

9:00AM CONVENE

PRESENT: William L. Randash, Chairman; Steve Baldwin, Deb Ranum, Members; Lani DeBuhr, Clerk

GUEST: Dave Havens, Member of the Public

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

9:00AM COMMISSION WORK SESSION

Parkview Rental Agreement- The Commission reviewed and Commissioner Randash, as Chairman, signed the Amended Rental Agreement for Arleen Beach.

Fallon County Credit Card Policy- The Commission reviewed the Fallon County Credit Card Policy and said they will forward it onto Darcy Wassman, County Attorney, and wait for her to give her opinion on the policy before making a formal decision to adopt it.

Rifle Range Sidewalk/Driveway- The Commission would like to get more information about the cost of the base fill from the contractors as one contractor included the base fill in their quote, one contractor excluded the base fill in their quote and the other contractor didn't specify in their quote if the base fill was included or excluded. The Commission will contact the contractor's to get more information before making a decision on this project.

9:45am- The Commission and Dave Havens left the meeting to attend a funeral.

10:00AM ROAD UPDATES

The meeting was canceled due to Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman and Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor attending a funeral at this time.

10:55am- The Commission returned to the meeting.

11:00AM MINUTES APPROVAL

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of December 28, 2015-January 1, 2016 with amendments. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

11:15AM PARKVIEW DAMAGES REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

The Commission received an email from David Espeland, Fallon Medical Complex CEO, notifying them a Parkview Complex Tenant recently passed away and the tenant's apartment has \$3,500 worth of damage. David said the majority of the damage was done by the person using their wheelchair. David said the tenant paid a \$350 security deposit and has a balance of \$917 in advance rent payments. David asked the Commission if they want to proceed with the repairs and what portion of the repairs the tenant's family should be responsible for. The Commission said they want the repairs to be done and made the decision to put the \$350 security deposit towards the repairs and refund the remaining rent that was paid in advance to the family.

11:30am- Calumet Rd. Box Culvert Bridge Easement- The Commission received the signed Grant of Temporary Construction Easement from Hidden Water Ranch Inc. for the Calumet Road Structure Replacement. The Commission reviewed and signed the easement.

11:45am- Shannon Hewson with Brosz Engineering joined the meeting.

Shannon Hewson gave the Commission updates on the bridge projects Brosz Engineering is working on.

Calumet Rd. Bridge- Shannon gave the Commission the bid specs for the Calumet culvert that went out to bid last week. Shannon said the bid opening for the culvert is set for January 19th and Shannon said he is hoping to have the bid opening for the construction of the culvert two weeks later. The Commission gave Shannon a copy of the signed easement from Hidden Water Ranch Inc. for his records.

Westmore Rd. Bridge- Shannon gave the Commission the proposed drawings for the Westmore Rd. Bridge that he sent to Matt Rugg with Montana, Fish, Wildlife and Parks to review.

Dry Fork Rd. Bridge- Shannon said he is going to begin writing a letter to send to the landowners that will be affected by the replacement of the Dry Fork Rd. Bridge and the letter will invite them to meet with the Commission about it.

Drainage through City of Baker- The Commission and Shannon discussed the future of the culvert replacements on 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th streets. Shannon said he would still like to pursue installing liners in the channel and doing wetland mitigation with the Army Corps of Engineers in exchange for it. Shannon said they can talk about this more in detail with Sage from the US Army Corps of Engineers when she does a site visit.

11:45AM PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for Public Comment.

12:00PM NOON RECESS

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to take a noon recess. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

1:15PM RECONVENE

PRESENT: William L. Randash, Chairman; Steve Baldwin, Deb Ranum, Members; Lani DeBuhr, Clerk

1:15pm- Andy Fujimori, IT Tech, joined the meeting.

Andy Fujimori came to ask the Commission for approval to attend online classes through KnowledgeNet to obtain his Network, Security and Server Certifications. The cost is \$1,790 and the Commission gave their permission for Andy to attend the trainings.

1:35pm- Andy Fujimori left the meeting.

1:30PM DECEMBER CLAIMS APPROVAL

The Commission reviewed and approved the December End of Month claims in the amount of \$113,707.67 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

3:30pm- Forrest Sanderson with KLJ Engineering joined the meeting.

