

**November 5, 2014**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on November 5, 2014, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Mike Cole, Commissioner Anthony Berget, Commissioner Greg Larson and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

9:00 AM: Commissioner Cole **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:00 AM: **Chris Savage, KNF:** Chris began by talking about the Montanore Mine Project. He said that they will have the EIS by January and would like a letter from the county supporting that. Commissioner Cole assured him that there would be a letter. The Rock Creek Mine is currently working on obtaining a preliminary Record of Decision. The Troy Mine is up and running and moving forward. He thinks from visiting with them that they will be fully operational by summer. Chris said that between Lincoln and Sanders there are 135,000 board feet of timber being removed from the forest. West Fisher is the only one in litigation and is 16,000 board feet. They talked about the future of the logging in Lincoln County. Activity Based sampling was done on forests in operable units 3 and 4 which is the mine area and the town of Libby. It was found that the level of exposure is not high enough for concern. The next concern is for wild fires which will be tested soon. It looks like 2016 or 2017 before anything can be done in those areas. Mark Peck talked about what the DNRC has been doing with the slash piles in those areas. He is working with the DEQ on those slash piles. They are open to change the administrative rules are to identify the risks. Chris said that they are still addressing the comments on the objection letters on the Forest Plan. They are meeting with the objectors to explain what the response is to the letters receiving. The focus on tonight's meeting with Fay Krueger will be on the Ten Lakes area. Commissioner Cole said he would appreciate an agenda so they could spend the afternoon preparing for it. Chris said he would get one for him. Chris said that tonight they want to discuss a collaborative to see if the travel plan can be utilized. Faye wants to ask the group if there is still interest in the Collaborative group to work on the Ten Lakes area. Representative Mike Cuffe talked about the profit from Biomass and logging. Also present today is the new Forest Ranger for the Eureka area, Brian Conner. He introduced himself and spoke to the commissioners about himself and his position.

1:25 PM: The commissioners read **the minutes of the October 29, 2014 meeting**. Commissioner Larson moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

1:30 PM: **Indian Springs, RV Park North Phase:** Lisa updated the commissioners on the status of the easements for the phase and talked about the progression of the subdivision.

1:45 PM: **Lincoln County Planning Board:** The Troy representative for the board is vacant and Kathy Ann Randall has applied for the position. Commissioner Larson moved to approve Ms. Randall to the planning board and it carried.

2:00 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

#### **LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Anthony Berget, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board