

SEELEY LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
June 7, 2010 – SEELEY LAKE HISTORICAL "BARN"

PRESENT: Addrien Marx, Carol Evans, Jack Greenwood, MaryAnn Morin, Steve Johnson, George Frasca, Walt Hill

PUBLIC: Approx. 17 present

GUESTS: Patrick O'Herren, Nick Deyo, Carly Lewis, Sarah Richey to present PLACE Project in Missoula Co.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASST: Kris Gullikson

Meeting commenced at 6:00 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Marx welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded directly to the election of officers. New board members had been previously sworn in by Patrick O'Herren of Missoula Co.

- Nominations for Chair; Marx nominated by Morin and seconded by Greenwood. All in favor.

• Nominations for Vice Chair; Evans nominated by Frasca and seconded by Johnson. Greenwood nominated by Morin and seconded by Evans. Vote took place by paper ballot. Tallied by Gullikson. Greenwood received a majority of votes. All in favor.

- Nominations for Secretary; Evans nominated by Greenwood and seconded by Morin. All in favor.

- Nominations for Treasurer; Morin nominated by Greenwood and seconded by Frasca. All in favor.

Offices for Board Members are now official and will be held until further action by the Board.

MINUTES: Greenwood moved for approval of minutes from the June meeting. Morin seconded. No changes. 6 in favor/ 1 abstention (Hill was not present at meeting). Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Morin asked all Board Members to sign signature cards for the Council's bank accounts and to provide a copy of their driver's license for the bank records as well.

Bank balance is \$9754.14 and \$4000.00 in 2- CD's. Bills presented to approve were: \$218.52 to Rovero's for Trails, \$10.40 for copies for Trails, \$250.00 for 2009 meetings at the Barn (June-Dec.), \$250.00 for 2010 meetings (Jan-June) at the Barn, \$25 for May 28 organizational meeting/candidate night at the Barn. Total to Barn=\$525.00. Marx (as a member of the Historical Board) explained those charges and requested the Council be more diligent on reporting committee meetings of over 10 people to the Barn Board so they can be invoiced and billed to the Council. Morin suggested with pre-planning, the SLCC Committee meetings could be held free of charge at the Seeley Lake Elementary School in order to save the Council money. She had previously inquired and was informed this would be agreeable with the administration and staff.

MOTION: Johnson motioned for approval of the Treasurer's Report and payment of invoices. Evans seconded. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS: Evans reported letters from Pat O'Herren on the Community Land Trust neighborhood feasibility study and a request for a donation from the Flagship Program for after school activities for kids in this area.

### COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT:

Gullikson reported on activities relating to the Community Communications Project; areas included: Website maintenance, email management and correspondence, Community Newsletter (2 each month) and the monthly meeting minutes for the Council as well as other duties as requested. She reiterated from past meetings that the funding for this position comes from the Seeley Lake Community Foundation. Marx reported that the balance in the Foundation acct for this is \$4779.14. The average cost is around \$400.00 per month for these services, so more funding will be necessary before the end of the year.

Gullikson also reported on other communications received; Congressman Rehburg letter of support for the grant process currently being processed through Missoula County for economic development. Invoice from Rovero's for the Trail Committee work (previously referenced in Treasurer's Report).

Also reported were the new email addresses set up for the entire Council. It was advised that all council business be confined to these addresses as a matter of full disclosure to the public. Addresses as follows: Adreïn Marx: [amarx@seeleylakecommunitycouncil.com](mailto:amarx@seeleylakecommunitycouncil.com), Carol Evans: [cevans@seeleylakecommunitycouncil.com](mailto:cevans@seeleylakecommunitycouncil.com), Jack Greenwood: [jgreenwood@seeleylakecommunitycouncil.com](mailto:jgreenwood@seeleylakecommunitycouncil.com), Walt Hill: [whill@seeleylakecommunitycouncil.com](mailto:whill@seeleylakecommunitycouncil.com), Steve Johnson: [sjohnson@seeleylakecommunitycouncil.com](mailto:sjohnson@seeleylakecommunitycouncil.com), MaryAnn Morin: [mmorin@seeleylakecommunitycouncil.com](mailto:mmorin@seeleylakecommunitycouncil.com) George Frasca does not currently use electronic communication. He may be reached at 677-3271.

Marx announced the SLCC meetings would now include time for public comments on non-agenda items. These will be requested to be held to 3 minutes each (unless critical and voted upon by Council for more time).

### NEW BUSINESS:

Marx commented that at previous Council meetings, "Old Business" was placed first on the agenda. She requested the Council's approval for moving the agenda around in order to accommodate out of town presenters/visitors coming to present. All members were in agreement. Hereafter, "New Business" items will be placed first on the agenda.

Other changes previously discussed at the May 24 meeting included and were presented:

- Community members may chair committees with a Council representative as a member of that committee. The idea is to open up lines of communication and get more involvement and give more responsibility to members of our community.
- Jack Greenwood is spearheading a new written comment and question form. He explained that it will soon be available by hard copy or online. He promised if it has been sent to the council- it will be addressed! After some discussion, it was decided that all communications will go through the Secretary and funneled to the appropriate party for reply. If an item is requested to be addressed at a monthly meeting, a 10 day deadline (prior to the meeting) is required for public notice. The council may not legally address a topic at a meeting that has not been previously advertised as being on the agenda. Caroline Jenkins proposed the possibility of weekly space in the Seeley Swan Pathfinder for communication from the Council.

HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION: Evans reported hearing about a program to recognize leadership in the High School (from another area) and proposed a similar program here. Discussion revealed that recognition could be done for many levels of achievement. Evans will discuss this with the two local school administrators and report back at the July meeting on the recommendations made.

PLACE PROJECT: Stands for- *Practical Landscape Assessment for Conservation and Enhancement* and is an effort by Missoula Co. to:

- Inventory and map information about conservation resources in Missoula Co.;

- Help local government efficiently and consistently review subdivision and open space bond projects, using objective information about conservation resources;
- provide landowners, community groups, and other interested parties with easy access to information about conservation resources in MC.

A presentation was made by Rural Initiative employees and a question and answer session allotted after viewing a series of presentation boards they had prepared. Seeley Lake was the first community on the circuit to view the presentation. The subject boards covered these areas: The Landscape Assessment, Working Lands, Flora and Fauna, Aquatic & Riparian, Human Connections. For further information see: [www.missoula.co.mt.us/rural/PLACE.htm](http://www.missoula.co.mt.us/rural/PLACE.htm)

Comments and questions were made and answered. Public comment is encouraged.

NON-Agenda Items: Pat O'Herren congratulated the new Council members and recognized past members. Also mentioned the Rural Initiatives website has an article on what rural community councils do and how that interacts with the Board of County Commissioners. O'Herren thanked the RI staff present for their hard work on putting together the information presented tonight as well as the help received from rural communities such as Seeley Lake in providing input.

Greenwood suggested O'Herren come back to chair an informational/educational meeting with the infrastructure boards. Discussion on making it a public meeting. O'Herren was receptive to the idea. This will be looked in to and discussed at the next meeting.

COMMITTEES: Marx proposed the SLCC put together a Policy Handbook of their own. The BCC provided a handbook at the All Community Council meeting for the outlying Councils but the SLCC has grown beyond the use of that book alone. Compiling the information necessary to be an effective Council would be the goal. Gullikson was asked to assist in the compilation.

MOTION: Morin motioned for the Seeley Lake Community Council to make a Policy Handbook. Frasca seconded. All in favor.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

CLEARWATER SUBDIVISION, Eli & Associates; John Richards presented the re-submitted subdivision plan and asked for an endorsement from the Council. Changes have been made in the development plan at the request of the BCC and Fish, Wildlife and Parks. The Council did not give an endorsement as they replied that this area is not within their jurisdiction. Individuals may give comment to the BCC upon this at the scheduled meetings.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Hill had no report for this Committee and took under advisement the request to hold meetings in the evening so working people could attend. The public will be notified of the date for the next meeting. Johnson has been requested to assist on this committee.

AIR QUALITY: Evans reported the committee had focused on wood stoves and monitor readings at previous meetings. Now the focus has turned elsewhere. LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) through Missoula Co Health Dept. It is a weatherization program that may provide up to \$6500 per home for weatherization if a home qualifies. Residents do need to apply. NAQ (Neighborhood Air Quality) is another area being examined in order to add all the pieces together to help residents in Seeley Lake. Caroline Jenkins is assisting on this committee. The committee is working towards setting up a Community Open House at Pyramid Mtn. Lumber in September.

NEXT AQ MEETING: June 28th at 6 pm at the Barn.

TRAILS COMMITTEE UPDATE: Frasca (Chair) had Volunteer forms available. He requested assistance on the west side trail project particularly with signing. Scott Tomson (Condon) volunteered to set the steel t-posts. Many hands are needed for building the trails in the area and a work day will be scheduled soon. Call George Frasca at 677-3271. A co-chair will be added as soon as is confirmed.

LAND USE PLAN: Hill reported activity from the May 19 meeting in Missoula. He announced there will be 2 more meetings on the SL-LUP; June 9 and 16th from 4-7 pm both nights. The Pathfinder has published a new map showing the changes to date. The *Transfer of Development Rights* will be discussed at both the next 2 meetings. Progress was mentioned toward the Medical Center's plan for an Assisted Living Center. Also mentioned was the Industrial category and expansion of such a category to accommodate future growth of Biomass development. Greenwood will be assisting on the committee.

MOTION: Johnson motioned for the Council to write a letter to recommend adding language to the LUP for expansion of the "Industrial" designation. Hill seconded. All opposed. This item was not on the agenda for this meeting, so therefore not publicly noticed and could not be discussed.

The Council decided not to send the letter, but rather asked Pat O'Herren from Rural Initiatives to carry the message to the Commissioners that more industrial designation would be in order, for biomass-related industries only. O'Herren assured the council that would be done.

Upcoming meetings:

July 5th: SLCC, 6 pm at the Barn

June 28: Air Quality Committee, 6 pm at the Barn

June 9 and 16th: BCC on the LU Plan 4-7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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