



Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Communication Board Minutes Wednesday, November 30th , 2022

Meeting called by
Type of meeting
Minutes taken by

Gary Wenger, Chairperson
Monthly Meeting
Carlye Hansen

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

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

AGENDA TOPICS

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m., by Gary Wenger, Chairperson

Approval of Minutes June 8th, 2022

*Motion was made by Carl Hamming to approve the minutes from June 8th, 2022;
seconded by Jerry Thomas. Motion passes 8-0.*

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Budget for the year and current financials

Carl Hamming, Planning Director, went and met with Eric Hoiland, Treasurer, and John Sholey, CFO, looking into how things are regarding the financial aspect of the Communication Board. They are seeing money with the leases that have been renegotiated, however, at this time Verizon is a year behind in their lease payment on the C-Hill. Mr. Hamming will reach out to Michael Grayson, Attorney-at-Law and see where this stands as he is the attorney that negotiated this lease and put it together. Other than that, he states that the Communication Board is doing fine regarding their financials.

2. Rumsey Mountain



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There was a meeting the day before this meeting of the Rumsey Mountain User Group. There is permitting and renewals that need to be done on this site. Patrick Dunne gave a thorough history of Rumsey Mountain and how the cell tower came to be. The Forest Service is looking for all the old information regarding everything involved in the past regarding the Rumsey Mountain cell tower. Currently, Granite County oversees all financial information and ADLC oversees all maintenance. There are currently two buildings at the site, one leased by Verizon and the other used by Granite County and ADLC. The main entities that are involved with these towers are Northwestern Energy, Department of Transportation, the Forest Service, and the Montana Highway Patrol. There was significant discussion regarding this and there will be another meeting during the first week of January with the user group and will follow-up after this meeting has taken place in regards as to what the next steps are for the entities involved. Currently, the permit that is in place will expire 12/31/2022.

3. Update on the finalization of the Big Hole lease on the Reinhardt property.

Mr. Hamming was pleased to let everyone know that this lease has all been finalized and completed.

4. Lost Creek Tower

There was brief conversation and history given by Mr. Thomas regarding a tower that is up at Lost Creek, and it is determined at this time, that this is not an entity that ADLC is involved in and that this is privately owned.

5. FCC Call sign #WQQN661 Scheduled Expiration Date and Renewal

Carlye Hansen, Planning Department Secretary, stated that she received a license renewal statement for Call Sign #WQQN661. This payment is due February 4th, 2022, and they are good for ten (10) years

Motion is made by Gary Wenger to pay the license for call sign #WQQN661 before due date of 02/04/2022; seconded by Pat Dunne. Motion carried 5-0.

Miscellaneous

None.

Next Meeting

TBD.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.



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Respectfully Submitted,

Carlye Hansen

Carlye Hansen, Planning Department Secretary

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