

**Minutes of the
Dutch John Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 5, 2006 at 7:00 pm
Dutch John Conference Hall**

Members Attending: Vice-Chair Jack Lytle, Bill and Patty Schwartz, Anne Steen, David Jones, John Morton

Members Not Attending: Roy Steen, Doug Roloson, Mark Wilson, Sheryl Street

Guests Attending: Commissioner Craig Collett, Brian Raymond

1. **Welcome:** Vice-Chairman Jack Lytle (7:00 pm)

2. **New Items:**

- **Minutes Developed** from the last meeting:
 - Bill Schwartz took some notes until about 7:23 pm during the last meeting and these items are from his notes
 - Jerry Steglich discussed his impressions of the last DJAC meeting. He wants to see Dutch John get involved with the Economic Development Board. There may be a chance to have our own tourism board. Can we get our activities listed in the Wren (WY Electric Cooperative Magazine)? We've gotten some grants to improve tourism marketing; nobody toots our horn better than us. We are looking at a Hill Climb activity for the future.
 - We talked about the Park and JD Guymon mentioned he was willing to help with the development and then we don't need to pay a planner. John Morton had some notes after that as follows: We would need an architect to look at the structures, but we don't need a building. Could we get the plans from Pinedale?
 - We talked about the Fireworks and Freedom Festival in 2007.
 - Lighting in town didn't get discussed as Doug Roloson was not here.
 - Dogs were talked about a little bit.
 - **Commission Report:** Commissioner Collett reported on SITLA Little Hole issue. The affordable housing program and criteria for qualifying and some of the misconceptions were shared. County Planning and Zoning Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Planning and zoning discussion about the master plan or the zoning issues. Adjourned about 9:20 pm These minutes were accepted as recollected as motioned by Anne Steen and seconded by Patty Schwartz with all in favor.
- **Committee leadership:** Jack Lytle will be the acting Chairman and Secretary Brian Raymond will be acting vice-Chair even though he is an ex-officio member and will not be a voting member.
- **Meet the Candidates Night Forum:** The Chamber selected October 17th at 7 pm as the date and time for the Forum to take place in Dutch John. The planned format was discussed and a flyer handed out. This is not set up to be a debate, but a chance to meet and hear the candidates with the possibility of questions from audience. Time will be limited, so all questions will not be asked.

- **Vernal Business Symposium:** Brian Raymond shared a brochures and information about this activity for business owners and managers. Scholarships are available for those that need assistance.
- **Digital TV** is now available to residents of Daggett County: Information was given out about channels available and how this was enabled by a grant.

