

August 16, 2023
North Star Landing Subdivision Extension Request
Public Hearing
2:00 PM at Eureka High School Auditorium

Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Hammons, Commissioner Letcher, Jesse Haag Director of Planning and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown

2:00 PM North Star Landing Subdivision 2 year extension of the preliminary plat: Present were Larry Stewart, Brent Foley, Kayleen Cook, Randy Wilson, Myles Hickman, James Munroe, Paul Tribble, Rick Vredenburg, Stephanie Winchester, Amy Gerfen, Richard Coons, Sallie Johnson, Cindy Ruth, John Ruth, Katherine Wright-Handy, Shaylene Ulight, Holt Stewart, Alfred Goggin, Raylyn Caldwell, Cory Mason, Joe Purdy, Robert Haidle, Charity Waldo, Sara Helgert, Chad Apeland and Randy Wilson.

Commissioner Letcher clarified this meeting is for gathering public comments regarding the 2 year extension.

Gerald R Owens Jr, residing at 124 Pigeon Bridge with my wife. I am a retired professional engineer from Arkansas Highway Transportation Department, and I do understand traffic. I have not had the traffic set up for this project in my hand and have gleaned information from other hearings. My first thought is today is the project was initiated in 2017, that's six years and the traffic study is obsolete and the information that I looked at appeared to be flawed in certain ways. In terms of the flaws, the information showed that only the collectors of rural road in Douglas Hills were considered. They expected an average daily traffic of 1,152 vehicles. MDOT data collected on HWY 93 around the Town Pump, 2018 ADT 3,300 vehicles and 2022 it increased ADT to over 4,000 vehicles. That is 700 ADT increase in four years. Here we are talking about 550 ADT to traffic and the effects of that traffic had not been considered on Hwy 37 and Hwy 93. If you look at the numbers right now, we are very close to being in the historic town of Eureka of having warrants issued for traffic signals at about three different locations. This will probably push us over there with that much ADT. We also have to consider with that increase in traffic are emergency services. Right now, we have a volunteer fire department and a volunteer ambulance service. The ambulance service requires there EMT and paramedics live within ten minutes of the barn down by the Town Pump. If we look at the increase in traffic in the city and this is another place the study is flawed with discussions of the annual service in the fire department. All they did here appears to be make a phone call and ask them if they could handle it. You just can't get this quick. That's the big problem, we need to study the response time of our emergency services that this increase in traffic downtown would cause. We are gonna decrease the distance that the EMT's can live from the ambulance barn which is gonna decrease the number of available EMT's and we are going to look at increased response time within that. Most of the medical people talk about the golden hour where people who have had out of body departures and strokes need to be treated within an hour. We are going to see a decrease in treatment. I ask that before you consider doing this extension that you reevaluate the traffic and how it will affect our emergency services because that is really going to be trouble for us.

John Ruth, 877 Kooconusa Stage Drive. Read and submitted letter.

John Ruth also submitted a letter from Mike Keller for the record.

Commissioner Letcher, If you have written comment, just summarize what you have written and hand it in.

Jesse Haag County Planning clarified the decision for this extension has been scheduled for Wednesday August 23rd at 10:30 AM in the Commissioner meeting room 512 California Ave Libby, MT 59923 with remote attendance available.

Keri Owens, 124 Pigeon Ridge Road requests everyone look left and look to your right. Each one of you will be impacted by this development in a negative way considering your health care and your access to health care. The golden hour really is sixty minutes that each individual has to get to a high level of care for serious injuries including heart attacks, strokes, severe lacerations, gunshot wounds, whatever you want to makeup, seen there, been there, done that. With this type of antiquated data that is not accurate it can be anticipated that the availability of EMS services to each of you, to your spouses, to your family, to your children and grandchildren in high times of need will be delayed and cause unconscionable outcomes. We have currently in Eureka three ambulances with only one having 4-wheel drive which is deployed in winter conditions and that area of service runs from the West Kootenai all the way over Trego/Fortine. Think about it, it takes you five minutes to get to a phone to call 911 and it takes another ten to fifteen minutes to round up EMTs and paramedics to get on the bus and then having to fight an unknown amount of traffic. Whether it is winter or summer it still gonna be increased. It is slow in getting to the site and evaluating the patient and being able to transmit vital information and the patient back to high level care and where is the high level of care? It's Whitefish or Kalispell. Anybody who's driven on 93 or 37 during a heavy snowstorm can imagine how fast that golden hour is gonna fade. It is gonna be almost nightmare impossible in good weather to get a patient even close to being transported by either air ambulance the alert service or by ambulance. So, I would ask that each of you consider that the data we are being presented with is impactful for the long term, has no ready solution, nor does the data have any relevance to the way Eureka is laid out at this time including the rural areas. My ask is that this extension not be granted. That it starts over until we have the data that we need for a common sense solution to be able to care for our neighbors and our loved ones in the community. Questions? No, by the way, I am one of the volunteer EMT's in Lincoln County so I speak from the heart and I also speak from coming from an inner city emergency department in Memphis, and that golden hour is very precious and you stand to lose it.

