

**Mono Basin RPAC
Regional Planning Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 11, 2013, 6:30 pm, Lee Vining Community Center**

Members present: Katie Bellomo, Lisa Cutting, Zane Davis, Alex Flores, Tim Hansen, Mark Logan, and Ilene Mandelbaum. **Absent:** Steve Connett, Chris Lizza, Bartshe Miller, and Lucy Parker.

Public Attendees and Presenters: Scott Burns, Joe Bellomo, Duncan King, Jim Leddy, Jim Kirby, Heather deBethizy, Leslie Chapman, and Larry Primisch.

1. **Call to order:** 6:43 pm
2. **Public comment:** Mark Logan: Request for Tim Alpers to collaborate with Inyo County to stop war in Syria and Obama Care and other frivolous government behavior.
3. **Review Minutes:** August 14, 2013: Revised item 6.g. to read “may” be getting a permit instead of “will”. Revised item 10.f. to omit reference to Jeff Walters specifically, instead just Mono County approval. Motion by Logan; second by Hansen; abstaining Flores (absent); passes unanimously. June 12, 2013: Revised to reflect Heather deBethizy in attendance. Motion by Mandelbaum; second by Davis; abstaining Bellomo and Logan (absent); passes unanimously.
4. **Supervisor’s report:** Tim Alpers absent. Jim Leddy introduced Leslie Chapman, Mono County’s new Director of Finance. Leddy reported that Mono County finalized the new budget and it is available online on the County website. Leddy also announced the new County Assessor Bob Mussil and new Director of Human Resources/Risk Management Bill Van Lente. The Mono County final budget is available to review in all County libraries.
5. **Chairman’s report:** Bartshe Miller – Absent.
6. **Member’s reports:**
 - a. Katie Bellomo: Thanks to Scott Burns for allowing Heather to continue on working remotely. Not happy with the Mono County Sherriff’s department approach to people travelling through Mono County to the Burning Man event.
 - b. Steve Connett: Absent.
 - c. Lisa Cutting: No report.
 - d. Zane Davis: No report.
 - e. Alex Flores: No report.
 - f. Tim Hansen: Attended the Board of Supervisor’s meeting yesterday and listened to the briefing on Mountain Yellow-legged frog and Yosemite toad.
 - g. Chris Lizza: Absent.
 - h. Mark Logan: No report.
 - i. Ilene Mandelbaum: The Lee Vining crosswalks still haven’t been painted and this is a safety issue. Please come to the Lee Vining Community Garden!
 - j. Lucy Parker: Absent.
7. **BLM Mono City Emergency Road Environmental Assessment status report (Larry Primosch)**

The Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact are completed and the documents have been submitted to Mono County for approval before BLM can issue the final decision. Appeal period is 30 days after BLM signs the decision. There were a total of six options including a no build alternative. Three were rejected because they did not meet the purpose and need of the project. The final option that was selected is to construct an emergency gated road behind the Mono City Fire Station that will connect to an existing dirt road and then connect to Highway 167. The main problem is there is no funding currently for this project to move forward and so it may need to be implemented in phases.

8. **Update of changes to Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Mono Basin policies (Scott Burns)** Item postponed until next month.
9. **Approve letter of appreciation to Department of Public Works for Lee Vining Road Improvement Project (Tim Hansen)** Lisa Cutting distributed two draft letters for the RPAC to consider sending to Garrett Higerd (Mono County Public Works) and Greg Herbeck (Herbeck General Engineering) thanking them for their excellent work on the Lee Vining Streets Rehabilitation Project. Motion by Katie Bellomo to approve, finalize and deliver letters as drafted to Mono County Supervisors; second by Tim Hansen; passed unanimously. Tim Hansen will attend the next meeting and distribute the letters.
10. **Lee Vining Community Center subcommittee update (Bellomo, Cutting, Mandelbaum)** Not much to report; weeding and site plan needs to be done.
11. **Information items: (Planning)**
 - a. Planning Commission meeting tomorrow has two items: a) Use permit for a 60' cell tower at the June Lake PUD site off of Highway 395. There will be no red light on top. Other sites were considered including the DWP site off of Highway 158 where trees would have hidden the tower better but the proponent was unable to reach a lease agreement with DWP. B) General Plan amendments for June Lake and Lundy to have a transient overlay district (nightly rentals).
 - b. Mono Yosemite Gateway Trail update: The group has inventoried all existing trails and in June a small group of people had a field trip to explore these trails. It is recognized that above the Lee Vining Ranger Station is a sensitive area and so for now the group will focus on the lower section of the total trail area basically adjacent to Lee Vining. There will be a second field trip sometime in October and an Open House will be scheduled for November.
 - c. Mono County is gradually switching to electronic agendas and minutes only but if you need to continue receiving a paper copy please let the Community Development Department know and arrangements can be made.
12. **Schedule next regular meeting:** Wednesday, October 9, 2013
13. **Adjourn:** 8:45 pm.