Forrest Sanderson came in to ask the Commission how things were going in the County and to let them know he will be in the area for the next few days in the event they need him for anything.

3:35pm- Dave Havens, Member of the Public, joined the meeting.

3:40pm- Forrest Sanderson left the meeting.

4:00PM COUNTY ATTORNEY UPDATES

This meeting was canceled due to Darcy Wassman, County Attorney, not being able to attend the meeting today.

4:00pm- Julie Straub, Human Resource Manager, joined the meeting.

County Economic Advisor Position- Commissioner Baldwin said he is concerned the salary they set will not attract the type of individuals who have the experience and knowledge they are desiring. Julie Straub suggested the Commission set up a bonus or performance pay system for the position to allow them to increase the wage based on the person's performance. Julie said the performance pay could be tied to the amount of grant funds the person brings in to the County. Commissioner Ranum said she would be concerned other employees would want to have performance pay as well if they began this practice. Julie said this position is special in that it is a job that has the potential to bring several dollars into Fallon County that would naturally offset the wages.

The Commission asked Julie why she wanted to advertise in the Billings Gazette and how often she will advertise in it. Julie said she feels the position and pay warrants a larger recruitment and that is why she wants to advertise in the Billings Gazette and plans on only putting the ad in their Wednesday and Saturday editions.

4:15pm- Julie Straub left the meeting.

The Commission discussed the suggestion of bonus/performance pay and said they were not comfortable with offering that type of pay for the position. The Commission called Darcy Wassman, County Attorney, asking her to meet with them at 2pm on Wednesday, January 6th to discuss the position.

5:00PM EVENING RECESS

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to take an evening recess. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016

9:00AM RECONVENE

PRESENT: William L. Randash, Chairman; Steve Baldwin, Deb Ranum, Members; Lani DeBuhr, Clerk

GUEST: Dave Havens, Member of the Public

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

9:00AM FALLON COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BUS DISCUSSION

Present: Carla Brown, Council on Aging Director

The Commission and Carla Brown discussed offering public transportation to medical appointments for elderly people who live in the country. Carla and the Commission all agreed they would like to offer this service but said it will take work logistically to provide it. Carla said she would need to have a second driver and bus used for this purpose as by law she is required to have a lift-

vehicle servicing the regular route in Baker at all times. Carla said she has part-time drivers and one of them, Paula Fuchs, has a flexible enough schedule she could do it. Carla said logistically they would have to determine if there would be set times and days the bus would be available or if the driver would have to be on "stand by" for these individuals. The Commission suggested having set times and days the bus would be available if possible and Carla agreed. Carla said if the driver was on "stand by" they would have to pay them for the time they are waiting to drive and this would not be cost effective. Carla said there are grant funds available to expand their services so if she could get a driver to consistently be available it would be a great service to offer. Carla said the grant would be awarded in the County's fiscal year that begins in July and suggested offering the service then if possible. Carla also suggested requiring a minimal fee for the service as they do for the city service and the Commission agreed. Carla said in the meantime the Carter County Public Transportation could possibly be used for country residents who live south of town. The Commission asked Carla to do research and determine what the best way would be to offer this service.

Carla gave the Commission reports on the number of rides that are given in Baker each month and they discussed the activities and scheduling of the Public Transportation Bus within Baker.

9:40am- Carla Brown left the meeting.

9:40AM MUSEUM CLEANING HELP

This meeting was moved to Wednesday, January 6th, 2016 at 9am due to Julie Straub, Human Resource Manager, not being able to attend the meeting today.

10:00AM FAIRGROUNDS FOOD BOOTH DESIGN AND DISCUSSION

Present: Terry Sukut, JGA Architects

Terry Sukut gave the updated drawings for the Fairground Food Booths to the Commission to review. Terry gave the Commission three different designs and the Commission and Terry discussed each design in detail. Terry said the cost would remain the same as quoted before. The Commission asked Terry to make a few changes to one of the designs in which the covered seating area would be moved closer to the courtyard.

10:30am- Mary Grube, Planner Administrative Assistant, joined the meeting.

