

Unapproved Minutes
Board of Commissioners of Converse County

The regular meeting was called to order on October 20, 2009 at 8:02 a.m. Present were Chairman Ed Werner, Commissioners Dave Edwards, Tony Lehner, Jim Willox and County Clerk Lucile Taylor. Vice-Chairman Mike Colling was excused.

Mr. Frank Eathorne reviewed the progress of the CC Natural Resource Committee.

Mr. Eathorne asked if it would be possible for the County to help defray expenses for the members of this committee. The Commission stated they would be willing to help with actual costs upon prior notification and approval by the Commission for the committee to attend regional or state conferences.

Mr. Willox moved to approve **RESOLUTION 19-09**

**ESTABLISHMENT AND NAMING OF A LAND
USE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Converse County, State of Wyoming, to preserve and protect our historical custom, culture, economic viability, and social stability,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners, Converse County, State of Wyoming, by the authority vested in us, do hereby adopt the following criteria for the establishment of a volunteer land use planning committee and to name it "Converse County Natural Resources Planning Committee":

1. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this committee is to complement the work of the Converse County Planning and Zoning Commission with respect to Federally and state managed lands.

The lands within Converse County which produce the natural resources vital to the economy of the County are either 1) managed by Federal or state agencies or 2) are critically affected by lands managed by such agencies. All private property and county or municipally owned property lying within the County is affected by Federal and/or state management practices. Such practices have the potential to, and often do, adversely impact the continuation of the culture, custom, economic viability, and social stability of the County. The Converse County Planning and Zoning Commission has assisted the Board of Commissioners with development of a Land Use Plan for the Federally and state managed lands, and it has become clear that the planning process for such lands must be a long-term undertaking if the custom, culture, economic viability, and social stability of Converse County is to be preserved. The purpose of this Resolution is to provide for the establishment of a Natural Resource Committee and use the committee as a standing advisory committee to continue advising the Board regarding the management of the Federally and state managed lands lying within Converse County and the relationship of that management to the desired continuation of the custom, culture, economic viability, and social stability of the County.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE AND DESIGNATION OF DUTIES.

There is hereby established the Converse County Natural Resources Planning Committee. The Committee shall serve as an advisory committee to the Converse County Board of Commissioners with regard to the following:

- a. Development of plans for use of the Federally and state managed lands lying within Converse County;
- b. Implementation of plans for use of the Federally and state managed lands lying within Converse County;
- c. Study of and development of legislation pertaining to the management of the Federally and state managed lands lying within Converse County;
- d. Study of and development of comments and input regarding proposed legislation and administrative regulations regarding management of the Federally and state managed lands lying within Converse County;
- e. Study of and development of comments and input regarding proposed Federal or state plans, regulations, orders, decisions and other actions regarding management of the Federally and state managed lands lying within Converse County;
- f. Conduct of public information meetings and other means of gathering information regarding public input into the management of the Federally and state managed lands lying within Converse County;
- g. Meet and communicate with Federal and state agency personnel, other public officials and citizen groups in order to develop coordination of planning for the management of the Federally and state managed lands lying within Converse County and recommend actions to establish and implement such coordination;
- h. As directed or requested by the Board of Commissioners, perform other functions regarding the management of Federally and state managed lands lying within Converse County and the relationship of that management to the custom, culture, economic viability, and social stability of Converse County.

3. MEMBERSHIP.

The Committee shall consist of not fewer than five (5) members and not more than eleven (11) members. All members shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners in accordance with the following provisions:

- a. Initially, members shall be alternately appointed to one (1), two (2), and three (3) year terms, so that as far as practicable the committee maintains continuity of membership; each appointment to be filled for a term of three (3) years thereafter.
- b. Eligibility for membership shall be involvement with, an interest in, and expertise in the various multiple uses of the federal and state managed lands and the custom, culture, economic viability, and social stability of Converse County. Any member shall be eligible, upon re-application, for re-appointment. No person under the employ of any federal or state agency shall be eligible to serve as a committee member or sub-committee member. The Board shall select members for appointment from a list of names, accompanied by an application signed by the applicant stating compliance with this section, maintained by the Clerk of the Board which contains the following:

- i. The names of persons who in writing have requested appointment and stated their involvement with, interest in, and expertise in the multiple uses, custom, culture, economic viability, and social stability of Converse County, and
 - ii. The names of persons recommended for membership by the Committee with a written statement of each person's involvement, interest, and expertise in the multiple uses, custom, culture, economic viability, and social stability of Converse County.
- c. Upon receipt by the Board of a written resignation by a member of the Committee, the Board shall remove the member from the Committee and shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term being served by the member resigning. Members may also be removed for cause, including failure to participate in the Committee's business and activities or on a written recommendation by the Committee. The Board shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term being served by the member being removed. Such appointments shall be made in accordance with the procedure established in subparagraph b of this Section.

4. ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE.

- a. **OFFICERS.** The Committee members shall elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary and any other officers the Committee deems desirable or necessary. The term for such offices shall be two years, and all officers elected are eligible for re-election.
- b. **ACTION BOARD.** The Committee shall name an Action Board which shall have the authority to advise the Board of Commissioners on matters requiring such prompt action that awaiting a Committee meeting is impracticable. The Action Board membership shall be established by the Committee but shall include at least all officers of the Committee. The Action Board shall report its activities to the Committee at the next meeting of the Committee.
- c. **SUB-COMMITTEES.** The Committee is authorized to establish whatever sub-committees it deems desirable and necessary to the conduct of its business and affairs. The members of the sub-committees shall be appointed after formal approval by the majority vote of the Committee. Membership on the Committee is not a requirement for membership on a sub-committee.
- d. **MEETINGS.** The Committee shall establish and publicly announce its own meeting schedule, but it shall meet quarterly or more often as determined by the Chairman. All meetings of the Committee shall be public meetings. The Action Board and Sub-committees may meet without the public meeting requirements set by Wyoming law, but Action Board and Sub-committee reports shall be made at each Committee meeting.
- e. **OPERATING PROCEDURE.** Other than the requirement set forth in Paragraphs 4a through 4d, the Committee may establish its operating and meeting policies and procedures.

5. COOPERATION WITH COMMITTEE.

Mr. Lehner moved to approve the Grant Award for U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Grant Programs Directorate, Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention (LETPP) Activities, Fiscal Year 2009, Converse County Sheriff's Office for \$13,542.34 beginning August 1, 2009 and ending April 30, 2012, CFDA #97.067, DHS Grant Code: 2009-SS-T9-0013, Project ID 09-GPD-CON-LS-HLE9. Mr. Willox seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the Radio Building Lease Agreement between Wickett Rentals and the Converse County Sheriff for \$600/year beginning August 1, 2009 and ending July 31, 2014 (5 years). Mr. Willox seconded. Mr. Lehner recused himself due to a conflict. Motion carried.

Mr. Willox moved to approve the Radio Tower Site Lease Agreement between Two Way Radio Service, Inc. and the Converse County Sheriff's Office for the Morton #2 Site in the amount of \$1800/year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2014 (5 years). Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the Highway Safety Grant Agreement for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Grant and Converse County Sheriff's Office for \$29,952 beginning October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010. Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Lehner moved to approve the Grant Award Agreement for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Emergency Response Wyoming Department of Health and Converse County Public Health Nursing Services in the amount of \$96,364 beginning November 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010, CFDA#93.069. Mr. Willox seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve tax refunds/cancellations: 2009-024 Black Hills Exploration 51.30; 2009-025 Stone Energy 23.46; 2009-026 Black Hills Exploration 48.27; 2009-027 Questar 65.42; 2009-031 EOG Resources 32.09; 2009-032 Wexpro 190.37; 2009-033 North Finn 31.43; 2009-034 Black Hills Exploration 57.05; 2009-035 Stone Energy 382.91; 2009-042 Brad Reese 305.10; 2009-043 Brad Reese 305.10; 2009-044 Brad Reese 305.10; 2009-045 Brad Reese 305.10; 2009-046 Richard Atkins 120.45; and 2009-048 Anne Smathers 1677.14. Mr. Lehner second, motion carried.

Mr. Bob Sprentall, District Ranger-USFS and Mrs. Misty Hay, Deputy District Ranger, reviewed the Travel Management Decision and the Prairie Dog Plan Amendment for the Thunder Basin National Grasslands.

Mr. Jason Meyers, WLC, stated the engineer's estimate for the 55 Ranch Road Reconstruction Project was \$1,238,098.61. Bids were as follows: Knife River, \$930,077; 71 Construction \$1,169,069.30; McMurry Ready Mix \$1,149,435.50; Croell Redi-Mix, \$1,239,491 and Hedquist Construction \$1,640,120. After the Commission receives Mr. Meyer's recommendation, they anticipate making the bid award at their meeting on November 3 and 4, 2009.

The regular meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m. on October 20, 2009.

Ed Werner, Chair

Attest: _____
Lucile K. Taylor, Converse County Clerk
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