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**MINUTES**  
**Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee**  
**June 15, 2016, 1:00 PM**  
**405 Grand Ave., Laramie, WY**  
**Annex Conference Room**

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**The special meeting of the Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee met at the Historic Carnegie Building, 405 Grand Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room and was called to order at 1:04 PM.**

**I. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Joe Lord, Jason Sherwood, Paul Rechard, Amy Nagler, Jayne Pearce  
Staff Present: David Derragon, Earl Smith, Darren Parkin, Cindy Williams  
Absent: Cal VanZee  
Guests Present: Tom Hamp (Mountain Cement Company, owner), Mitch Edwards  
(Nicholas & Tangeman, Mountain Cement Company attorney)

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION BY Rechard**, seconded by Nagler, to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2016 meeting as sent via email. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Mountain Cement Purchase Offer Discussion and Recommendation to City Council**

*Questions and discussion posed to Tom Hamp and Mitch Edwards:*

**Sherwood:** Could the City retain first right of refusal should the property ever sell again? Could we suggest the revenue from the purchase be used to buy additional property that would have value to the City with water rights or public access?

**Nagler:** What would happen to the land if MCC were to declare bankruptcy? Would this sale set any kind of precedent for future companies purchasing Monolith Ranch land? Is it too soon to sell the land, or should we wait for a comprehensive land use study? Should the City gather more information before making a decision? Is the amount offered by MCC reasonable? What are the benefits that MCC provides to the County and City? What are the tax revenue implications? Is ownership required to limit trespassers if the land is leased? Would MCC eventually mine limestone next to the interstate?

**Rechard:** Wanted the committee to know he was against the sale in the beginning, and is not in favor of breaking up the land or selling it in parcels, but he has since changed his mind in favor of the sale.

**Lord:** Is in favor of the sale. Would like to remind Council that if Ducks Unlimited modifies the Goforth Reservoir as proposed, there will not automatically be public recreation out there.

**Pearce:** Concerned MCC will want more of the ranch in the future if the sale is allowed. She would like the committee to keep in mind the potential future needs of the City and that the City may need the land for another use down the road.

Responses by Tom Hamp and Mitch Edwards to comments/questions:

MCC is asking for a positive vote from the committee for the sale of the property. The sale would further strengthen MCC ties to the community. MCC would have the ability to mine the property after permits are obtained whether MCC owns the land or not. Ownership would make the permits easier to obtain from DEQ and provide better control over trespassers and the property.

Regarding if MCC were to go bankrupt: MCC and all mining companies are required to bond through DEQ and BLM for reclamation. MCC uses Safeco Insurance.

Regarding setting a precedent: It does not establish any precedent.

Regarding tax revenues: MCC adds quite a bit of revenue to the community through their tax revenues, payroll, and other contributions.

Regarding waiting for a comprehensive plan: This may help the City in the direction of doing a comprehensive plan. Whether the City sells at this time or waits, MCC is preparing to obtain the permits to mine the property.

Regarding mining next to the interstate: MCC is planning an amount of buffer land between the interstate and an active mine.

**MOTION BY Rechar**d, seconded by Sherwood, that the committee recommend to Council they favorably allow the Mountain Cement purchase offer.

**Roll call showed Aye:** Sherwood, Lord, Rechar.d. **Nay:** Pearce, Nagler. **Absent:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**B. Term Expirations**

All members' terms will expire in October 2016. Appointments will be made for two 3-year terms and two 2-year terms. Applications will be open to the public and advertised by the City Manager's Office. Any current member wishing to remain on the committee will need to go through the interview and appointment process.

**V. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is set for Friday, July 22, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. in the Annex conference room.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

S/ *Cindy Williams*

Staff Liaison

Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee

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