

**Minutes of the
Dutch John Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 5, 2008 at 5:30 pm
At the Dutch John Fire Hall**

Members attending: Vice-Chair Patty Schwartz, Sheryl Street, Julie Rogers, Sandy Kunkel, David Jones, and Doug Roloson,

Members not attending: Chair Jack Lytle (excused), Bill Schwartz (excused), Mark Wilson (excused), Roy Steen, Harriet Dickerson (excused), Terry Collier, Gayle Wernsing, John Morton, Craig Collett and Bruno Niccoli

Guests attending: Commissioner Gutz, John Dehart, Ed McCauley, Shelley Andrews, Paul Kraft & Brian Raymond

1. **Welcome:** Vic-Chair Patty Schwartz opened the meeting at 5:44 pm
2. **Approve Minutes from May 1st, 2008 meeting:** Changes proposed included taking Don Kranendonk off the list as he did not attend that meeting, deleting Bill Schwartz as he was listed twice, and taking the d out of Bill Rogers name. Brian didn't know if some of the items had been discussed as he didn't have a tape to listen to. He was told that those items were not discussed. Sheryl Street made motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Julie Rogers seconded the motion and everyone was in favor. Motion carried.
3. **Review Commission Meetings:** Patty Schwartz did not attend last couple of Commission Meetings, but David Jones did.
 - o Dave mentioned that there was a gentleman at the last Commission Meeting talking about the Wild and Scenic Rivers. The Commission had supported designating the length from the Dam to Little Hole, but has withdrawn that support as the River Group is now trying to get all the way to the State line and that could be a problem for some of our agricultural people in Brown's Park. Commissioner Gutz shared his views on the situation. We already have lots of paperwork and this will just add more paperwork. They also keep saying that nothing will change, but despite those statements it will change. They keep saying that they will protect the river and the only way to do that is limit access and use. Managing is different than protecting. Dave Jones said that the Advisory Board should back up the Commissioners decision.
 - o Dave also mentioned there was some discussion about the airport. The bid was to be opened on Tuesday, but now the Commission will be waiting until June 17th.
 - o Somebody asked who paid for the paving of the road to the storage sheds? Commissioner Gutz replied the County through the Road Special Service District, not Dutch John Fund. It should be widened at the intersection with Little Hole Road. There was some discussion if Little Hole Road was a County road or Forest Service.
 - o Commissioner Gutz brought up the Chip Seal on the Dutch John roads. Dave mentioned that Chad was the one who mentioned there are other grants out there that may help. Commissioner Gutz said that we won't get a grant from CIB because its

maintenance and they don't fund that. He said we have budgeted \$400,000 to get this done, so now we just need to move forward. What about narrowing it and making a bike path? Commissioner Gutz said that the County is planning to do that.

- Sandy Kunkel made the motion to call Chad Reed and see if there are grants available and to try and get this project going to coincide with the airport project. Julie Rogers seconded the motion. Commissioner Gutz said if there weren't any grants available that he would try and tie these two projects together. All were in favor and the motion carried.
4. **Lot Sales Update:** There was only 1 lot sold at the auction and it went for \$50,000. The others are now available for sale at the minimum bid for the next 30 days. If they are not sold they will then be returned to the County's inventory for the next sale. One lot is \$42,000, one is \$50,000 and the large lot is \$60,000. There were only two bidders registered.
 5. **General Plan Update:** Public Draft is almost ready, but it isn't complete. Brian said the Contractor is chomping at the bit waiting for him to finish the Public Lands Chapter, so it can actually go out to the public. We need to bend backwards to get somebody to do some housing in this area. Give the land and carry a second mortgage and then they can buy when they are ready to. They purchase at the time they put in offer to purchase. Mark up your copies and give to Brian Raymond
 6. **Freedom Festival Update:** We need to have a meeting here in the next couple of weeks. Brian said the Highway Patrol wasn't aware of the date yet, but seemed okay with the 5th. Everything is on track and no changes from last Dave said there was one issue that there is an increase in the cost of \$1000 for the same size show. Lucerne will probably have the same problem. Brian explained that the TRT money was supposed to get seed money. Want to try and get more from TRT at the next Commission meeting. We need someone willing to get a beer permit as the County will not do that. The Lion's Club is the organization that sells beer at the Cow Country Rodeo. Do you want this problem? More controlled if you sell it instead of bringing in an outside vendor. Don't do draft liquor as whatever is not used must be dumped. Cans work best. Get it on the agenda and give a proposal if you want the money.
 7. **Dutch John Wood Harvesting:** Commissioner Gutz said they had a request to cut firewood, so they gave him a letter authorizing him to cut it for personal and commercial use. They will take everything down around where they are cutting. Campers can cut wood. Hank might bring over a saw and cut some boards for artistic purposes. Get it harvested and cleaned up. How about at the rifle range? No, that is Forest Service property and has regulations.
 8. **Water & Sewer Update** – Public Hearing will be after this meeting. Shelly Andrews talked about some of the work involved in getting this going. Paul and Ed also introduced themselves and their connection to Dutch John. CIB, Rural Development and Water Quality board are possible funders for these projects. The sewer proposed will treat it well enough to go into a rapid infiltration system. Sheryl Street asked about what is holding it up and how to get it moving forward. Shelly explained that the meeting tonight is one of the requirements and based on what happens while the FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact) is out for public comment. What would cause the need to do changes? Commissioner Gutz said he has conceded and that they will get this done and move forward even though there will be an elevated water tank. You've got to have enough money in order to do the project. The County will have to pay the invoices and then we will be reimbursed 55% up to the maximum amount. An implementation schedule is required by the State. It will tell when it

is expected to go out to bid and the various stages. The State said they would be willing to help produce the implementation schedule. We also need the final cost model. Sewer rate increases might be optional of O&M cost increase of \$11,000 annual increase translating into \$11/mo increase per user. Repair and replacement is a consideration.

9. **Items for Next Meeting:** Administrator for Dutch John
10. **Next Meeting:** July 10th at 6:00 pm
11. Doug Roloson made a **motion to adjourn** at 7:09 pm and Sheryl Street seconded and all were in favor.

Approved: 7/10/2008