

## Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes

March 22, 2007

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*(Draft) Approved*

In Attendance: Darrell Coverdell, Edd Blackler, Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Gary Ridderhoff, Elna Darrow, Mike Richeson, Steve Zabaro Chuck Gough, Elna Darrow, Sally Janover, Pat Wagner, Craig Wagner, Clarice Ryan, Denise Lang, Sue Hanson, Shelley Gonzales, Bruce Solberg,

The Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Elna Darrow at 12:02

**Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as emailed.

**Minutes:** The minutes for March 15 were approved as emailed. (m/sc Wagner C./Gough/)

**Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Gough reported we have a balance of 1359.07

### **Committee Reports:**

**Resort Tax:** Bruce Solberg stated they got 2 new members beside the ones from the BSC. Everybody has been given homework and they are all reading the information that was received form the Retired Government Committee and doing research.

**Lake County Zoning:** There was no report.

**Long Range planning Committee:** Edd Blackler felt that there was a need to a change the name of his committee. He felt there was some confusion with the name. Therefore he made a motion to change the name to The Vision Committee, meet once a month or more as needed. After a lengthy discussion which brought up many ideas, questions and answers that the Vision Committee will try to cover at a future date. The vote was taken and passed unanimously. Edd also reported on his field trip to the North Shore of the Flathead Lake. He learned how dangerously fragile is that ecosystem and how important it is to the quality of wildlife and the quality of water in our lake. A subdivision near by would have far reaching effects right into our Bigfork as we have part of that shore right here. The sand that is there filters out many impurities. Darrell Coverdell, who is on the Advisory Board for The Fish and Wild Life, mentioned the State Budget and they are already trying to get some funds when the legislature finally settles their budget. Any help in writing letters and email would be helpful. If we were to get funds might be helpful in starting to help save this north shore. The next meeting of the Vision Plan Is April 2, 2007 at 12:00 PM in the Flathead Bank Conference room at Osborn Building,

**Chairman's Report:** Elna has a report from Flathead County about the Proposed mine In Canada which would adversely effect all water quality in Northwest Montana. They will be holding 5 meetings in April and advises you go to all five. She cannot get to all and if anyone wants the dates she has them. You can also check with the County. Elna also said the Flathead County Growth Plan had been adopted with some minor changes to ground water. The Bigfork Neighborhood Plan will now go forward in review.

**Old Business:** The next job for the County Planning Department will be revising the Subdivision Regulations. Clarice Ryan thought there will be a meeting on these March 28, 2007 in the Planning Dept. Please check with the county for the time. These are as important as the growth plan was.

Edd Blackler mentioned House Bill 557-- This bill will destroy all planning and zoning. House Bill 589 is not a good bill also. We might want to check these out.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:58

Pat Wagner, Secretary.