3. Continuing Projects

- **Park Development:** Harriett Dickerson asked about having a skating rink that could be flooded near the corner north of the school. Commissioner Collett said a temporary rink is probably okay, but if a permanent rink is desired it needs to be planned into the park plans. The BOR did this in the past. The baseball diamond was suggested as a possible location, but then you would have to take it out and put back in each year. There was a suggestion for using the lots up by Jack's place and Anne's place. They have water with a fire hydrant, but the corner is where the pavilion is planned or maybe a pond that freezes over too. Sugar House Park has a nice rink. An area that may be disturbed already is a possibility, but that may complicate pouring concrete when we get to that stage. Floyd Gale could do the excavation for us if we wanted, but he's leaving in a week. Commissioner Collett said the other guys could also do it. Dave Jones made a motion to do a temporary ice skating rink and to put it by the frost free hydrant and light. The Park Committee will meet with Harriett to decide location and follow up with Commissioner Collett. Patty Schwartz seconded the motion. Any discussion? The Commissioner will be the go between for the Dutch John workers. It could be oval or rectangular in shape. The motion carried with everyone in favor. They have a transit. The Park Committee will get with JD Guymon and start working on the plans. Dave asked about the sketched plans and Craig said he thought they might have been lost. Dave also asked about a donation from the Flaming Gorge Resort in memory of Craig's father. Maybe.
- Anne Steen asked if we had enough people for a quorum tonight. We do have a quorum tonight. Brian Raymond mentioned that the County is trying to get the committee better filled and is also advertising for help with other Boards and Committees
- **Other: Planning and Zoning** board needs a representative from this group or at least the area. By code a Commissioner can not be on the board. There were three from Dutch John, but Roger Schneidervin and Kevin Wright have resigned and Buddy is traveling a lot and has warned the County that he will probably be resigning soon.
- **Voting:** There was discussion on the elections and registering to vote. State laws do not seem fair to let people vote here that are not what we would call residents.
- **Court Update:** Anne Schneidervin has resigned as Justice Court Judge starting October 7th. Judge Reed is filling in until January. What is being done for Anne? Anne Steen was asked to help, but she wants to see the residents of the town do something nice for her for her many years of service. Clocks, plaques, etc. Door to door or from the Dutch John taxes. County is giving her an appreciation gift. Dave, Jack and Craig will donate money and Patty and Anne will put together the party. Money from the County for the party? Craig will check into it if they can help. After the election. What day is good? When they can be here would be best. Anything else we need to report about. Commissioner said that there is no intention of closing the court. Anne Steen said she wants to see that the judgeship remains here in Dutch John. Anne Steen asked for the Committee to support the idea of having a judge appointed here in Dutch John so that there will be two judges in Daggett County. The motion was amended by Bill Schwartz

to say: “We Oppose any efforts to close the Dutch John precinct court and Support any efforts for its continued operation and support filling the position vacated by the resignation of Judge Anne Schneidervin.” The motion was seconded by David Jones and the voting was unanimously in favor of the motion.

4. **Commission Report**-Commissioner Craig Collett:

- **Affordable Housing** to settle tomorrow and the others by next week so that all six will be completed in October. The Manila lots bought by CDBG funds need to be completed within the next year or two. Commissioner Collett is going to the Olene Walker fund to get 0% interest loan. The money borrowed for construction from the Dutch John Fund adds to the cost of the house. The Olene Walker has asked us to come back and we put it in for two houses and they asked us to do all four. The County fronted some of the money for the other houses and some came from Dutch John Fund and so we will figure it all out and get money where it needs to be done so that this committee can advise. We will continue to use inmate labors and stagger the construction of the houses to do so.
- **Little Hole Property:** SITLA rejected all proposals and will be holding an auction, maybe as soon as January 7th, 2007. DWR will not allow access and the County is claiming that they are County roads and have been accessible since 1913. It is a bit scary that now anyone can buy it, but they will still need to meet planning and zoning regulations.
- **Storage Units:** Ron Campbell was sent something from his attorney and the Commission sent then something from the county attorney, but they didn't get it until the day before the answer was to be given. Keeps growing and growing. Can be taken back. The single acre won't be given until he performs. Jack suggested that the attorney's need to meet and the county should make the county attorney meet with the other attorney. Bill Schwartz said this doesn't seem to meet code and he does not think that the County can give away land, but the lawyer was asked before it was ever done and he said it could be done and he is our legal advisor and so the Commission is comfortable with his advice. Bill also talked about the original legislation that kept the responsibility of the landfill on the federal government. Does the County have any responsibility to remediate the problems or should that come from the feds? Feds
- Brown's Park Road construction will start next Friday to build a temporary road to do some needed testing. The County is looking to do testing on a mile and a half. A D-6 Cat to make a cut along the side of the hill, but waiting for the BLM permits.

5. **New Business items for next month's meeting:**

Unfinished properties-log cabin
Report on interest from affordable Housing
Park committee report and update on ice skating rink
Report on changes or movement on storage properties.
Limitations of Semi-truck traffic across the dam-meeting on the 7th
Finalize Schneidervin Party information

6. **Next Meeting:** November 2nd, 2006 at 7:00 pm Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm

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