
MINUTES
Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee
February 16, 2017 1:00 PM
405 Grand Ave., Laramie, WY
Annex Conference Room

The special meeting of the Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee met at the Historic Carnegie Building, 405 Grand Avenue, 1st Floor Conference Room and was called to order at 1:03 PM.

I. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Marius Favret, Keith Rittle, Vicki Henry

Staff Present: Darren Parkin, Cindy Williams, Cal VanZee, David Derragon

Absent: Amy Nagler, Paul Rechar, Earl Smith

There was a quorum present at all times.

Guests: Tony Hoch, LRCD; Jason Sherwood, WY Game & Fish; Dr. Bill Gribb, UW Geography Dept.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION BY Rittle, seconded by Henry, to approve the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY Henry, seconded by Rittle, to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2017 meeting as sent via email. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation on Student Assessment of Monolith Ranch and Future Development
– Dr. Bill Gribb

*Dr. Gribb did a class project in 2014 on the Ranch, approximately 16 weeks in length. The class provided background on geology, agriculture, recreation, residential development, and soils. They also looked at land capability: irrigation capability, grazing/vegetation, trail suitability, wildlife abundance, septic suitability for residential development, and non-basement suitability for residential.

B. Report on Potential Projects and Areas of Improvement on the ranch – *Darren Parkin – See Handout*

*Baer provided information regarding improving the stock water and the priority areas across the Ranch. Darren will send this info out to the committee.

V. DISCUSSION

A. Development of a Long-Term Monolith Ranch Management Plan

*A long-range Ranch plan is separate from current improvements needed for a future water transfer. We need to understand the soil, abilities of the Ranch, and observation of birds in the Goforth area. A map of the best uses for each section of the Ranch would be beneficial.

*Questions to ask:

How long is long term? What is in our best interest? What is the need of the community?

*Discussion for next meeting:

Identify alternatives and options for the Ranch to take to Council.

Identify sections of the Ranch and their best uses with the resources on the land.

Keep in mind the most important part of the Ranch is the Dowlin irrigated acres.

*A resolution will be drafted to increase the voting members by two, to include persons with specific expertise that would benefit the Ranch. Derragon and Henry will meet to discuss this.

*Another work session is needed. Date set: March 23, 2017.

VI. DATE FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING – April 13, 2017

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

The original Minutes were approved and signed on 03. 23.17.

The signed document is on file.