

**Minutes of the  
Dutch John Advisory Committee Meeting  
Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 6:00 pm  
At the Dutch John Fire Hall**

**Members attending:** Chairman Jack Lytle, Sheryl Street, Julie Rogers, Sandy Kunkel, David Jones, and Harriet Dickerson

**Members not attending:** Vice-Chair Patty Schwartz( excused), Bill Schwartz (excused), Mark Wilson (excused), Roy Steen, Terry Collier, Gayle Wernsing, John Morton, Craig Collett, Bruno Niccoli, and Doug Roloson,

**Guests attending:** Commissioner Gutz, Mike & Maureen Hanlon & Brian Raymond

1. **Welcome:** Chairman Jack Lytle welcomed everyone at 6:12 pm.
2. **Approve Minutes from June 5, 2008 meeting:** Sheryl looked at them and they looked good to her. Commissioner Gutz said he had talked with Chad about grants for infrastructure. Chad said that Grants were offered through CIB in the past, but they are now more into grants for new projects instead of maintenance of existing roads. Sheryl Street made the motion to accept the minutes and Sandy Kunkel seconded. Willing needs another 2 1's and not just 1. Agenda was changed to Minutes and under #7 the last sentence wasn't real clear, so that was fixed. All were in favor with the changes. Motion carried.
3. **Review Commission Meetings: Patty Schwartz or Dave Jones:** Neither were able to attend the last meeting.
  - Commissioner Gutz was asked why the attorney was fired. The Commissioner's exercised an option in his contract that allows for termination of the contract by either party with six months notice. He explained why he voted in favor of canceling the attorney's contract. He said the Vernal Express had an article yesterday that explained it pretty good. There will be another attorney hired and there was also a provision approved that the County can hire outside counsel if needed during this time. The attorney's original contract was for four years.
  - **The airport Runway Improvement Project bid was awarded.** There is supposed to be a meeting on Monday to finalize everything and get project going. Dealing with issues on the oil and how available it is and how expensive.
4. **Water & Sewer Update:** Brian Raymond gave updated information and handed out a timeline from Uintah Engineering. The timeline is tight and has to be worked at really hard to keep on schedule. Tried to get information on the allowable funding from EPA, but haven't gotten anything official. Everybody said they wanted to get the project going and done now, not wait. The sewer is the biggest problem right now, but the Hanlon's mentioned that the EPA also has problems with the water.
  - Commissioner Gutz said it's not the quality, but the reporting required that didn't get completed after a computer went down and information was lost. We've gotten some

certified letters that we have to get information to them and the State. The results we are getting back are good.

- Mike Hanlon talked with water engineers including Mr. Bill Burkes, Mr. James and Patty Favro. They said the original water purification system of the Bureau's is way past needing overhaul and should have been replaced at the time of privatization. The water is said to be safe, but it doesn't meet all the standards. There is a residue of chlorine called Chloriforms, which is too high and out of compliance. Not an immediate problem, but it is long term- it can contribute to cancer. The current system is inconsistent and the EPA's standards have also changed over the years. A reverse osmosis (RO) system with a membrane would help take out the residues not currently being treated. Costly to bring it up to EPA standards, but it would be easier to treat well water. We are not approved and probably not get there without a huge investment. Mike gave Commissioner Gutz the names and phone numbers for those he had spoken to during the past week.
  - These folks said it would be easier to treat well water. There are different problems with wells in that everything has to be pumped, which is expensive. We need to use the water we are currently allocated. We had worked on that in the past and Jack has been looking at the information from the well surveys done a couple of years ago. Commissioner Gutz said he put in new sand filters last fall and it should be helping. The folks that Mike talked about said it is was better than in the past. Sounds like we need a water purification emphasis. We could maybe have a secondary system that would use the water rights and cut down on need to filter. There is no boil order, but it shouldn't be drunk as is for another 25-30 years. People may want to put in an RO filtration system or something else that works. Goal should be to get to the approved status, but will take time and money to do that.
  - The Hanlons were encouraged to join the Advisory Committee if they were going to continue to be around through the winter. They said they would see.
5. **Dutch John Airport Improvement Update:** It was covered earlier in the meeting.
6. **Freedom Festival Report:** Went good, but Dave wasn't here to report specifics. They did not have a beer wagon due to the permitting process. There is liability involved, but it's a shotgun approach to all involved trying to find the deepest pockets. Hank explained that the Rodeo has a beer license through the Lion's Club. We had over 750 vehicles and many had more than 4 persons per vehicle. There were two DUI arrests and no accidents. We had six troopers, plus Daggett County Sheriff's Deputies and two game wardens and several folks from the Forest Service, so we were well protected. We need more port-a-pots. We need to give Dave, Christy and Patty a huge thanks! They need more help in the future, especially with their jobs as EMTs. Better delegation might be helpful. Music was good, but there was the suggestion of some patriotic music, even if it has to be from the CD. The Clean-up by the kids & the shooter were good! Who's going to take charge next year? This may be premature at this time, but we need this on the agenda every month.
- Dave Jones came in during the discussion. He thought we had a record breaking year. Boomer did a great job and the show was good. They sang their hearts out. The fireworks crew did a great job. Some said we were better than Vernal. Looks like there is going to be some money left over, so we will have to tap into the reserve from last year. People just weren't as generous this year, but it was still okay. We don't have the final financial report yet.

