
MINUTES
Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee
October 12, 2017 1:00 PM
405 Grand Ave., Laramie, WY
Annex Conference Room

The regular 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 1:02 PM.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Marius Favret, Keith Rittle, Amy Nagler, Tony Hoch, Jason Sherwood

Members Absent: Vicki Henry, Paul Rechar

There was a quorum present at all times.

Staff Present: Cindy Williams, Darren Parkin, Cal Van Zee

Guests Present: Todd Feezer, Parks and Rec Director; Keith Wardlaw, Mosq./Forestry Supervisor

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION BY Nagler, seconded by Sherwood, to approve the agenda.

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: 2

MOTION CARRIED.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES with the following changes submitted by Hoch:

Item VI. B. (*clarification*) DU submitted a draft of the Goforth Reservoir and irrigated meadow rehabilitation project which included an operational plan for City staff to review.

Item VI. H. (*title revision*) “Review Proposed Options for WWDC Applications”

MOTION BY Sherwood, seconded by Nagler, to approve the minutes as amended from the July 13, 2017 regular meeting as sent via email.

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: 2

MOTION CARRIED.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mosquito Control Presentation – *Todd Feezer and Keith Wardlaw, City of Laramie Parks and Recreation*

1. Overview of Mosquito Control in Laramie Basin
2. Mosquito Control Methods: Larval & adult control; aerial, granular & liquid applications
3. Mosquito Surveillance
4. Fogging
5. Mosquito Control on Monolith Ranch

B. Proposed Land Exchange – *Parkin*

1. Perimeter fence is in need of repair bordering the Evertson property, along the southeastern part of ranch near HWY 287. Evertson suggested a land trade of his 12 acres in exchange for 5 Monolith Ranch acres. Evertson's property is contiguous and is a long and skinny piece between the railroad and the highway. There are no water rights on either piece of land. Evertson is in the process of formalizing the proposal in writing.
2. Discussion of advantages/disadvantages.
3. Committee is not favorable to the exchange at this time, but the item can be re-visited, if necessary, after an official proposal is presented.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Water Resources Administrator Quarterly Report (handout) – *Parkin*

1. Environmental Advisory Committee is comprising a list of environmental concerns, if the MRAC has any ranch matters they'd like to share.
2. We have received new cell phone telemetered flow measurement equipment to support the Consumptive Use Plan. The equipment came in under budget, and is expected to save in staff time.
3. The Laramie Rivers Conservation District conducted a range/vegetation evaluation training class on September 25th. Long-range monitoring of the Monolith pastures would produce evidence of changes over a period of years.
4. Wyoming Wildlife Natural Resource Trust Fund representatives will be visiting on October 19.
5. Tri-State Substation received a conditional use permit from the County. They still do not have legal access to use River Ranch Road from Mountain Cement or Thane McKinsey. McKinsey would like Tri-State to maintain and upgrade the road.
6. Mountain Cement will begin fencing the 700 acres they purchased from the City. They are drafting a lease for Baer to utilize that property.
7. The water rights petition is still being reviewed by the Board of Controls for the re-description of the irrigated areas of the Dowlin Ditch. It is important for the City to stay in communication with the State. Their next meeting is in November.

B. Discussion of Goals and Objectives

1. City Council approved the MRAC Goals & Objectives.
2. Discussion of consulting money line item in current budget. Parkin to contact Finance to find out if that money will roll over to next fiscal year. At this time, no consulting is recommended until there is a clear direction for the Ranch.
3. Ideas are needed for how to proceed with a Master Plan. Discussion arose whether and where to allow recreation after current lease is up, keeping in mind the Goals and Objectives as a guideline. Any additional expenses would need to pay for themselves or find a funding source. Decision to be made within the next year.

C. WWDC Grant Application Discussion

1. A letter of commitment is needed from Council by December 31st. WWC Engineering is filling out a grant application and estimating a cost to be completed by mid-November. The Water Development grant will match up to \$35,000. Discussion of current budget. Parkin to talk to Finance.

MOTION BY Hoch, seconded by Rittle, that the committee recommend to City Council to move forward with the WWDC grant provided the funding is the City budget.

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: 2

MOTION CARRIED.

