

Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee

June 3, 2002

Members Present:

Group A

Lee Disney
Keith Glover
John Hossack
Tony Johnson
Timothy Ryan
Kenneth Stephens

Group B

Wayne Hirst
Peter Kitts
Bill Martin
Dan Serifert

Group C

Russ Hudson
Gary Huntsberger
Marianne Roose
Bruce Vincent
Rita Windom

Members Absent:

Group B: Robyn King
Tim L Linehan
Group C: Eileen Carney

Others Present:

Bob Castaneda – DFO, Kirsten Kaiser – Facilitator, Cindy Johnson – Note taker

Public Present:

Bill Bischoff, Ray Stout – Tobacco Valley News, John K. Beebe, Kim D.N. Laub, John Konzen, Malcolm Edwards.

Following are brief notes summarizing meeting discussions.

Chairman Lee Disney and Kirsten handed out appointment letter and certificates to each committee member from the WO. One letter and certificate for Timothy Ryan was missing.

Lee Disney opened the meeting and all stood for the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

No one had received the minutes from the previous meeting. All agreed to review and approve the minutes for May and June at the July meeting.

Lee presented the guidelines for up coming meetings.

The decision was made to hold meetings the first Monday of each month at 6:30. The next meeting will be July 1 at 6:30 at the Supervisors Office in Libby. Labor Day is the first Monday in September. The September meeting will be held on the second Monday, September 9. At the next meeting the decision will be made where the next meeting will be held. Meeting will rotate between Eureka, Libby and Troy. The group agreed to have the Forest Service provide a facilitator. At this time the group decided not to make a mission statement, if needed they can create one at that time.

The question was asked if sub-committees could be established if the group felt the need. Yes, sub-committees could be established. They have to keep the same responsibilities.

Proposal votes will be by roll call and recorded. For the proposal to pass there must be a majority by groups.

Establishing a time limit on receiving public comments was discussed. The decision was made to “hold off” on establishing a time limit unless there is a need identified in the future.

A discussion was held on timing public comment. At this time the committee has agreed to take public comments after the project has been discussed.

Barbara Edgmon will be the contact person on inquiries of who to contact on the committee for questions and concerns.

A proposal can be added as new business to the agenda if it is submitted before the next meeting. If a proposal is submitted at the meeting it will show up as new business on the agenda at the following meeting.

Bob gave a review of Title II and Title III.

- Title I - Money off the top to the county
- Title II - Forest Service Projects
- Title III – County Projects

Title II Commissioners run formula to determine how much money goes to the county and remaining goes to projects. Fifty percent must go to roads (maintenance, or decommissioning) or watershed restoration. The remaining fifty percent can be used on other approved projects. This money has to benefit FS lands. This can be between county and FS or private landowner and FS. Money has to be allocated by September and spent that year.

Rita Windom – Lincoln County Commissioner

Presented a power point giving a list of projects and expectations
Percentage to Title II for FY 2003:

- How the funds were distributed
- Why the need for Title III projects this year
- What type of projects qualify for Title II expenditures
- The projects they anticipate this year and next year
- There main concerns for Title II Projects

Kirsten Kaiser – National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

If you have questions call Kirsten as 293-6211. Kirsten provided a summary of the NEPA process and some projects on the Kootenai National Forest that have been through the NEPA process. NEPA analysis is required for projects on non-Forest Service land if federal funds are used.

Fortine Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District and Libby District sent a draft list of proposals for consideration.

The question was asked if the committee felt the need could they contract out NEPA. Yes the committee can contract out NEPA.

The committee needs to show that the money will be used for projects that will be beneficial to the community. Pictures should be taken before starting a project and after completion of the project.

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Review and approve minutes from May and June meetings
- Appointment letter and certificate for Timothy Ryan
- Determine location of September meeting.
- Kirsten will clarify the need for NEPA on private lands.