

**August 13, 2014**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on August 13, 2014, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Greg Larson, Commissioner Mike Cole, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Deputy Clerk and Recorder Wendy Drake

11:00 AM: Commissioner Berget **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

11:00 AM: **FWP/USFW**: Mike Hensler, Jim Dunnigan, Wayne Kasworm and Ryan Sylvester are here today to update the commissioners on Fish and Game activities. Mike Hensler asked about someone dumping on the side of Libby Creek by the Port Authority and wondered who owned the road because it is washed out and could potentially change the flow of Libby Creek. Mike Hensler asked if there are any updates on the fish pond from Helena. Commissioner Berget gave an update of Swamp Creek. Ryan Sylvester is doing a kreek study of the catches on the Kootenai River three to five days a week. Wayne Kasworm gave an update on the Grizzly Bear augmentation.

1:30 PM: **DNRC**: Mark Peck, Dan Cassidy, Steve Frye, Dan Rose and Chris Savage are here today from DNRC. They updated the commissioners on incident command within the county. Mark Peck explained how the DNRC will help the commissioners during a fire. Mark explained the term delegation of authority. He also discussed how the DNRC would work with the county during an emergency. Chris Savage explained how to determine how and where the most potential fire danger is as well as what resources are available in that area. Commissioner Cole asked if the DNRC is keeping staff and resources in Lincoln County. He was told that they are. The DNRC updated the commissioner on eighty fires in the Kootenai National Forest, 36 since August 1, 2014, the largest being about five acres.

2:30 PM: Ralph Seely requested time to discuss **dust issues in Panoramic Estates and Taylor Loop Area**. Jim Fowler stated that the current gravel pit usage is causing major dust issues. He requested that Commissioners do what is in their jurisdiction to help with the dust issues. Ralph Seely stated that the gravel pit and newly graveled road are causing more issues to the homeowners. He discussed the dust issue with Kendra Lind, Lincoln County Sanitation Department and she asked them to do their own dust abatement. Patty Lennard talked about the road system and her health concerns. She stated that the subdivision owners should be responsible for the dust control. Ralph Seely discussed the EPA Air Quality Regulations, as well as Lincoln County Health and Environment Regulations. He questioned how the Subdivision and the gravel pit were approved after the Lincoln County Health and Environmental Regulations were adopted. Greg Larson asked about the length of the road. Commissioner Berget addressed a question by Jim Fowler about the County taking over the road and stated the issues involved. Marty Dunbar asked who enforces the Environmental Quality laws. Commissioner Berget expressed that DEQ is responsible for enforcing the Environmental Quality Laws. Ralph Seely requested another meeting with the Commissioners to give them time to see what they can do to help the residents of Panoramic Estates and Taylor Loop. The commissioners agreed to meet at another time.

3:30 PM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the August 6, 2014 meeting**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Anthony Berget, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Wendy Drake, Clerk of the Board