VI. SET DATES FOR 2018 REGULAR/QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1. January 11, April 12, July 12, October 11
2. Williams to reserve Annex Conference Room for these dates.

VII. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

VALIDATED:

Marius Favret

01/11/18

Marius Favret, Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee Chair

Date

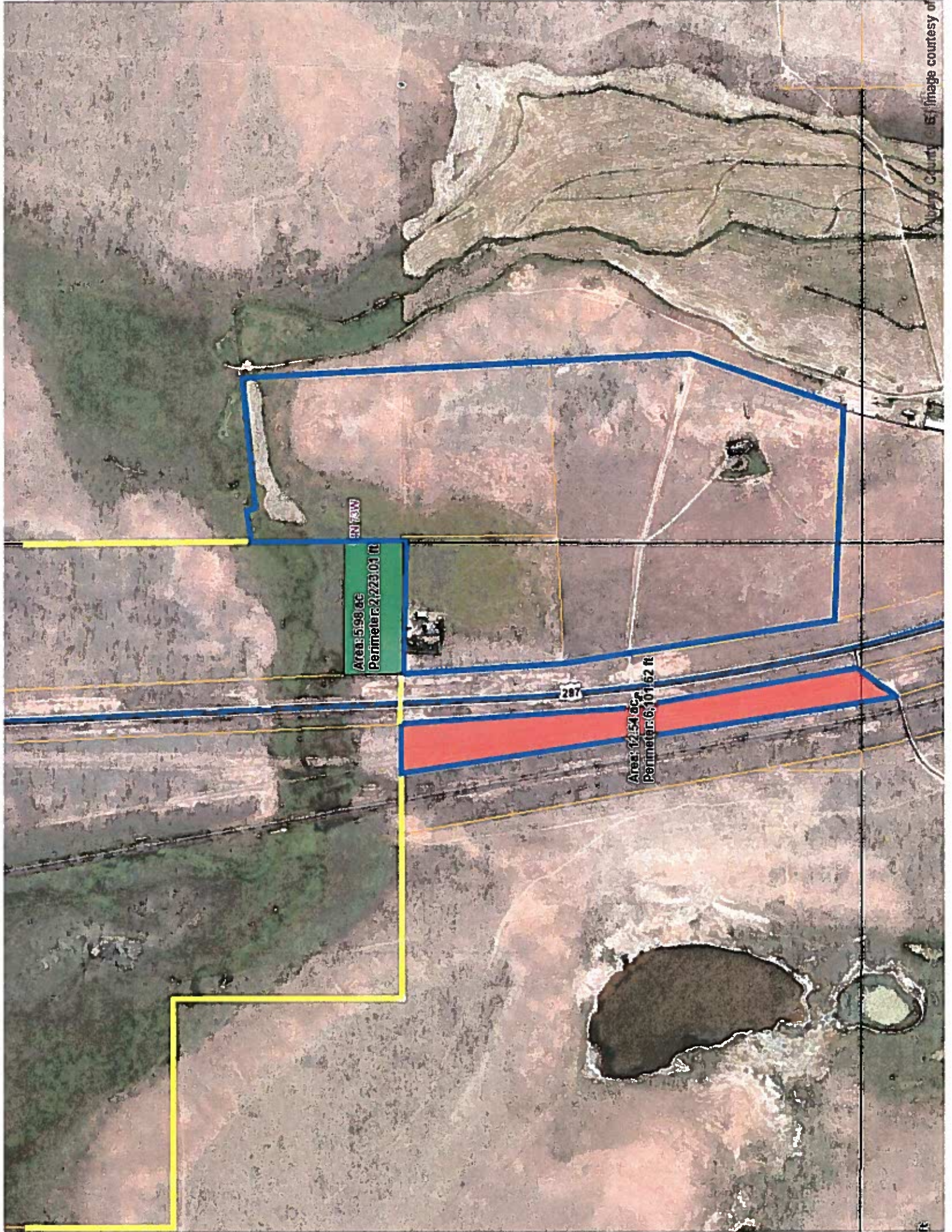
Cindy Williams

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Cindy Williams, Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee Staff Liaison

Date

The signed document is on file.



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