that a plan should be set to ultimately terminate public input, both written and verbal, and make the decisions.

Pat O'Herren, Director of Rural Init., was asked to submit a plan at the next meeting on June 16th.

June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting: The meeting took an interesting turn when Mike Thompson with Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP) introduced a letter signed by Regional Supervisor Mack Long. Plum Creek had asked two questions of FW&P at the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting: 1) if FWP felt that the proposed densities presented by Dr. Hicks with Plum Creek on a map dated 4/21 addressed the concerns with impacts of wildlife; and 2) if FWP felt that it was necessary to move the RP (Resource Protection) boundaries to better protect wildlife. The response from FWP was that they were generally comfortable with the RP designations and densities proposed by Plum Creek on 4/21, and went on to say that the original Map 12 of the Plan sent to Planning Board, the proposal

made by Plum Creek on 4/21, and the proposal made in the Staff Report of 5/20 are all quite similar. Any of the three may be acceptable to FWP. However, the relative protection afforded wildlife and habitat is lowest with Plum Creek's proposal of 4/21, moderate with Map 12 of the Plan, and highest with Rural Initiatives proposal of 5/20. Another major item of discussion was affordable housing. Two concerns are what that really means, and where there might be potential within the Plan area. Plum Creek's attorney spoke again and voiced a concern with the TDRs proposed in the Staff Report of 5/20. It was argued that if densities could be transferred, there was no way of knowing how many homes could be developed in a given area, even though the densities were designated. A cap of densities has been suggested. *\*see below for meeting dates.* Walt Hill/Carol Evans

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## Seeley Lake Refuse District Board Meeting Summary

May 24, 2010: Meeting began at 7:00pm. The April minutes were approved with one minor correction. A motion was made to approve the April financials.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of changing the days the Refuse

District is open, regarding recycling and various alternatives to lower costs. It was noted that a public meeting will be necessary to discuss tax rate changes. An invitation will be extended to Public Works. Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm by Bruce Bourne and seconded by Jeanne Sticht.  
Submitted by Refuse District



Montana Antique Aircraft Assn. fly-in hosted by SL Airport Foundation on June 18.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE PLANS SCHEDULE

For those interested in SEELEY LAKE's future Economic Development, the newly appointed committee Chair, Walt Hill has announced the following meeting dates:  
*Every 2nd Thursday of the month.*

**NEXT MEETING:** JULY 8,  
7 pm at Seeley Lake  
Elementary School.

*All of you are invited and  
welcome to come!  
Submitted by W. Hill*

## SEELEY SWAN MEDICAL CENTER NEWS

The Seeley Swan Medical Center scheduled its annual Health Fair for September 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>, depending on the availability of the Community Hall. Blood draws will be conducted three weeks prior to the Health Fair for discounted lab tests. Results will be available at the Health Fair. Many local and Missoula health providers will be presenting information.

The Seeley Swan Medical Foundation is currently working on revising its by-laws. Upon advice from the county workshop on county boards, it was recommended to separate the membership of the two boards. Currently the two boards (the hospital district and the medical foundation) have the same board members.

The hospital board retreat has been scheduled for November 11, 2010.

Submitted by SLHD

## Seeley Sewer District May Summary

At the May meeting, bills presented totaled \$2827.40.

These were approved and a motion made for payment.

The Sewer Dist. Income Survey is ready to go within two weeks according to Randy Gordon. Incentives for the prompt return of the survey are being considered by the board. Rory Schmidt of Montana Rural Water may be the person conducting the survey in person door to door on behalf of the Sewer Dist. An accurate accounting will be needed in order to compile information for the district applications for funding. The surveys will be verifiable. Smith asked for a written plan to be submitted to the board and reviewed for legalities prior to the start of the income survey to avoid any perception of impropriety.

Gordon gave a status report on the Forest Service land currently being considered for the site of the new sewer system. He noted that if the treatment plant went out for bid, the vendors would design it for the district. This can be given to the engineer to check the figures.

The Project Management Plant (PMP) from WRDA has been approved and has been sent to the County Attorney.

Skiles motioned for approval of the Manager's Report and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Sewer Dist.  
summarized by KGullikson

## SEELEY LAKE WATER DIST. MAY SUMMARY

At the May meeting of the Dist. financial reports were approved pending correction by the bank for Bond B. A corrected report will be submitted next month.

Chappell reported he had been working with TD&H on the chlorine feed issue. A leak was fixed in early May, and the fire hydrants flushed out with the help of 2 volunteer fireman.

Power was installed to the boost stations and propane tanks set. The

pump house was patched and painted. A leak test will be done at the end of summer to detect where the loss of water is located. These are the final tasks of the Water Dist. according to Chappel.

Minutes submitted by Water Dist. summarized by KGullikson

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Seeley Lake Community Council -1st Monday; July 5, 6 pm at The Barn
- Seeley Lake Cemetery District 1st Thurs., July 1, at 12:00 pm, DARLOA office
- Seeley Swan Hospital District 2nd Monday; July 12, 5 pm at the Clinic Conf. Room
- Seeley Lake Rural Fire District Third Tues., July 20, 6 pm, SL Fire Station
- Seeley Lake Sewer District– 3rd Thurs., SPECIAL HEARING ON RATES Public Works & Sewer District (6:30 pm)
- Seeley Lake Refuse District– 4th Monday, July 26, PUBLIC WORKS & REFUSE DIST. - Community Hall. 6 pm.
- Seeley Lake Water District– 4th Th., July 22, 5:30 pm, Water District Office
- Recreation Committee (formerly Trails)– Work day coming (not scheduled) call George Frasca to volunteer @677-3271
- Air Quality Committee: June 30, 6 pm at the Barn
- The Board of County Commissioners also **announced that their next meeting will be at Seeley Lake on Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at a time and place to be announced and placed on their website, and that this meeting will be the last opportunity for oral testimony. They also said that August 20<sup>th</sup> will be the deadline for written comment.** Following this they will begin deliberations on the Plan, most likely in a series of meetings in Seeley Lake. No dates have been set.

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