Paul Tribble, off Douglas Hill. The last extension has gone past the deadline and to grant an extension based on a previous application that has already expired just doesn't work very well. Our standard as citizens is if your driver's license expires, if your firearms license expires, if you don't make payments on time, we can't allow it. I think this application needs to start completely over with a whole new set of data. Based on personal experience the problems that we have from the campground and you guys on the board have a real disadvantage because to don't live there, you don't see it,

you don't hear it every day like we do. The campground itself creates a lot of problems for us as residents in the area with continuous noise, continuous trash on the roads. People who don't live here and use the facilities and absolutely abuse it and the same way on the roads. I first moved here twenty years ago it was pretty easy to drive up and down Douglas Hill Road now days you kinda have to duck and cover to keep from getting run over. The traffic study is a very valid point. The other thing is since the beginning of this we have opposed it for one reason or another and now we have had five years to look at the people that are trying to do it and the programming and tactics they used unfortunately the group likes to do things and ask forgiveness rather than do it correctly. There has been abuse inside the system and once it gets going it's hard to stop. When you say sure guys go ahead all of a sudden there are no constraints and if there are constraints there is no one to call about it. There is no enforcement, they have been in violation after violation after violation and you can read it as it's well documented. Number one, it's a bad idea. Number two if you are gonna do it, fine but make them do it right this time. Make them submit a new plan. Make them follow the rules. Put in a program that fits the community and fits the landfall because it's gonna be an ultimate mess out there. In regard to what they are doing, my property backs up to it, there is a tactical gun range that shoots right into that property. It didn't seem to make any difference at all with no consolation for safety other than what we make ourselves. I think the las a faire attitude toward what they are doing needs to be looked at and talked about among you guys because you guys are supposed to look out for our best interest, right. I think some due diligence needs to be done in this area before just going along again. It really needs to be looked at.

Randy Wilson, 73 Ingram Road. I started out thinking I'd present today would be based on Governor Gianforte MCA 2021 on local regulations subdivisions. I will leave my typed up comments. There are twelve interesting points I will leave with you. Just last night and this morning I found access to a couple communication documents between Larry Stewart as subdivision owner, DNRC and the Lieutenant Governor Juras. I read through that and thought I want to look deeper with Lincoln County Subdivision Regulations. It's on page 20 the effect of approval of application of preliminary plat. Upon approving or conditionally approving an application of preliminary plat the governing body shall provide to the subdivider the detail with a dated and signed statement of approval. This approval shall be for three calendar years. At the end of this period the governing body may at the request of the subdivider extend it's approval for one calendar year. It goes on the governing body may extend it's approval for a period of more than one year it that approval period is included as a specific condition of a written agreement between the governing body and the subdivider. Which raises the question was there or is there access to the agreement back in 2020 between the subdivider and the commission. I'd like to see that. It raises the question what is the basis for another two year extension today. I started researching that idea and found that some states don't give extensions. Some only give a ninety day. We are talking six years going on eight years. What's Lincoln County look at. I'd like to know have you ever denied an extension. We are going on seven years now and you are going to keep giving extensions. That leads me to the last part of my talk, that is the two documents I found, the communication documents. One of them from Larry to the Lieutenant Governor Juras dated May 4th, 2022. He states that the objector a local Realtor. He is talking about the water rights, 72 hour pump test that was done back in 2021. We had a hearing with John Ruth, he and I were both part of that, it was a nine hour hearing. The comment is the objector, a local Realtor after ten hours of circulating stated his case solely on the fact that the hydrologist was not physically on site for the entirety of the 72 hour pump test. Knowing the data being collected was from multiple sources the entire time. Well, that is not true, I can tell you it's not true because I was part of the hearing. I also want to read to you a communication from the DNRC that clarifies why their water right was denied and there are four points. The test was not appropriately supervised by a hydrologist. The test did not occur at a constant discharge rate. The data was not reported correctly on the application form 633. The flow meters failed during the testing. Overall, it appears DNRC was provided data that at face value appeared to be correct and complete enough so that staff felt they were able to perform appropriate modeling and analysis. The form 633 data was later determined to not be reliable based on the rules. I am also leaving with you the 36 page filing decision from the water court hearing. That judge goes into great detail explaining why the subdivision water right is denied. It's a lot more in depth than we can summarize here and it's very enlightening of the corners being cut. The information wasn't supported. It wasn't documented properly and I will leave you with that. Is there an opportunity to file another comment, say tomorrow as I got these last communication documents last night and I want to write something about that but I don't have it prepared today. Commissioner Letcher advised that typically the public hearing is the comment period, we don't get to see more information than the public. Well, the documents that I just mentioned are in your hands. Jesse provided them through our request and I encourage you to look at the one from the DNRC dated June 2, 2022 and the other one is May 4, 2022. Thank you.

