

ESMERALDA COUNTY LAND USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes from 8 August 2012

Item #1: Meeting called to order at ~1:18 PM at the Fish Lake Valley Community Center.

Roll call: Ed Rannells, Donna Sweetman, David Sweetman

Absent from meeting: Ken Polman

Guests: Nancy Boland, Ralph Keyes

A quorum was present.

Item #2: 2 May 2012 ECLUAC minutes were reviewed. Ed moved, Donna seconded, and the minutes from the May meeting were unanimously approved. Note, the 6 June meeting was canceled, because of the unavailability of a quorum, and no meeting was scheduled for July.

Status: The Water Resources Plan is awaiting implementation of changes made by the Commissioners for Kirk to complete. Any changes to policies will be incorporated into the PLPP. Nancy & the Commissioners need to generate an ordinance to implement the Master Plan and Water Resources Plan.

Item #3: Officer's Reports and Administrative Issues:

Within these minutes, "**Action Item**" (in red) identifies an action item to be performed. "**Action Item**" (in green) identifies an action item that has been completed; "**Status**" identifies what actually was completed. "**Action Item**" (in orange) identifies an action item that is ongoing.

Status: Mike Anderson has resigned from the committee. The Commissioners need to issue a notice for a replacement, noting the ECLUAC may well finish the PLPP before a replacement is identified.

David received a hard copy of the FPEIS from DOE for the Renewable Energy Plan for the six SW states; the plan is available electronically on the web, so David will try to donate to the FLV library.

Ed noted a BLM representative went to the Commissioners Meeting to discuss possible BLM actions on BLM managed land because of concern with the drought.

Item #4: Master Plan Review

The formal adoption by the commissioners is pending the issuance of the applicable ordinance.

Item #5: Review Public Land Plan Policies Submitted.

Status: The ECLUAC reviewed Appendix A for the BLM disposal and non-disposal sites. Given the numerous changes to the map legend and for consistency with the wording of Appendix A, the ECLUAC made numerous recommendations that require David to edit, which could not be done at the meeting. The edited version will be separately distributed for review prior to the next meeting. Nancy will work to make sure the legend on the map is updated, as well as noting some areas, e.g., FLV, are primarily non-disposal not disposal.

The next meeting will try to complete review and approval of the map and appendix A, review and approval of the changed Water Resources Policy, then work on the Energy Park proposal.

Action Item: David to send copies of the latest revision to members and the website. Note, since the distributed file is in *.pdf format, changes are not specifically identified.

Item #6: Emergency agenda items. None

Item #7: New Business. Nancy noted that the NV Congressional delegation is supportive of an Esmeralda County “Land Bill” to resolve a number of items, with the caveat that “conservation” is a significant requirement. No “Wilderness” or similar will be in the “Land Bill”. The ECLUAC discussed a number of opportunities, including the importance of water usage and conservation. This also led to a discussion of the many problems facing the County and Fish Lake Valley in particular with the over-allocation of water rights and the excess usage of water relative to annual yield. The intent was to find a way with the “Land Bill” for federal monies to mitigate some of the water problem.

Action Item: David to find out for the proposed “Land Bill” from the FLV Cemetery Board if additional space is required for the cemetery. Per Bob Moss, Co-Chairman, the cemetery has adequate space for the next 20+ years.

Item #8: Public comment. None

Item #9: Those present unanimously approved for the next meeting. Place: FLV Community Center; Time: 1:00 PM on Wednesday 26 September 2012.

Item #10: Ed moved, Donna seconded, and the meeting was unanimously approved adjourned at ~4:35 PM.

These minutes were recorded by Donna Sweetman and prepared by Donna/David Sweetman.
These minutes are approved by:

David Sweetman *David Sweetman* Date: *12 August 2012*
Esmeralda County Land Use Advisory Committee Chairman