

PUBLIC MEETING

June 22, 2017 MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, June 22, 2017, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

Chairman Susan Good Geise called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Jim McCormick were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Charles Lane, Audra Zacherl, Matt Heimel, Larry Hoffman, Brian Coplin and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from the USDA Forest Service Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented the grant award for the Lost Horse Creek-Continental Divide Noxious Week Project. The project is funded through the Missouri River Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Title II Program. This project was submitted through the County by a group of volunteer landowners that have been managing noxious weeds in the Upper Prickly Pear Watershed west of Canyon Creek for over 14 years. The group wishes to continue to reduce the spread of invasive noxious weeds in the project areas with the use of mechanical, biological and herbicides. The agreement is for \$15,250 in RAC funding effective through May 25, 2021. Activities will include spraying 1,200 acres for noxious weeds, purchasing chemical, project monitoring and signage. The volunteer landowners intend to contribute \$24,724.80 in volunteer time and materials and the Weed Department will contribute approximately \$832 for in-kind labor for the project. Staff recommends approval of the Title II Project Agreement.

Larry Hoffman, Weed District Coordinator, stated that they will be reseeding the areas where timber has been cut as well as using biological insect controls for Spotted Knapweed.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2017-56 of Intention to Amend the Frontier Village Estates Rural Improvement District No. 2011-4 (Planner: Matt Heimel)

Matt Heimel, Planner I, presented the resolution of intention to amend the Frontier Village Estates Rural Improvement District. The purpose of amending the district is to change the scope of maintenance to remove the fire protection cost component from the RID. Maintenance of the fire protection system that serves the Frontier Village Estates, Buckboard and Garden Valley Subdivisions is planned to be funded by a separate new district. All owners of property within the district have waived the right to protest the creation of an RID through their restrictive covenants. Maintenance activities for the district will consist of roadway and mailbox unit upkeep, reverting to the original structure of the district before the Buckboard subdivision was added. An estimated cost to fully fund the annual maintenance is \$9,540.08 or \$265 per benefited property per year.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2017-57 of Intention to Create the Buckboard Rural Improvement District No. 2017-9. (Planner: Matt Heimel)

Matt Heimel, Planner I, presented the resolution of intention to create the Buckboard Rural Improvement District. The purpose of creating the district is to fund internal roadways in the subdivision. Creation of the Buckboard RID is proposed to correct a situation where an amendment was not implemented in 2013 that would have funded maintenance within the Buckboard Subdivision was part of the existing Frontier Village Estates RID. The estimated costs for the maintenance have been structured to compensate for this situation. The estimated cost to fully fund said maintenance is \$8,759.73 or \$302.06 per benefited property per year.

The resolution to create the district is scheduled for July 27, 2017 with an anticipated resolution to levy and assess the district coming before the Commission before August 31, 2017.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

<u>Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.</u>

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Susan & od Geise Chair

Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair

Jim McCormick, Member

ATTEST:

Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board