Cindy Ruth, We were told that we had until the day you make your decision to submit written comment and that is what we put out to the public so we respectfully request that we have time to do that. Jesse Haag stated you can submit up until decision but certainly the more time everyone has to consider it, the better. Right, I know other people that want to submit. This is a letter from River Design Group dated July 9, 2020. River Design Group was one of Larry Stewart's consultants for this subdivision. It is the request for the 2020 extension. They are asking for a one year extension and I might note that for some reason the commissioners gave them a three year extension, even though they didn't ask for it. When did this preliminary plat approval from 2017 expire, it was to expire on July 12, 2020. So, they got this submitted three days before that preliminary plat approval was to expire. The Lincoln County Subdivision Regulations state that at least, not less than, not after, at least thirty days prior to the expiration of a preliminary plat approval the governing body may approve an extension. In 2020 Larry's consultant didn't even bother to ask for this extension until three days before it expired. There was no way the commissioner could do the 30 days that are required by the Lincoln County Subdivision Regulations. I also have a letter from Larry himself dated June 21, 2023 that was exactly 30 days before the extension was to expire. OK according to Lincoln County Subdivision Regulations, that was the deadline for approval. Not only did he date his letter on the deadline but it wasn't received by a planning director for another week. The Planning Director received this year's extension request a week after the deadline. I talked to an attorney and the commissioners are bound by the Lincoln County Subdivision Regulations and I confirmed this afternoon those have been available on the website for a lot of years. The developers, the consultants, the realtors, the public, the planning department, the planning board, the planning director and the commissioners all have access to that and they should be aware of what the rules are. Again in 2020 the developer didn't even ask for the extension until three days before it expired which was 27 days after the deadline for approval and it ended up being approved by the commissioners on September 9th, 2020. That was 89 days after the deadline. That's a violation of the Lincoln County Regulations. Today is August 16, we are 65 days past that 30

