
MINUTES
Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee
November 13, 2014, 1:00 PM
405 Grand Ave., Laramie, WY
Annex Conference Room

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

I. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Paul Rechard, Joe Lord, Jason Sherwood, Vicki Henry
Staff Present: Danielle Brewer, Cal Van Zee and Darren Parkin
Absent: David Evertson and Earl Smith

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION BY HENRY, seconded by Rechard, to approve the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY Rechard, seconded by Sherwood, to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2014 meeting as edited in the last email sent. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None reported at this time

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Lease Negotiations

The lease negotiation subcommittee consists of Cal Van Zee, Darren Parkin, Dave Evertson, Vicki Henry and Dave Derragon. Vicki and Darren met approximately a month ago to draft a version of the lease agreement and sent this out to the rest of the subcommittee for comments. One of the biggest concerns within the current lease is providing City owned housing. One discussion has been to require building inspections to see if the houses are up to code. Other items up for discussion within the current lease include: winter grazing, the cost of hay, better defining the roles of City and Lessee, and the Bath Shale Quarry expansion.

Darren will send out the lease draft to the committee for their review and comments. Please respond back with your comments by November 21st.

Feeding Laramie Valley (Gayle Woodsum) is going before council November 25th.

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

Vicki Henry provided an update from the Ad Hoc advisory committee. The committee has been receiving many comments from people living outside city limits. The meetings are being held in the multipurpose room to allow for the larger attendance numbers. There is a new draft in process with many options being shown. The next meeting is scheduled for November 19th. The master plan will not be going through to City Council until next year.

C. Quarterly Report from Water Resource Specialist

Not much has been happening at the ranch. Everything has been winterized for the season. The stock water pipeline keeps breaking and has had to be dug up and repaired in multiple locations. Algae buildup within the stock well itself has caused the pump to burn out, and it had to be replaced. The diversion records will be compiled for the next meeting; all the initial numbers look pretty good. The final hay counts are not in from Stanly, the overall tonnage is expected to be good although the hay quality was pretty poor – the second cutting of alfalfa in particular was full of weeds. Hunting has been an issue on the ranch; the lessee has been telling the hunters false statements regarding the management plan – a meeting will be held with the lessee and Game and Fish so everyone involved is on the same page. Regarding the lease negotiations, would like to

see irrigation water running at the beginning of April next year. A meeting is scheduled with an attorney regarding the Bath Shale Quarry next week to get an overview of the permitting process and to discuss what standing the City has in the process as the surface land owner. City Ranch Road has no updates but the issue is still there concerning the Paddocks subdivision.

D. Pivot Update from Water Resource Specialist

The funding to finish the pivot has expired; however, Dave Derragon has found funding to finish the project. P Diamond's contract has been terminated. This winter we will start contacting other companies for quotes to finish the project and conduct some maintenance.

E. Titus Survey Update from Water Resource Specialist

HDR, out of Cheyenne, is under contract on this project – WWC is their sub. Kick off meeting is scheduled for next week to get the project started.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None reported at this time.

VII. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is set for January 15, 2015, at 1:00 pm.

VIII. AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

- A. Lease Negotiations
- B. Standing Report from Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee
- C. Quarterly Report from Water Resource Specialist
- D. Pivot Update from Water Resource Specialist
- E. Titus Survey Update from Water Resource Specialist

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

S/Danielle Brewer

Secretary
Ranch Advisory Committee

Date