Mary Grube came in to tell the Commission she will most likely be back to work on Monday, January 11th on a part-time basis.

10:35am- Mary Grube left the meeting.

Commissioner Randash asked Terry to look into putting an auxiliary pump in at the Fairgrounds as it wasn't done when the grandstands were built. Terry said he can have his engineers look at it when they are here to see if it is necessary. Terry said he will revise the Food Booth design and draft a contract for the Commission to sign for his next meeting on January 19th.

10:45am- Terry Sukut left the meeting.

10:45AM DECEMBER TIME SHEET REVIEW

The Commission began reviewing December time sheets.

11:00AM REC DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Present: Angie Rabbitt, Rec Department Director

Angie Rabbitt gave the Commission updates on the activities in the Rec. Department such as the Christmas Parade, Minion Movie, new Fitness Classes, City League and kid's sports. Angie said the storage container shelving was installed by Scott Rabbitt and his summer help and she will be moving her things in there when the weather is nicer.

11:20am- Angie Rabbitt left the meeting.

11:30AM ANNUAL REPORT UPDATES

Present: Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder

Brenda Wood told the Commission the Annual Report did not get sent off by the deadline. Brenda said there were changes in the GASB laws and this is affecting many counties from submitting their reports by the deadline. Brenda said there are no penalties assessed if you get the report submitted within 60 days of the due date and she said she will have it completed within that time frame.

11:40am- Brenda Wood left the meeting.

12:00pm- Dave Havens left the meeting.

12:00PM NOON RECESS

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to take a noon recess. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

1:15PM RECONVENE

PRESENT: William L. Randash, Chairman; Steve Baldwin, Deb Ranum, Members; Lani DeBuhr, Clerk

1:15PM CITY OF BAKER UPDATES

Present: Clayton Hornung, City of Baker Mayor

Clayton Hornung gave the Commission updates on the activities in the City of Baker. Clayton and the Commission discussed the relationship between the Commission and Scott Rabbit, Parks Director. The Commission shared with Clayton the issues they have talked to Scott about. The consensus from the discussion was there needs to be better communication between the City and County in regards to Scott's job description and yearly evaluation and better communication from Scott when he is purchasing items and planning things.

2:05pm- Clayton Hornung left the meeting.

2:10PM COUNTY ECONOMIC ADVISOR JOB DESCRIPTION

Present: Darcy Wassman, County Attorney; Julie Straub, Human Resource Manager

The Commission, Darcy Wassman and Julie Straub reviewed the County Economic Advisor Job Description. Darcy said by statute the Commission can have or appoint an Administrative Assistant for themselves but feels the Advisor duties and pay are well beyond an Administrative Assistant position. Darcy said she doesn't see in statute where the Commission can hire for this type of position and is waiting to hear back from the Attorney General for his opinion and should know within a week. The Commission and Darcy discussed the differences between a Public Administrator, County Manager and Administrative Assistant. Julie Straub told the Commission she doesn't think this position should make more than the Commission and Darcy said she doesn't think the duties of the job warrant the pay. The Commission said the grant writing and lobbying activities of the position will save the County money and said this needs to be considered when looking at the pay.

Darcy told the Commission Rich Batterman, Previous County Attorney, gave her the electronic files.

2:45PM FMLA HOURS EXHAUSTION DISCUSSION

Present: Julie Straub, Human Resource Manager; Darcy Wassman, County Attorney

Julie Straub told the Commission two employees could possibly exhaust their FMLA benefits and because of this they need to make a determination on how the County will handle these situations. Darcy Wassman said it would be best for the Commission to set a rule and apply it to everyone now and in the future. Julie said the Commission could give an extension in which the County would continue to pay the insurance premium for the employee until they return back to work. Julie said they need to consider when the absence of the employee starts creating a hardship for the County and Department they work in and suggested extending the time by four weeks for people who are medically unable to return to work within twelve weeks. Julie said if the person is not able to return to work within the four additional weeks they would have to look at the situation individually and advised only extending it further for extenuating circumstances. Commissioner Randash expressed concern on how the public will view the County extending benefits with tax payer dollars. Julie said that may be true but they also need to consider the cost of training someone new if they have to let someone go for exceeding the 12 weeks. Darcy suggested requiring another medical certification from their doctor if someone has to extend their leave beyond the 12 weeks and Julie agreed. The Commission said they would like to discuss it further before making a decision.

