

MINUTES
Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee
February 9, 2012, 2:00 PM
405 Grand Avenue, Laramie, WY
Annex Conference Room

The regular meeting of the Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 2:00pm in the Historic Carnegie Building (405 Grand Avenue), 1st Floor Conference Room.

I. ROLL CALL

- Members Present: Dave Evertson, Grant Frost , Joe Lord, Dave Paulekas, Paul Rechar, Cal Van Zee
- Members Absent: Richard Elliott
- Staff Present: Steve Davison, Dee Moody

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – No Changes

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 8, 2011

MOTION BY RECHARD, seconded by Lord, to approve the minutes from December 8, 2011.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Monthly Report from Water Resources Specialist

Davidson reports that plans and preparations are being considered for the new irrigation season, beginning in May 2012.

B. Standing Report from Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

Ms. Peggy McCrackin was not able to attend this meeting and therefore no report was presented. Joe Lord indicated that the committee is still working on planning and organization. The committee does recognize that there will not be any “recreation” on the ranch until the ranching operation is discontinued.

C. Meteorological Tower – Monolith Ranch

Davidson reported that the tower has not been removed as of this date. All the ~~date~~ data are recorded; however the reports show that the ~~tower~~ wind is not conducive to any commercial enterprise.

D. Cal brought to the table that a suggestion has been proposed by the Fleet Program Maintenance Director that the red tractor be sold as surplus property.

After discussion there was a **Motion by Rechar**, seconded by Lord, to keep the tractor at the ranch. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

E. Irrigation Pivot

Davidson reported that this piece of equipment has reached its life status, but will be used for one more season of irrigation beginning June 2012. Replacement of the pivot is requested in FY 2012-2013 and it is anticipated that the new unit will be purchased and installed at the end of the current irrigation season.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Simpson Springs Well Development Services

Geological Professional Services has been advertised now and will have council approval on February 21, 2012. Within 30 to 45 days of professional services contract award an advertisement for a construction contract for drilling with an approximate opening date of the 3rd week of April, and well drilling could begin in mid-June.

The geologist will have a packet of responsibilities to follow, to include the location of the wells, create a plan to prevent recirculation, well drilling, testing, construction oversight and a final report. There will be 5 pilot wells, 8 test wells, with 6 of the 8 wells to be pumped. These wells will be identified by the geologist. Once pumping information is gathered a report will be written stating the results and presented to the appropriate agencies. The test wells will become monitoring wells once the big wells are established. Once the wells are drilled, reports will be written for all appropriate agencies. Then it will be the City's intent to approach WWDC for funding for the production wells.

B. Water Right Transfer Proposals

Two reports, one by WWC Engineering and one by Fasset Engineering, were written recommending proposals for water rights transfer. Mr. Recharad questioned if the reports have been considered lately and what will be the City's response to follow the recommendations. Cal indicated that he would review both reports and will report to the committee the findings of both reports.

C. Dave Paulekas brought to the table a conversation regarding the budget process for the Monolith Ranch. It was recommended that the ranch budget be brought to the next meeting with what is already established and what will be proposed for the upcoming fiscal year.

VI. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

MOTION BY RECHARD, seconded by Paulekas, to set the next meet date for Thursday, March 8, 2012; 2:00pm. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

- Standing Report from Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee
- Monthly Report from Water Resources Specialist
- Meteorological Tower
- Water Rights Transfer Reports
- Simpson Springs Wells
- Budget Discussion for FY 2012-2013

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY FROST, seconded by Recharad, to adjourn the meeting.

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting ended at 3:10pm

Respectfully Submitted

Dee Moody, Secretary to RAC