

MINUTES of the March 25th, 2010
Estes Lake Natural Area, Inc. /440 Working Group
Held at 10:00am Bigfork Chamber Office, Bigfork

Present are: Greg Poncin, Tracy Reiling, Bill Myers, Kitty Rich, Byron Crow, Clarice Ryan, Verdell Jackson, Jim Frizzel, Kevin Gownley, Bob Chrysler, Guests: Lake Co. Commissioners Bill Barron and Paddy Trusler

Minutes of February 10th were reviewed and approved

Greg updated on what has happened with the three-way swap. In emailing with Rhonda Sweeny, attorney for the tribe said they were not interested in the proposal at this time. Jack Stanford did not make the meeting today but Greg has kept him informed by email. There is still interest from the university but funds are low.

All agree it might be less complicated if the tribe were not involved and we were to work directly with the university, although the tribe may show interest at a later date. A review on Natural Areas and terms of licenses and leasing

Our next step needs to be engaging Jack Stanford and the University.

Greg talked of the need for E.L.N.A. Inc., to submit a Letter of Intent to the DNRC in order to take things to the next level. This letter would enable the appraisal to be put in motion.

This led to a review of the appraisal process and the steps involved. It also brought us back to the access issue. Having the commissioners with us we were finally able to hear first hand there stance.

Commissioner Trusler informed us that the County would develop an exclusive and non-transferable access agreement with the DNRC. This access would transfer back to the county in the event of any sale of change that was not in the original agreement. This led us back to asking how the piece could still be appraised as if it had full access by the DNRC.

Byron Crow talked about the Mt Code on Land Banking and the “Yellow Book” appraisal. We also discussed the amount of money the Beneficiary has received and is expecting to get.

It was determined that we need to move forward with a letter of intent to the DRNC. It was decided that the next meeting should not included the DNRC and we would attempt to put this letter together in order to move forward.

The next meeting will be held on April 20th at 10am in the meeting room of the Bigfork Chamber.

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