3:20pm- Darcy Wassman and Julie Straub left the meeting.

3:30PM APPROVE AND SIGN THE SPARKS/DEAN CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY

The Commission reviewed and Commissioner Randash, as Chairman, signed the Sparks/Dean Certificate of Survey.

3:30pm-Commissioner Ranum excused herself from the meeting to go to J&M Lumber to discuss laminate for the Commission's desk.

3:45PM APPROVE AND SIGN THE DUCHARME CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY

The Commission reviewed and Commissioner Randash, as Chairman, signed the Ducharme Certificate of Survey.

4:00pm- Andy Fujimori, IT Tech, joined the meeting.

Andy Fujimori, IT Tech, gave the Commission a quote from Dell Computers to purchase a new laptop for Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor, as his laptop stopped working. The quote was for \$1,250.87 and the Commission gave their permission to purchase the laptop.

4:00PM DECEMBER TIMESHEET REVIEW CONTINUED

The Commission continued to review & approved December 2015 time sheets, payroll & withholdings in the amount of \$495,030.74 and they filed in the Clerk and Recorder's Office.

4:30PM BULLS, BRONCS AND BARRELS EVENT DISCUSSION

Present: Jerrid Geving, Fair Board Member

Jerrid Geving came in to give the Commission event details for the Bulls, Broncs and Barrels event that will be at the Fairgrounds February 23rd, 2016 per the Commission's request. Jerrid said they expect the event to cost very minimal if anything once all tickets have been sold and sponsorships have been received.

Jerrid asked the Commission if the County will pay for the lodging, tickets and fuel expenses for him and Jason Coulter to attend the PRCA Circuit in Great Falls, MT on January 15th and 16th. Jerrid said there is a PRCA meeting and a MT State High School Finals Rodeo Associate meeting there they have to attend. The Commission gave their permission to have the County pay for these items.

5:10pm- Jerrid Geving left the meeting.

5:10PM EVENING RECESS

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to take an evening recess. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016

9:00AM RECONVENE

PRESENT: Steve Baldwin, Deb Ranum, Members; Lani DeBuhr, Clerk

ABSENT: William L. Randash, Chairman

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

9:00AM MUSEUM CLEANING HELP

Present: Karen Banister, Museum Curator; Julie Straub, Human Resource Manager

Julie Straub asked if a current Fallon County employee could be used to help Karen Banister with cleaning the cases and items in the museum. Julie said there are a few 30 hour employees who could work more hours and not accrue overtime pay. Karen said she expects the person to only have to work 40 hours in a three to four week period. The Commission asked if the seasonal employee at the Museum could be brought in to help with this and Julie said yes she could, if she was available. The Commission said they would want to ensure the person's primary job is not neglected in order to help Karen and Julie said it wouldn't be. The Commission gave their approval to have a current employee work with Karen for 40 hours on the condition this would only be a temporary assignment and would not turn into a permanent part-time employee at the Museum.

9:20am- Karen Banister left the meeting.

The Commission told Julie it would be helpful if she could provide them with background and staffing information prior to her and Department Heads meeting with them on staffing issues. The Commission said they are often asked for things they know little about and would feel better prepared if Julie could provide them with this information ahead of time. Julie agreed and said she can begin to write a report on a Department's activities and hiring needs ahead of time.

Commissioner Ranum asked Julie to do research on the Montana Code for the Commission so she knows what their duties are. Commissioner Ranum said she is concerned that some of their duties have been given to other Departments throughout the years and that is causing problems with hiring an Advisor to assist them.

The Commission and Julie discussed various managing systems and ways to communicate better with employees and elected officials in the County.

10:00am- Julie Straub left the meeting.

10:00AM COMMISSION WORK SESSION

PROJECTS-

Baker Lake Mitigation Project- The Commission reviewed the Baker Lake Restoration Plan Draft given to them by Rich Menger, Sanitarian.

