

September 17, 2014

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session in the Eureka Annex of the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Mike Cole, Commissioner Greg Larson and Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff. Commissioner Tony Berget was out of town on county business.

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

11:00 AM: **Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club** met with the Commissioners to discuss the Kootenai National Forest Plan objections response received from the US Forest Service. In attendance were Don Truman, Todd Butts, Jim Voyles, Curt West, Josh Letcher and George Williams. Don Truman noted the response of the decision maker and Coordination Groups supporting coordination aren't trying to usurp the USFS. They just believe better coordination is needed. He feels Congress intended a better process by obtaining local input on planning decisions. The Rexford water system was referred to in the plan incorrectly instead of the Eureka water system. The reviewers didn't even know the difference. Wild and Scenic Rivers, Wilderness, and Coordination are the major issues discussed in the response. The group felt that the Board should pat them on the back for the Wild and Scenic Rivers response but also believe there was a wrong analysis on wilderness. They are also concerned that more Wild and Scenic River designations also lead to more wilderness and that they go hand and hand. The group believes the process has failed with the absence of local comments and input and believes there was a preconceived agenda for the new forest plan.

11:50 AM: **Administrative:**

The commissioners approved as three year **refund on Tax ID No. 16831** in the amount of \$1175.54 due to an error in the assessment of property.

The commissioners read the **minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting**. Greg moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

12:00 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike Cole, Acting Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Bill Bischoff, Administrative Assistant