



# Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Communication Board Minutes Wednesday, June 8th, 2022

**Meeting called by** Pat Dunne, Vice Chair

**Type of meeting** Monthly Meeting

**Minutes taken by** Carlye Hansen

**Members Present:** Pat Dunne, Vice-Chairperson; Jerry Thomas; Rainbow Conn; Carl Hamming

**Members Present:** Gary Wenger, Chairperson,

**Staff:** Carlye Hansen, Planning Department Secretary

## AGENDA TOPICS

### Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., by Pat Dunne, Vice-Chair

### Introduction of New Members

At this time, introductions were made of the two newest Communication Board members, Mr. Jerry Thomas, and Ms. Rainbow Conn.

### Approval of Minutes August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

*Motion was made by Carl Hamming to approve the minutes from August 11th, 2021; seconded by Pat Dunne. Motion passes 4-0.*

### Nomination and Vote for 2022 Chairperson

*Motion was made by Jerry Thomas to nominate Gary Wenger for 2022 Chairperson; seconded by Carl Hamming. Motion passes 4-0.*

### Nomination and Vote for 2022 Vice-Chairperson

*Motion was made by Carl Hamming to nominate Pat Dunne for 2022 Vice-Chairperson; seconded by Jerry Thomas. Motion passes 4-0.*



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## Lease Agreement Follow-up on Verizon / American Tower - Carl Hamming, ADLC Planning Director

Mr. Hamming just wanted to follow-up. The Commission approved the new tower lease agreement at \$2500.00 per month which adds up to \$30,000.00 per year. This is to be renegotiated every five years and interest is based on the CPI.

## C-Hill - Carl Hamming, ADLC Planning Department

At this time the back side of the C-Hill is being scheduled for remediation in Spring of 2023. Sheep Gulch Road is also being slated for improvements. At this time, the Mill Creek Road is the main access up to the C-Hill, but the Sheep Gulch Road would still act as an access road in case of emergency. There is an easement through the Mill Creek properties that gives legal access to the C-Hill site, and this was recorded years ago.

Mr. Ron Davis from Butte contacted Mr. Hamming regarding the River Radio tower on the C-Hill. Bob Toole, who was the previous owner of River Radio, passed away and the estate went to Ron Davis. Mr. Davis is interested in a new lease and MOU. This is just an update today on what may be coming down the pike, and Mike Grayson, Attorney at Law is aware of what is going on in this regard. Mr. Dunne then stated that he is very happy with the work that Mr. Grayson has provided us with, and he hopes that we keep him in our corner.

## License Renewal

Carlye Hansen, Planning Department Secretary noted she received a renewal application for one of the licenses for the FCC. She will have Pat call and talk about this and will check on the history.

## Rumsey Mountain Cell Tower

Mr. Dunne reviewed a brief history of the circumstances surrounding the Rumsey Mountain Cell Tower. Granite County pays for the lease to the Forest Service and Anaconda-Deer Lodge County oversees maintenance of the site. There are several things that must be done here in the future, including painting of the building. Rumsey Mountain is used by police, fire, Department of Transportation, Highway Patrol, and the Rumsey Mountain Amateur Hand Radio Club. Rainbow Conn suggested that we try and get contribution from the above entities to put towards the maintenance of this facility.

## Rumsey Mountain Cell Tower



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Mr. Dunne is questioning where the agreement is between the Big Hole Tower Site and the DOT. There was apparently an issue a few years back with a landowner and whether he had granted an easement for the Rumsey Mountain Cell Tower. Ms. Hansen was thinking this had been resolved, but Mr. Dunne does not think it has. This is something that will need to be researched.

## Next Meeting

TBD.

## Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carlye Hansen

Carlye Hansen, Planning Department Secretary

Approved 11/30/2022