CORRESPONDENCE-

Calumet Rd. Bridge- The Commission received a Permit 124 approval letter from Mat Rugg with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks for the Calumet Rd. Box Culvert Bridge Project.

Lower Baker Lake Dam- The Commission received the Lower Baker Lake Dam Operation Permit from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/NOTICES-

The Commission reviewed Department Reports, Newsletters and Notices.

BOARD AGENDAS/MINUTES-

The Commission reviewed Board Agendas and Minutes.

REVENUES-

The Commission reviewed revenues received during the week.

EMAILS-

The Commission reviewed emails sent to them from state agencies and other entities that required no discussion, action or decision.

11:00AM BAKER LAKE MITIGATION UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

Present: Rich Menger, Sanitarian; Joe Janz, Outside Building Maintenance Supervisor

Rich Menger and the Commission reviewed and discussed the Baker Lake Restoration Plan Draft. Rich said the plan includes deepening the lake that would involve removing a few hundred yards of silt from the lake and recommended emptying the lake out rather than dredging as it is less time consuming. Rich said he has been doing research on keeping the lake aerated once the project is done and would like to install a diffuser system on bottom of lake rather than having circulators floating on top of lake. Rich said he is working on designing a waterfall feature on the lake to help with circulating the water as well. Rich said he would like to have a gate on the outlet by the Afrank residence to control the loss of water from the lake. The Commission told Rich he will need to talk to the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation about this as they may have it regulated for flood water purposes. The Commission told Rich he needs to consider how this would affect the landowners by the outlet also. The Commission asked how much the cost of the project will be and Rich said Tom Parker with Geum Consulting and DOWL Engineering are working on determining the cost. The Commission asked Rich if the plan included ways to avoid having the sediment settle to the bottom of the lake and needing to be removed again. Rich said sediment ponds, a fluctuation system and the wetland complex will assist with keeping the lake clear of sediment build up. The Commission asked if the dirt and sediment that is removed from the lake can be used by other Departments and Rich said yes but it will have to be stockpiled in order to dry out before it can be used. The Commission and Rich discussed where the best place would be to stockpile the dirt.

11:35am- Rich Menger and Joe Janz left the meeting.

12:00PM NOON RECESS

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to take a noon recess. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

1:15PM RECONVENE

PRESENT: Steve Baldwin, Deb Ranum, Members; Lani DeBuhr, Clerk

The Commission went to visit various Departments and Project Sites.

5:00PM EVENING RECESS

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to take an evening recess. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016

8:30am- Commissioner Baldwin came in to the office to say he would be out of the office today due to having jury duty. Commissioner Baldwin said if the Commission appointed him to serve as Presiding Officer of the Commission he would accept the appointment.

9:00AM RECONVENE

PRESENT: William L. Randash, Chairman, Deb Ranum, Member; Lani DeBuhr, Clerk

ABSENT: Steve Baldwin, Member

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

9:00AM BOARD RE-ORGANIZATION/CHAIR APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Randash said he wanted to step down from being the Presiding Officer of the Commission.

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to appoint Steve Baldwin as Presiding Officer of the Fallon County Commission for the remainder of Commissioner Randash's appointment. Being there was no second, Commissioner Randash stepped down from being Chair and seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2016-1
PRESIDING OFFICER APPOINTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Fallon County Commission is empowered, by Section 7-5-2101, M.C.A., to manage the business and concerns of Fallon County, Montana, in such a manner and to such an extent as the Commission determines to be in the County's best interest;

WHEREAS, the County Commission is to elect one of its members presiding officer to preside at all meetings of the board pursuant to Section 7-4-2109, M.C.A.;

WHEREAS, the County Commission passed Resolution 1-5-2015 appointing William L. Randash to serve as Presiding Officer of the Commission for calendar years 2015 and 2016;

WHEREAS, Commissioner Randash would like to step down from the position of Presiding Officer his final year in office;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that Commissioner Steve Baldwin is hereby elected to serve as Presiding Officer of the Commission for calendar year 2016.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2016.

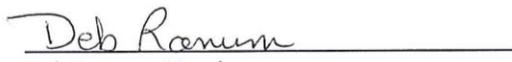


ATTEST:


Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder

FALLON COUNTY COMMISSION


Steve Baldwin, Presiding Officer


Deb Rapum, Member


William L. Randash, Member

9:20am- Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder, joined the meeting.

