

RAVALLI COUNTY
COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
March 14, 2022

The Collaborative meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Co-Chair Wayne Rusk.

A quorum for the Collaborative Committee requires at least 8 members be present per the By Laws Amended from 10 to 8 January 13, 2020.

I. Roll Call

Members present: Cherie Barton, Jeff Burrows, Marc Cooke, Jacob Cummings, Jeff Duus, Margaret Gorski, Tom Henderson, Larry Jakub, Dirk Krueger and Wayne Rusk (10).

Members Absent:

Rod Daniel

Rob Livesay

Steve Schmidt

Also Present:

Steve Kimball, DNRC (Zoom)

Andrew Amidon, Ravalli County Forester

Bridget Mancini, DNRC (ZOOM)

I. Review and approve of February 14, 2022 minutes:

Consensus: approve as presented (10-0).

II. Presentation from DNRC

Stephen Kimball

II. Presentation from MT Forest Collaborative

None.

III. Discussion regarding the Facilitator Position

Wayne: Asked for facilitator feedback.

Jacob: Supports needing a facilitator at these meetings.

Cherie: How much will the facilitator cost?

Jeff B: We should use MSU Extension employee Kimberly as facilitator.

Margret: We need an advanced facilitator. Most important thing is to make sure the facilitator knows what the goal of the meetings are. Need goals for meetings. Hard for zoom members to be included.

Dyrk: Facilitator should have background in forestry.

Jeff B: We need to make sure facilitators have clear guidelines.

Tom: We should send out goals of the meetings ahead of time.

Jeff D: Agrees that the facilitator need knowledge on the topic.

Larry: I am in favor of having a facilitator and agree with Dyrk and Jeff D. Trust facilitator use and what technique they think will work best.

Margret: I think the agenda structure needs to be re-done, as I would like to be able to track projects/progress on the agenda.

Cherie: I do not think Roberts Rules of Order is the right choice. Asked about publicity.

IV. BREAK 6:41 PM – 6:52 PM

V. Corvallis FFA Presentation

Wildlife Emergency Act 2021

VI. Discussion on the BR Front

Jeff B: gave an update on the project

Andrew: This project is still a ways out.

Margret: I would like a follow up from the forest service.

Larry: I want to recommend that the forest service have a project all at once or broken down in pieces.

Cherie: What about the project timeline?

Margret: I support a landscape scale approach.

Jeff B: Bitterroot Front fits criteria.

Larry: I want more communication with forest service.

Margret: I am concerned about making sure private land is included.

Jacob: It gives Planning a perspective on fire management with the County subdivision regulations.

Jeff D: What about the real estate involvement?

Jeff B: Explained the map of boundary with forest service/private land.

Margret: What about road less areas in forest services?

Dyrk: Public education could be helpful.

Wayne: Let's talk about support for project as a whole.

VII. Agenda Items for April 11, 2022 meeting:

March 14, 2022 draft minutes

VIII. Public Comment

None.

IX Adjourn

Consensus: adjourn at 8:42 PM (10-0).

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