- Dave asked people what they thought of the location. It was nice not to have the traffic in the residential areas. The whole thing is a big deal for the County and Dutch John. Dave was told that Maureen would help next year. We need to make a festival out of it. There were some challenges as some fliers got covered up.
7. **Freedom Festival 2009 Planning:** We need to pick who's in charge. Maureen volunteered if she stays the winter. We could have a fair and tons of activities for little kids as there were tons of them there. Forest Service can bring in a bunch of stuff, but there was a bit of miscommunication this year. The State is going to a four day work week, which should open up Fridays, probably not Mondays. The 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2009 is a Friday and 4<sup>th</sup> is on Saturday. We could go for either day as on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> people will already be gone. The Shooter has provided us some great shows, so we ought to see what's best for him. Dave will call and see which day is good for the shooter. Law Enforcement would be easier on a day other than the 4<sup>th</sup>. The group vote was for July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. We paid more this year and got the same show due to rising prices. Some thought it was better than last year. There are some confiscated fireworks that we can use next year too!
- It would really be nice to pick where we want our Park to be. Dave is willing to donate time and volunteer service and Don Kranendonk would also be willing to help. Alcohol discussion ensued. Public intoxication applies everywhere. Alcohol use is one problem and abuse is a whole other topic. The roads around here are not alcohol friendly, so we need to think about this. The heavy dose of law enforcement seems to help. The Rodeo only sells 10-12 cases of beer in two nights, so its not a big loss not to sell beer. Commissioner Gutz suggested keeping it family friendly.
  - How much ground do we need? Is 15 acres enough and does it allow for expansion? Do we want a rodeo arena? Manila's arena needs a lot of work and upkeep. The old general plan had several different parks. Let's have the park committee meet and pull something together for next month.
8. **Dutch John Developer/Development Facilitator:** Brian Raymond said he thought it was a good idea and getting the right person could make a big difference. How will this person interact with the Commissioners, as they have the final say on all decisions? Jack Lytle said the advisory committee doesn't have the punch to get what needs to be done accomplished.
- How do we have the County guarantee an amount that this project can work with? Is there money? Is the jail bleeding us dry and what can be done if we don't know how much money it will take to remedy the situation?
  - We've been talking with a professional to work through this. This idea needs to be developed into a proposal that is in writing. We would need a guaranteed amount to give this person and an amount that he/she has to work with to move development forward. Money is going to get tighter for grants and everything as the economy slows. There are more and more non-profits seeking a piece of the shrinking pie. We need an attorney to put a lock on the money instead of how it can be used.
  - It was discussed that this has been on the agenda, but it needs to be defined what we want and what is expected. Maureen said that she would help get this off the ground and Jack said he would help, but couldn't be the lead. Contract would be better than employee, so you could give incentives. Maureen will get it started so it can be looked at during the next meeting.

9. **General Plan Update:** Sheryl has read it and seemed kind of wordy. We need to get things going! The planner is still waiting for Brian to finish some things up to get the full draft out for everyone to review.
  - **Boy Scout Leadership School:** Brian Raymond handed out what he submitted to the State as an application for this project. It's a very long shot as we don't exactly have everything they are looking for.
  - **Mobile Home park area:** We need to find a place for the Mobile Home Park. We will need to do it another time.
  - **Smart Growth:** We will save this agenda item for later
  - **Location of Dutch John Maintenance Shop:** We don't want it near the hospital. Can we have Dave McDonald tear it down and give him land somewhere else? It might get too complicated. What about the old heliport. The old airport has low water pressure. We need an 8 or 10' line, not the current 2' line.
  - **Location for Additional Lodging, Conference Center:** This item was saved for later.
10. **Fundraising Dinner for Diane Morton** on July 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm at the Conference Hall. It will be similar to the auction for Wayne Brost a few years back. July 19<sup>th</sup> is the Rodeo in Manila.
11. **Items for Next Meeting:**
  - Review Job Description for Administrator/Developer. Allow 1 hour on agenda
  - General Plan: Bring your comments. Brian will e-mail General Plan to committee. Allow a ½ hour for this.
  - Sheriff's Advisory Committee-Meet over here every other meeting-Not just a gripe session want ideas and facts to help them be better. Have somebody from this committee serve on that committee. Sheryl is interested.
  - Where do we want the park? Jack has arc view will bring his computer & projector next time. Dave would like to do work this fall. Field trip before the meeting. Recommendation for the 19<sup>th</sup> of August. ½ hour
  - Guide row fire hazard- water in hydrants? Sandy will check into it?
  - Freedom Festival – ½ hour
12. **Next Meeting:** August 7th, 2008 at 6:00 pm
13. **Adjourn at 8:38 pm**

**Minutes approved as amended at the August 7, 2008 meeting.**