

**September 7, 2011**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on September 7, 2011, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Marianne Roose, Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Ron Downey, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

9:00 AM: Commissioner Roose **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:00 AM: **Paul Bradford, KNF**: Paul began by talking about the Silver Butte Road meeting with Sanders County. He spoke about the mining proposals at Montanore, Rock Creek and the Troy Mine Reclamation EIS. Paul spoke about the Forest Plan Amendments and revisions due to the Grizzly Bear Access Amendment. The group talked about the Grizzly Bear Study of DNA by Kate Kendall. There is a Canadian researcher, Michael Proctor that has information about the Cabinet Mountain grizzly bear population.

10:00 AM: **Tim Orthmayer, Morrison Maierle**, Airport Grants: Tim talked about the many obstacles in gaining the grants this year due to the FAA politics. They are now ready to sign papers and continue with work on the Libby Airport this year. Libby Airport is getting a new pilot's lounge that is ADA compliant.

10:30 AM: **Robert Rasmussen, Trust for public lands, Conservation Easement**: The Trust for public lands is working on a conservation easement in the Troy area in conjunction with Stimson Lumber. The location is in the area of Lake Creek, O'Brien Creek, Ruby Creek and the Kootenai River. Darryl Pfeifer brought a map showing a temporary public access for motorized use. There are a few accesses that will be available during hunting season. Commissioner Berget asked if this would be available each year. Darryl answered that they are going to see how it works this year and then determine what will take place next year. Ray Jones of Stimson talked about the first year of open access it is important for everyone to work together to make it a success. Robert Rasmussen talked about the Conservation Easement Project Troy-Lake Creek Properties. Allan Wood talked about the funding of the project. They received a grant for \$4 million. Public Hearings are the next actions and they hope to be moving forward after that. Commissioner Berget talked about access issues with Lincoln County compared to the rest of the state. Gail Bissel, FWP, said that access is always an issue when lands are sold in any capacity but at least with this conservation plan, the possibilities are greater to maintaining access in the future.

1:30 PM: The Commissioners received a letter from the **Bull Lake Volunteer Fire Department Board** requesting that Patti Sargent be added to the Board to replace Norma DesJardins who resigned in June. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the appointment of Patti Sargent to the BLVFD Board and it carried.

1:50 PM: The Commissioners read the **minutes of the August 24, 2011 meeting**. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

2:05 PM: **Budget discussion**: Commissioner Berget wants to raise the Library mills to 9.0 in order to allow \$11,791 to be put in their cash reserves for next year. There was more discussion about the Fair budget and the County Health Nurse budget.

2:30 PM: **Budget adoption**: Allan had a lot of questions about the County Health Nurse budget. Commissioner Berget moved to adopt the 2011-2012 budget as has been revised on the Library fund, Commissioner Downey seconded. The budget passed by a positive vote by Commissioner Berget and Commissioner Downey and a negative vote due to the Fair Budget by Commissioner Roose.

3:20 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Marianne Roose, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board