

MINUTES DRAFT
Of the September 15th, 2009
Woods Bay/Bigfork 440 Working Group
Held at 7:30am Harvest Foods, Bigfork

Present are: Jim Frizzel, Greg Poncin (DNRC), Kevin Gownley, Tracy Reiling, Bill Meyer

Minutes of the August 11th meeting were reviewed motion made to accept and approved.

Jim opened the meeting with discussion of reaching our future goals. It's been a long process and education for all and we need to move forward to inform the community of our progress. Community needs to be reenergized and informed of the possible avenues available and options that are no longer viable. We need the public input to move forward and help with finding an outright buyer or creating the group to enter a Recreational Lease.

Greg was unable to meet or talk with Paddy Trussler directly concerning the details of the County Park Access. DNRC will still be pursuing this as the access for management/timber access and did reiterate this would not be a public access point and they would use all means to deter it as so.

Kevin wanted to know if after the DNRC has acquired the access and built the road, would they be able to sell the property to development. Greg insisted they have no intention to do so, but yes they have the right to. Development could mean many other things besides residential, including a sewer plant, or other development leases. Once DNRC has the access, will they respect the 7 goals of the committee? Greg informed they are willing to, but would not be mandated to do so. Access is just one part of the bigger picture of how that land will be managed. DNRC will continue to work locally with the community in an effort to manage this parcel in way that meets both the community's and DNRC's goals.

Greg sees the land has more value as recreational to the community than development and wants to work towards the goals. In looking at the educational goal he thought about the area in Yellow Bay owned by the University and wondered if there would be any interest of the 440 as an education area. Discussion followed about the possibility of a land swap with the University. Greg said the University of MT's School of Forestry has a 20,000 acre Experimental Forest area outside of Missoula. Bill Meyer will contact the university and report at the next meeting.

Kevin asked if we were to sign a Recreational Lease meeting the compensation to the beneficiary, would the DNRC still need to create the road for timber harvest. Greg explained they would still need to have the access for management.

After discussion about what Lake County Commissioner Paddy Trusslers role is, in the fate of the 440, it was determined we need to have a meeting with him to hear directly his intent on the use of the access and if it is wholly at his discretion or would involve public input. Jim will contact Paddy and try to set up a meeting the first few days of October and contact the members present.

It was also determined we need to have one more meeting with ALL members present to work on the details for the Public meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 13th, 8:30 am at Harvest Foods. Meeting adjourned

**WE WILL NEED ALL OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO MAKE THE EFFORT
TO ATTEND THIS MEETING. PLEASE GET INVOLVED AND RENEW YOUR
COMMITMENT TO THE 440! WE NEED YOUR HELP!**