days before the preliminary extension expired. Sixty five days later we are still messing around with this. As far as I am concerned this thing expired July 12, 2020. The commissioners were remiss in approving the extension and I certainly hope that they follow the law and do not approve it this time. There are some recent court cases in Montana where members of the public have sued the board of county commissioners successfully because they erred in approving a subdivision or a preliminary plat or they erred in approving the extension. I need to educate you guys to follow the law, follow the regulations otherwise I think it's safe to say you can probably expect to incur some legal expenses and unfortunately the members of Lincoln County get stuck with that. There is a case Bitterrooters for Plan vs. Ravali County Commissioners and unfortunately Ravali County ended up paying the plaintiff's legal fees and of course paying for their own because the commissioners screwed up and allowed an extension to go through that they should not have. Again, I ask that you follow the law. For the record I'd like to state that I have given each commissioner a copy of my letter that deals with that and the applicable exhibits so they are well aware of what the law states. In Larry's preliminary plat approval, the septic was supposed to be a community septic system. There were sand mounds located on the corner of Douglas Hill Road and Ingram Road where the water wells are now and that is not going to work. I don't understand how you can continue to approve this preliminary plat where the septic systems for 125 homes are not in the right place on the plat. That is a serious issue. I have copies I can email everybody but I have been in touch on water that we spent sixteen months dealing with and I think many of you are not aware if you live in the town of Eureka and use the town of Eureka's water which I don't think they have a water right for. You will be interested to know on their initial water right application one of the ways they intended to mitigate extreme water issues like when they run out of water was to truck water from the town of Eureka, unfortunately they never got permission, never talked to the town of Eureka and that is one thing the Judge in the water court case brought up was that the applicants proposed plan to obtain water from the town of Eureka during times of water shortage the applicants had not secured necessary agreements or permission to implement that mitigation plan. Commissioner Letcher stated that is all part of the DNRC process and not part of the extension process. Cindy advised they have applied for another provisional water right which was granted erroneously by the DNRC. Our fight in water court took sixteen months, you can fully expect that we are not going to back down from this. The next fight in water court is expected to take up to eighteen months and I see this going the way the Creston water plant has gone. It's the same lawyer, the same incompetent consultant doing the aquifer testing and that has gone back and forth between district court and supreme court and the public has won every single time and I think the developer has finally thrown in the towel. To various investors, get your check book out because this is not going to be a short process. Just one more quick comment on this whiney letter that Larry sent to the Lieutenant Governor with help from Mike Cuffe. Trying to bypass the legal system for the water right process and he stated the neighbor was a realtor and won on a technicality. I am gonna tell you right now that John Ruth was not fighting this as a realtor, he was fighting it as a very experienced professional extremely knowledgeable hydrogeologist and he read the reports that were submitted and it was clear that the aquifer tests were in violation of the Administrative Rules of Montana. It was absurd and they fabricated the numbers which should scare every single person in here that this is how he operates. Again, we ask that you deny this extension for a whole lot of reasons.

Richard Coons (wife Norma), 690 Ponderosa Pine Drive we have lived here about three years now. I am gonna express some concerns we have being a close neighbor. Needless to say, we are concerned about the water situation at our place. As a matter of fact, today the state was there doing their thing, testing our water, testing the flow. You all know what that's all about. In any case we are funding the Ponderosa Pine which is a private driveway however it's maintained pretty much like a regular road, it's a dirt road, a dirty road. And our property from the takeoff from Paul's road. Paul's house looks down on our property. Short story when I first got there, I am not a well person, I had to call Paul to tell him that I needed to go to the hospital. Paul came down and got me and took me to the ambulance barn. I got a ride to Kalispell and was immediately put in the hospital. Not exactly a wonderful way of introducing Eureka to me but I continue to be concerned about the ambulance situation in proximity to where I live. Our road is quite a good road and we are continuously having traffic coming down that road, although there are all kinds of signs saying private property, no hunting. People come down that road and there is a sharp curve going down to our property but if you keep going on a grassy road it ends at the property in question. People ride horses down there, which is wonderful, we have three horses but we have cars coming down and turning around in our driveway because they don't know where they are going. The end of that road goes into this property that we are concerned about. We are concerned about wildlife. I can hear heavy equipment working in that complex. We can even hear the concerts and the Abayance Bay, that's how close we are in proximity to this particular situation. We are very concerned about what is going to happen. I am hearing some very interesting things from these other folks. We have to say that we are opposed to this road for a number of reasons; traffic, trespassing and noise. We are also worried about wildlife we see on our property; we own thirty six acres. I did not write a report and I'd rather just come up and try to convince you folks it is gonna be detrimental to us and the people on our road. Unfortunately, and I had to include this, we got a letter from I guess you folks about this meeting yet we talked to a number of people like Paul, Casazza, people along that road and they did not receive notice of this meeting for some reason. You can see my point; the other folks are working and I am not pleased with your timing of this as most of our neighbors are working. Richard advised he got a letter on this meeting and a number of people did not receive a notice of this meeting. The public hearing timing is not please as most have to work and couldn't attend this and thank you very much for your attention and I am sorry I don't have lots of paperwork to give you.

