

**Mono Basin RPAC**  
**Regional Planning Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 6:30 pm, Lee Vining Community Center**

**Members present:** Duncan King, Bartshe Miller, Paul McFarland, Chris Lizza, Zane Davis, and Lisa Cutting.

**Public Attendees and Presenters:** Scott Burns, Tim Alpers, Bob Musil, and Leslie Chapman.

1. **Call to Order:** 6:40 pm.
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Review Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of December 2, 2015 were approved. Chris Lizza proposed, Lisa Cutting seconded. The vote was unanimous with Zane Davis abstaining.
4. **Supervisor's Report:** Tim Alpers introduced Leslie Chapman who was recently appointed as Mono County CAO. She is in the process of hiring an HR Director, a Risk Manager and a Director of Finance. Marshall Rudolph has left and Stacy Simon is interim County Counsel (3 monthly increments). Tim then reported on the recent BOS discussion on RPACs. There is a move to standardize their byelaws and terms and clarify the position of county employees and RPAC members' spouses being on RPACS. The new officers on the BOS are Fred Stump (Chair) Stacy Corless (Vice-Chair) and Larry Johnson (Chair Pro-Tem).
5. **Chairman's Report:** Bartshe thanked Tim Alpers for his work on the BOS and stated that we are sorry to lose him.
6. **Member's reports:**
  - a. Chris Lizza: The Planning Commission examined the planned TOT overlay for the Nevada Street area of June Lake. It was not approved. The BOS will be holding a workshop on the Transient Overlay issue in February. Congress is working on a new highway bill which could feed nicely into our Lee Vining main street planning process. Scott Burns reported that that the county has already resubmitted our grant application for this. Chris also announced he is holding a Wilderness Party on Tuesday 1/19 at 6:00pm.
  - b. Paul McFarland: Paul reported on the successful Fire Department Father Christmas tour of Lee Vining and Mono City. The Lee Vining PUD has replaced broken meter lids and has identified an alternative water source for town. The PUD is also revisiting its fee schedule for sewer service.
  - c. Ilene Mandelbaum: absent.
  - d. Duncan King: Nothing to report.
  - e. Margy Verba: Absent.
  - f. Lisa Cutting: Nothing to report.
  - g. Zane Davis: Nothing to report.
7. **Update on Elections:** Bob Musil announced the date of 6/7 for the primary election in Mono County. There will also be voting for a Superior Court Judge, and for three county Supervisors. There are two candidates so far for District 3, Bob Gardner and Patty Heinrich. Lee Vining and Mono City will be voting by mail unless the population exceeds 250 within the next few weeks. Bob is awaiting the outcome of Senate Bill 450 – the legislation is pending and has the potential to make voting easier and to increase voter turnout.
8. **Bear in park issues:** Scott Burns reported on his discussions with Tony Dublino and an easy fix for bear-proof receptacles is in progress.

9. **Alternative Fuels Charging Station Policy:** This is a new development and a policy is required for the county. Legislation is in progress for California to streamline siting of charging stations. 50% of the worldwide market for electric vehicles is in the US, and 40% of that is in California. Scott Burns will create a draft policy.
10. **Mono Basin Trails Plan Outline:** Paul McFarland presented a Mono Basin Trails group draft Annual Plan for 2016 and suggested holding a dedicated RPAC meeting on Trails. He suggested setting up meetings with partners such as California State Parks and the Forest Service, with CHP and Caltrans re the 120/395 trail crossing, and also the ice climbing community. A major issue on all trails is sanitation and the lack of restrooms. Paul will bring a finalized annual plan back to the next RPAC meeting and will update the plan every January.
11. **Nomination of New Officers:** Bartshe announced his intention to resign as Chair and the following nominations were made – Chair, Paul McFarland (nominated by Chris Lizza, seconded by Lisa Cutting); Vice-Chair, Bartshe Miller (nominated by Paul McFarland, seconded by Chris Lizza); Secretary, Duncan King (nominated by Chris Lizza, seconded by Lisa Cutting). Elections to be held at the next RPAC meeting.
12. **Information items and provide direction to staff (Planning):** (Scott Burns). The General Plan was adopted by the BOS, a process made easier by all the planning accomplished by RPACS beforehand. Planning for a use permit change of the Best Western coffee house into a restaurant is in progress. Bartshe Miller volunteered for the LAF COP vacancy.
13. **Upcoming agenda items:** Mono Basin Trails; RPAC byelaws; Election of officers; Bears; Street Name proposal review.
14. **Adjourn: 8:37 Next meeting Wednesday, February 10, 2016**