

Resolution 2014-108

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITIZENS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY OPEN LANDS
PROGRAM BYLAWS**

WHEREAS, MCA 7-7-2201 gives the Lewis and Clark County Commission (Commission) authority to issue general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2008-97 called for a bond election under MCA 7-7-2223, submitting to the qualified electors of Lewis and Clark County (County) the question of whether the Commission shall be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds of the County in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 (ten million) for the purpose of preserving open-space lands in the County, including working lands and land for protecting water and wildlife, by providing funds to acquire conservation easement or other property interests from willing sellers and to pay costs associated with the sale and issuance of bonds, for any one or more of the following reasons: protecting drinking water sources and ground water quality; protecting water quality in and along rivers and streams; conserving working farm, ranch, and forest lands; protecting wildlife areas; preserving open lands and natural areas; providing for recreation; and managing growth and development; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2008, a majority of the qualified electors of the County approved the bond election, authorizing the Commission to issue and sell general obligation bonds according to the bond language; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 bond language provided for “the creation of a citizens advisory committee charged with making recommendations on the expenditure of bond funds to the Board” if the funds are authorized at the election; and

WHEREAS, the Commission appointed a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) that has compiled recommendations for the process and structure for receiving project applications and recommending projects for bond funding, including documents such as an Open Lands Program Guide, an Application for Project Funding, and Project Criteria Checklist; and

WHEREAS, on August 11th, 2009, the CAC adopted By-Laws for the Lewis and Clark County Citizens Advisory Committee on Open Space in order to establish its policies and procedures for its name and location, definition of terms, authority, purpose, powers and duties, jurisdictional area, composition and terms of appointment, officers, terms and duties, meetings, and public participation; and

WHEREAS, the CAC has determined that the CAC By-Laws document needs to be further amended in order to improve the efficiency of the Lewis and Clark County Open Lands Program, and has drafted these amendments for Commission consideration; and

WHEREAS, on August 6th, 2014, the CAC unanimously voted to approve the recommended amendments to the By-Laws document; and




WHEREAS, the commission has considered these recommendations with or without amendment.



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The commission hereby adopts the recommendations of the CAC; and
2. The Commission hereby declares that the Lewis and Clark County Open Lands Program will begin carrying out its procedures according to the policies outlined in the amended CAC By-Laws.

DATED this 14 day of October, 2014

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Susan Good Geise, Chair


ATTEST

Paulette J. Dellart