

SEELEY LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 3, 2011 – SEELEY LAKE HISTORICAL "BARN"

PRESENT: Adreïn Marx , Jack Greenwood, Steve Johnson, George Frasca, Walt Hill, Carol Evans

ABSENT: MaryAnn Morin

PUBLIC: 9 present

ADMINISTRATIVE ASST: Kris Gullikson

Meeting commenced at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES: Johnson moved for approval of minutes from the June meeting. Greenwood seconded. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Morin out ill. At end of the meeting Marx asked for a motion to approve the bills to be paid for Dec. and Johnson so moved. Frasca seconded. All in favor. Gullikson will let Morin know to go ahead and pay bills. 2 were known: Pathfinder and Rent all. Both were for the Air Quality Open House. Approval is for all outstanding bills.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letters from: **1.)** Senator Jon Tester (email forward from C. Jenkins) on Tester's support of the Home Heating for LEAP program, **2.)** Ron Cox & Commissioner Landquist- Missoula Co. profile update suggestions, **3.)** Commissioner Landquist- Kris Gullikson- congratulations on Newsletter success and suggestions of adding the RI Newsletter link, **4.)** Lolo Nat'l Forest Press Release on \$40,000 awarded for Fish, Wildlife and Parks for the Ninemile Ranger Dist. for use on Cutthroat Trout, **5.)** Save the Date notice for a FW& P Aquatic Training-Feb.22, 23 & **25** (Missoula), **6.)** Sterling Miller- concern on subdivision regulations. Invited Council to attend the Lolo CC meeting Jan. 11th in Lolo, Add to agenda for Feb., **7.)** Letters from 2property owners (Lee Bowman and Ron Cox on behalf of Bob Stine). Add to agenda for Feb., **8.)** Pat O'Herren notice to SLCC on update of LUP.

COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT: Gullikson provided a report on duties performed this month. Included assisting Evans on grant application to Seeley Lake Community Foundation for funding of her position.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: (Non-agenda items) 3 minute limit

- Ken Dvorak; reported snowmobile markers had been placed on Elaine's Way. He reported he regretted seeing these specifically since the meeting last spring with the Trails Committee and others. He understood it would not be a marked trail and expressed his concern for safety of residents pulling out onto the road and of snowmobilers exceeding the speed limit in that area. Asked Council to remedy situation. Marx added it to Feb. agenda.
- Caroline Jenkins brought up the MC Elections Office has info for the upcoming May elections; 2 positions on the SL Community Council, 2 on Fire District and 4 on the Hospital Dist. These will be publicized in the Council Newsletter and the Pathfinder and applications can be accessed on the website for Missoula County. Filing deadlines for SLCC: Feb. 7th at 5 pm.
- Ken Kronsperger; question on obtaining a copy of the taxing district maps from last meeting- could not find online. Marx explained only one map is being provided to each of the are infrastructure boards as this is a preliminary map. Final maps will be online after approval process. Access was offered to the Council's copy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Medical Marijuana program; Detective Scott Newell- Missoula Co. Division of Narcotics introduced and invited by Frasca for alternate presentation. Det. Newell presented facts learned through his experience as a Narcotics task force member. He provided information printouts and the information is also available online. Jim Normark, a local pharmacist, brought a report showing harmful effects of marijuana and left it in Council's care. Kayl Good, a local provider, was present to represent his business. Questions were thrown about by both sides and equal time and respectfulness was encouraged by the Chair.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT FUNDING: Marx updated the Council on what had transpired since the Dec. meeting when a motion was made to advertise for a grant writer to secure funding for the Communications Project. The BCC was "intrigued" by the proposal, but the County Attorney advised against it. The County asked for more information on the details of the project and service provided, which was provided by Gullikson in December.

SEELEY LAKE LAND USE PLAN: Evans read an email dated Dec. 20th, 2010 from Pat O'Herren (Rural Initiatives) providing an update to the Council. Discussion revealed some discrepancy on what was generally understood by Council to have happen for zoning to take place in Seeley Lake, and what it appeared was happening now. Two subdivisions have applied to the County for zoning (Double Arrow and Woodworth) and both are moving ahead. The need discussed was to request the BCC to include the Council on explanation on how the area as a whole can move forward to accomplish this next step. Hill mentioned that the Council is strictly an advisory board and cannot take formal action towards zoning. He requested asking how the Council could help. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Hill moved for the SLCC to wait until a final draft of the proposed zoning is completed and at that time Council will request to be put on the BCC agenda for further explanation. Greenwood seconded. All in favor.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Hill gave a brief update and introduced Lee Bowman as the meeting facilitator that will conduct a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis at the Jan 13 meeting. This discussion/analysis will guide the committee on how and where to proceed in the near future. Suggestion of names submitted by the general group for inclusion. Gullikson will email and/or otherwise contact these people to invite them to participate. The time is set for 7 pm-8:30 pm at SLE.

AIR QUALITY: Evans reported a letter was received from Jeane Koester, SLCF, proposing a partnership on applying for grant support for the AQ issues facing Seeley Lake. PPL application has a grant for up to \$10,000 that she will apply for (the SL Foundation has requested Koester to seek funding as a main portion of her job this year). A meeting is scheduled for Friday, Jan 7th at 10 am at the Barn. Ben Schmidt and Sarah Coefield from Missoula Co. will be there as well. The SL Foundation Board will be meeting on Jan. 12 to consider options. The Council voiced full support in this venture and Marx, as Chair, will place this item on the Feb. agenda for full discussion, but will let Koester know of support in advance.

Jenkins reported on the six monitors in place in SL. She stated results will be available at Feb. Council meeting. Also, a new turn of events with the news publicity going out from the State; they are reporting poor AQ in Seeley, but mitigating that with statements such as, "this could change at any time", and "can change quickly".

BIO-CHAR:

Marx is still looking into securing a sponsor for a presentation by Suzanne Miller. She charges a fee of \$272 to provide this service. Marx will contact Tim Love at Forest Service to ask for their cooperation.

BRANDING: Hill requested funding approval on an ad to be placed in the pathfinder for the Branding discussion on March 10- at SLE. Cost is approximately \$42.00.

MOTION: Hill motioned for approval for payment for an ad to advertising the meeting. Johnson seconded. All in favor.

Marx cautioned all board members on spending- as it is very tight.

Recognition: Hill announced there was a failure to recognize Senator Baucus and others involved in the Marshall Lake acquisition. A single donor provided \$35 million for the project (from Europe). Jon Haufler, present, was also instrumental in getting this accomplished. Appreciation shown by applause. This is the "Gateway to the Crown of the Continent".

TRAILS COMMITTEE UPDATE: Meeting date set for Tues, Jan. 25, 1 pm at the Barn. Cox reported on Elaine's Way- signs were probably put up by a snowmobile groomer, currently revising trail map now, and SL ranch easement is proceeding slowly.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm

Kmg 1/13/2011 - Approved at Feb. 2011 meeting.