Larry Stewart the developer, everyone is talking about I came to this meeting to summarize, the long and short of it is I have heard most of this and many other directives pointed at me in various ways but there is levels of truth and other contact materials, I am gonna leave that alone. It is very simple to sum this up the process that we go through now is very, very rare that anybody gets to a subdivision in Montana. The bureaucracy and agencies are on overload. Right now, the DNRC is running on the oldest tenured staff is less than three years. The engineers and hydrologists and everybody working with these agencies are working with people right out of college. They are educating the people, attempting to put the formalities together for this state. The eighteen month battle with the DNRC in court. The hearing started with the DNRC for the water rights, it's not the DNRC, it's a hearing examiner who is supposed to be unbiased. He was a criminal litigation attorney because the DNRC cannot get hearing examiners nor can the DEQ. We started in the meeting with the opening statement from the examiner with him stating he was a criminal attorney with no experience in water law. The ruling he came up with was criminal law and the DNRC knows for a fact moving forward in the state of Montana every

hydrologist is gonna sit at a water test for 72 hours and it's not gonna help any of us. There is an abundance of information taken at those tests but it is a laptop that sits there and runs the whole thing. They don't base their decision based on one man, one measurement, one bucket test or the laptop. They base it on an abundance of information. They determined the information turned in was enough. That is why we were at the hearing to begin with. The DNRC stamped that water test and this is a public comments they don't go to public comment until they verify the information, they need is ample. The next hearing examiner, who knows who he is, hopefully he is somebody who understands water law. That is what we deal with as a person trying to get through the system in the state of Montana. I'm sure all of you are well aware of this. You are commissioners trying to work in a county with very limited budget. You are trying to answer to all the grievances of people with lack of staff. I deal with that with planning every time we go to get plat help, easement help. We are all short staffed and the people that want to put themselves out there and do a development in this county get received by this. This is what I'd like to end my statement with and I'd like to ask my Engineer Steve the hydrologist, who I speak very highly of who has been very much undermined today. When this all started there was a great big group of people hollering what was wrong. Today I just watched two workers go out who sat in here for a limited time and had to go back to work but I am looking at most of the people in here today who are part of this community who are very much for affordable housing, knowing half of that subdivision is designed for affordable housing. I don't know how many developers would do that today. The trailer park thing we have been through before and was addressed by an engineer for the county in the early eighties. He said you don't have to go through this to build a trailer park. This area needs housing, it needs affordable housing. I am gonna say I know the valley probably better than most of the few people opposed to this. I have been here forty years and I know this valley and have worked extensively in this valley. I am gonna tell you that I think obviously it's a prime spot. I understand the water problem in the valley. I understand the water rights issues in the valley. I am working with the bureau of land geology, working on the water study in the valley. I understood the situation of that piece of property and water rights in the valley when I started there. I understand the water rights issue in the community here. I don't know where the best spot is or what the best scenario is. I am only doing what I can do to make something happen and anything any of us do is under onslaught. It doesn't matter what you do unless you do nothing and that is not going to be me. I bring a lot of employment to the valley and I am attempting to bring a very strong tax base in a spot that I believe is actually a really good spot for a subdivision. It's close to public property. It's not a dense area. I don't know that there is more than two people sitting here who can even see to that subdivision. I don't know that the dead end road and public property down to the lake was promised to the people who some are sitting here lost their homes to that reservoir. Know that that reservoir was designed for our recreational use in the end. I can probably double up those small lots, have less lots, sell easier and to more wealthy people. What is that gonna do when I have fifty eight people on the payroll and forty of them struggle for a place to live. I have people sitting here today who can't afford a place to live, who make a decent wage, who can't afford a lot, can't afford to build. I am offering something that is probably not economically wise for me to do. If you talk to the people around the fringe who are not laughing right now, who have been here for multiple generations what kind of a person I am, what my intentions are and how I do what I do. I am gonna speak by my actions. I am not gonna tell you I have all this list of things. Take a look at what I've done. Take a look at the employment that I have had for over thirty five years in the valley. Look at the tax base that's been built up. Look at the problems that I've dealt with that have nothing to do with me, that I've done pro bono. Then make a decision, it's a tough decision, everyone you guys make there is gonna be 15% of the public that is gonna scream at you. I get that. I am gonna say that I am looking at the fringes today and I am happy about this. There is probably be another thirty people that would have come here today if I'd asked them. I thought to myself that I don't think you need to miss work to come to this. We have a very small group that are close to the neighborhood who are here to say why they don't want it. I think you are going to find 85-90% of Eureka who are gonna say we need it now. Go out in public, go to the café, and have conversations. I think we are very unscaled in this situation. I think we are running out of people like myself who will stand in there and take the heat, have accusations made that are incredibly false. The last time they talked about all my permits around the valley, that were actually correct, on time and complete. Say what you want I am here to act, here to bring you the possibilities of what we can do to make this a better place to live. Is it perfect, I can't plan perfect, I can only find the means to move forward and that's my motto.

