

**April 27, 2006 Minutes of
Bigfork Land Use Advisory Committee**

Members present: Tim Calaway, Bob Keenan, John Bourquin, Jack Paulson, Clarice Ryan, Scott Hollinger, Phil Hanson

Chairman Hollinger called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM

Old Business:

Steering Committee Report:

Chairman Hollinger called for a report from the Steering Committee. John Bourquin supplied a copy of the findings of the Steering Committee/Government Sub-Committee regarding the feasibility to incorporate Bigfork. (attached) There were no other written reports.

Tim Calaway moved to dissolve the Bigfork Steering Committee as a sub-committee to BLUAC. Jack Paulson seconded the motion.

Under discussion, John Bourquin asked that the Steering Committee be able to complete the report requested. Three additional verbal reports from Shelley Gonzales, Edd Blackler and Elna Darrow were presented.

Shelley Gonzales reported that the 7 sub-committees working on updating the Bigfork Land Use Plan would complete their draft documents by May 15, 2006. Once all the drafts are combined, the committee will go over all the draft reports to determine if data is consistent and begin compilation of a final draft for the county. After combining the drafts, a Power Point Presentation will be developed for presentation at three public meetings to gather further input from the public.

Edd Blackler offered that BLUAC is a direct result of the Bigfork Steering Committee established in 1992. He stated that to entertain a motion to dissolve the Steering Committee seems out of line. The Steering Committee is a channel for public input and provides an updated version of the Land Use Plan to be incorporated in the Flathead County Growth Plan. It is important to maintain an association between the two committees. We need people who want to work together.

Elna Darrow reported that the Natural Resource committee would use the Issue Paper developed by BJ Grieve and the Collins Group as a base document for developing the draft on Natural Resources. Yet to be determined is how many acres of farmland have gone out of production since 1998. The committee will also develop a definitive definition of agricultural use.

Tim Calaway stated that there was a bad feeling in Bigfork about the relationship between BLUAC and the Steering Committee. He said many feel it is biased and cliquish. He felt the Steering Committee needs to be disassociated from BLUAC. The Survey is over with.

Jack Paulson stated before zoning was implemented we didn't have all these beefs. We have had problems ever since zoning was implemented. He further stated that he thought the survey was valueless.

John Bourquin offered, if the other members were basing the dissolution on the Survey, the survey is a multi-step task that is not yet finished.

Clarice Ryan stated she was reluctant to make any comments. She believes there are talented people on the Steering Committee and she respects the people on BLUAC. It's unfortunate one group wants to take over for the other.

Question was called. Ryan, Keenan, Calaway, Hollinger and Paulson voted in favor of dissolution. Phil Hanson and John Bourquin were opposed.

Committee Secretary stated for the record Bob Keenan has missed three consecutive regular meetings, January 26, 2006, February 23, 2006, and March 23, 2006. BLUAC bylaws state three consecutive absences required dismissal. Chairman Hollinger asked Keenan's vote be stricken from the record. John Bourquin thanked Bob Keenan for his service in the past.

Revised Bylaws:

Chairman Hollinger checked with each member to make sure all had the April 7, 2006 draft of rewritten bylaws.

Clarice Ryan moved the bylaws be approved. Tim Calaway seconded the motion.

Under discussion, John Bourquin requested the underlines in the draft be removed. He also noted that the statement "Committee members should physically review the property for which an application has been made." was missing from the draft. The addition was included in the minutes of the April 4, 2006 meeting.

Sue Hanson noted a punctuation error and spelling error.

Clarice Ryan suggested the deletion of BALUP in the Preamble since it did not occur again in the body of the bylaws. Ryan moved to amend the motion to include the three corrections and include the statement noted by Bourquin. Tim Calaway seconded the motion. Motion on amendment passed unanimously.

Hollinger stated he would make the corrections and have the draft ready for signatures on Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at his office.

John Bourquin asked why the need to rush the bylaws through before the elections next week.

Jack Paulson stated, "Some of us are not going to be here after the election. We're the experts. These new people don't know anything".

Clarice Ryan stated that it needed to be done by our experienced members.

Hollinger stated that the document would be hand-carried to the Flathead County Commissioners, the Flathead County Planning Office and the Flathead County Attorney on Wednesday, May 3, 2006.

No public comment was allowed.

The motion to accept the draft bylaws passed with Ryan, Paulson, Calaway and Hollinger approving, Hanson and Bourquin opposed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM

Sue Hanson
Secretary

