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MONOLITH RANCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 14, 2012
2:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee will meet in the Historic Carnegie Building (405 Grand Avenue), 1st Floor Conference Room.

I. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rich Elliott, David Evertson, Joe Lord, Paul Rechar
Members Absent: Cal VanZee, Dave Paulekas
Staff Present: None

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –One item to be added to New Business. **Motion by Richard Elliott** and seconded by Lord, the item of Potential Modifications to RAC Purpose will be added as a New Business item.. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 26, 2012

MOTION BY LORD, seconded by Evertson to approve the minutes from April 6, 2012.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

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

- Nothing to report; no discussion concerning the Monolith Ranch. The committee is still able to study the area of the Ranch for recreational purposes, with the caveat that the Ranch will not be available for use until the ranching operations have ceased.
- There is a study session on July 24th for the Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

Monthly Report from Water Resources Specialist

- No report available because Steve Davidson was absent and attending WAM Conference

Term Limits for Committee Members

- Rich has spoken with City Manager on May 30th with concerns of reporting structure and notified her of the two openings on the committee and requested direction on management of the Committee.
- Jason Sherwood has been recommended from Game & Fish.
- Anyone whose term expires will have to reapply for the position.

Simpson Springs House – Structural Integrity

- Spoke with Jerry Hankin requesting a date for an inspection, and waiting for a report from Steve Davidson.

Simpson Springs Wells

- The City advertised for bids on well drilling with no results and the project has now been readvertised for the June 19th opening.
- What is the role of RAC concerning the Simpson Springs Well Drilling

Water Rights Transfer Reports

- Center Pivot has received approval for purchase by City Council by passing the proposed budget; should be a lease/purchase item.

- Steve Davidson will provide a report on the specifications of pivot.
- Paul Recharad stated that he is pleased that the Ranch Management Recommendation Report is on the agenda and being considered.
- How much water usage do we lose by not irrigating the ranch meadows until Bath gets their hay cut? Should there be consideration of protection and allocation of the water right during the haying season for the Bath ranch.
- A more accurate report needs to be on hand to estimate the size of the ranch, fields that are irrigated, water loss during hay cutting on Bath Ranch.

Fence Repair follow-up

- Steve Davidson indicated that fencing has not been pursued to this date

Meteorological Tower – Jon Naughton

- Naughton is in communication with Mike Lytle
- Is requesting more comparative information for verification and compare statewide.

V. NEW BUSINESS

• Potential Modifications to RAC Purpose

- Resolutions 2008-83 and 2010-66 were presented for review of the purpose of the Ranch Advisory Committee (RAC).
- What is the impact of the Trails and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to the RAC?
- Should RAC be micromanaging ranch operations, i.e., fencing, stock movement, etc.?
- Should the focus of RAC be specifically on water rights?
- Should there be a need to review and potentially market certain areas of the ranch?

VI. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

- **July 19, 2012**
- **August 16, 2012**

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
- Simpson Springs House – Structural Integrity
- Simpson Springs Wells
- Water Rights Transfer Reports
- Meteorological Tower
- Potential Modifications to RAC Purpose

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ELLIOTT, seconded by Evertson to adjourn the meeting at 3.02pm.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

/s/**RICHARD ELLIOTT**

Richard Elliott, Public Works Director

DATE