Brent Foley with Foley Engineering, we are civic engineers for this project. I got involved in this project at the end of 2018. Once I got included in this project it was immediately clear how difficult it was gonna be, especially from the water rights prospective. I had to play catch up and learn a lot about the challenges they had gone through and the challenges because this is an important area as far as aquafer's go. Obviously, there is a lack of water in the Tobacco River area. It was critical that we look at and determine that the test results show us it's in the Kootenai section and not affecting the other area. I am not the hydrologist; I have worked closely with that hydrologist for at least the last five years. It has been a challenging long process with DNRC. As Larry stated, some of these regulatory agencies can be difficult to work with but also, they are hung up and it takes them a long time to get these approvals. We also have arranged for lease water and water protection. We submitted, for example, the discharge permit for waste water in October of 2021 and I think in July of 2022 we received a letter from them notifying us that our application was complete. You are looking at 8-9 months before they even looked at our application to see that it was complete. Now that has been over a year and we still don't even have comment back from them. These processes do take a very long time and that is a good thing because it shows that people are looking closely and making sure there are not going to be negative effects on natural resources, whether aquifers or surface water. It does take time for these. With water rights, that is a different process and I appreciate you recognizing that. You guys are here to look at a planning extension and I appreciate your ability to focus on that. With water rights I have sat through lots of city council, planning board and county commissioner meetings and things like that. I appreciate people like yourself being here and also believe everyone needs to be respectful. There are a number of claims going on and one of which I will address as a hydrologist or hydrogeologist in this case I have worked with him for a long time. His knowledge and character integrity to collect and analyze data in the best way possible is incredible. There were claims he wasn't there every second while the test was being taken. Well, that's been taken care of, they retested with no problem, the results are still good. It's a little disappointing in the is particular environment to have somebody, as they said another hydrogeologist, imputing, attacking, and calling another professional incompetent.

Commissioner Letcher, your conversation is with us, not them.

Brent Foley, Thank you. That is a little bit disappointing from my perspective I'm the one that depends on his test results to adequately design pumps and design systems and things like that. There has never been any time to question his ability to provide information I can rely on.

Commissioner Letcher, we appreciate that but that has to do with DNRC

Brent Foley, My point is we have a good team that is working hard. We do experience delays with regulatory agencies and with a little bit more time we will be able to accomplish some good things with waste water and every aspect of infrastructure. Thank you, guys.

Commissioner Letcher, this is new information you are presenting to us?

Cindy Ruth, it is. I have a follow up comment. New information I guess for you guys. It's on your website, it's with Larry's whiney letter to the Lieutenant Governor.

Commissioner Letcher, please refrain from calling names and belittling and all those things.

Cindy Ruth, Ok, he basically, anyway, there is a letter addressing this stuff that the engineer was talking about. You know he is trying to say that the hearing examiner did not know anything about water. The hearing examiner is a lawyer and he is there to look at the law. What came up is a letter that got submitted on your site, the DNRC came back and said it's very clear from the information that was submitted there were a lot of problems with this aquafer test and Kathy Olson and someone else will work with him to explain how an aquafer test is done. Now if this was such a professional, I don't think they'd have to explain to him how an aquafer test is done. I would also like to point out in the field notes that were received it wasn't the third party consulting firm whose job it is to do the aquafer test. Those numbers were actually signed off by Larry Stewart and some of his employees. The professional hydrologist who according to the Administrative Rules of Montana is supposed to oversee these people and had no idea their names their background, nothing and that was pretty clear in the hearing examiners final decision. It was not the consulting firm that was doing the aquafer testing it was the developers. We all know that is a little bit of a conflict. It's on the site under planning board, subdivisions, under north Star and you can see that letter from the DNRC stating yes, we will teach you how to do an aquafer test.

Sara Helgert, I've lived in this valley for thirty nine years, fifth generation here. I also am raising three sons, 20, 22 and 14. The oldest one is trying to start out here and they can't buy anything. We need affordable housing and all these people moving in. there is nothing for them. There is no place to work and no place to live. Having affordable housing is something I believe we need and I ask for you guys to approve this extension.

Commissioner Letcher, with no further comments we will be closing this public hearing for the North Star Landing subdivision extension.

Commissioner Teske, thank everybody for coming out.

3:15 PM **Adjourn**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Josh Letcher, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board