Debbie Wyrick told the Commission the Montana Association of Counties (MACo.) wants to put a bid in for the County's property/casualty insurance policy and asked the Commission to consider this before her meeting with them on Monday, January 11th.

9:25am- Debbie Wyrick left the meeting.

10:00AM FALLON MEDICAL COMPLEX (FMC) UPDATES

Present: David Espeland, FMC CEO; Selena Nelson, FMC CFO

Selena Nelson asked the Commission for permission to write-off an ambulance bill for a deceased person. Selena said there are no funds in this person's estate to pay the bill and the Commission gave their approval.

The Commission said after seeing the cost of repairing damages to an apartment that had a wheel chair user they would like Selena and David Espeland to consider increasing the deposit for Parkview Tenants who use wheelchairs in their apartments. The Commission said this would help offset the damage that can be done by a wheelchair running into walls, doors, cabinets, ect. and David said they will consider doing this.

FMC LTC Basement Remodel Project- David said the basement project is completed and gave the Commission a report on the cost of the project. David said the project went over by \$39,030 or 3% of the total project which is typical with large scale projects. David asked if the County had funds to pay this additional amount and after looking at the County's hospital budget it was determined it could be paid out of the hospital repairs account.

Records Disposal Service- Selena said the hospital uses a records disposal service that burns their records and certifies the destruction of the documents. This company is coming in March or April to pick up their items for destruction and Selena asked the Commission if their Departments may want to use this service as well. The Commission said they will send out the information to the Departments to ask them.

Recruitment- Selena said they interviewed a Physicians Assistant last week from Billings and they are making an offer to him. She said they will be interviewing a physician at the end of January also and will be contacting the Commission when this interview occurs.

10:40am- Dave Havens, Member of the Public, joined the meeting.

Emergency/EPharmacy- David said he is working on submitting the grant application to pay for these services.

10:45am- David Espeland and Selena Nelson left the meeting.

10:50AM FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS (FWP) GAME FISHERY DISCUSSION

Present: Jamie Hould, FWP R7 Fishing Access Site Manager; Mike Backes, FWP Region 7 Fisheries Manager; Mat Rugg, FWP Region 7 Fisheries Biologist; Rich Menger, Sanitarian

Guests: Joe Janz, Outside Building Maintenance Supervisor; Dave Havens, Member of the Public

Commissioner Randash asked Mike Backes if the aerators they place in the lake do the lake any good. Mike said the aerators don't help the fish population as they don't reach deep enough and if they aren't used during the winter months they don't help with the fish kill either. The Commission, Mike and Rich Menger discussed using the aerators in the winter months and possibly putting a cage around the aerator to block people from coming near them. Rich, Jamie Hould and Mike discussed the types of fish that will be in Baker Lake once the mitigation is complete. Mike said the sustainability of fish in a lake has to have a depth at least 12 feet deep to avoid the winter kill. Rich said he is working on applying for a Future Fishery Grant for Baker Lake with the majority of the funds being put towards an aeration system in the lake. Mike said this is good because some type of aeration system in the winter months is critical in sustaining the fish population. Rich said he is considering making the water wakeless during the shoreline establishment period which he thinks would be 1-2 years. Mike said it is difficult to sustain a good fish population in a lake used recreationally but it can be done and they will help anyway they can to develop more fisheries in our area.

South Sandstone Project- Mike and the Commission discussed the success of the South Sandstone Project. Joe Janz suggested putting a boat dock at South Sandstone and Mat Rugg said he would have to look into it further as docks become a liability for them and the insurance is expensive.

12:00pm- Jamie Hould, Mike Backes, Mat Rugg, Rich Menger, Joe Janz and Dave Havens left the meeting.

12:00pm- CLAIM APPROVAL

The Commission reviewed and approved the claim to the Professional Indian Horse Race Association for \$7,700.

12:10PM ADJOURN

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Randash seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

ADJOURN

s/William L. Randash, Chairman

MINUTE TAKER:

s/Lani J. DeBuhr, Clerk

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder