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PINEDALE ANTICLINE WORKING GROUP (PAWG)
Socio-Economic Task Group
October 12, 2005 1:00 p.m. Pinedale Library

Members Present: Mary Byrnes, Tom Burns, Roy Allen (BLM), Carmel Kail, Cyd Goodrich, Jana Weber, Laurie Latta (Town of Pinedale). Ron Hogan (Questar) joined the meeting later.

Members Absent: Marilyn Filkins, Steve Reynolds, Bob Jones (resigned since last meeting), Jay Anderson (resigned since last meeting), Judi Adler, Eric Sechrist

Visitors: Jeffrey Jacquet, SAAC; Randy Johnson, SCRHD; Annette Pepin, USFS;

Jim Whinnery, SCSO; Dana Ward, DFS; Diana Hoff, Questar; Carolyn Bing, Sublette Group

Minutes taken by: Laurie Latta (1-3 pm) and Carmel Kail (3-5 pm).

Chairman Carmel Kail opened the meeting. She offered a brief review of the progress of the committee including the completion of the Socio-economic report in February; the successful FNRPA grant and county money awarded for hiring a socio-economic analyst; the creation of SAAB (later renamed SAAC) and the subsequent hiring of Jeff Jacquet—in short, a very productive committee year, especially since the PAWG socio-economic committee was created as an “afterthought.”

It was announced that there have been several changes in the personnel from industry. Following discussion, the group concluded that industry participation in the TG is vital. **Cyd** Goodrich offered to contact Shell and Ultra to recruit potential TG members; **Roy** Allen will talk to Steve Reynolds to see if he will continue to be the contact person for Encana, and **Carmel** Kail will contact Questar to inquire about Ron Hogan’s replacement.

The minutes from the June 28, 2005 and the July 28, 2005 meetings were read. Tom Burns moved to approve both sets of minutes. Jana Weber seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Whinnery of the Sheriff’s Department reported that the Oversight Committee will meet October 18th. The Sheriff’s Department has backed away from being the lead on this committee. Among the issues to be discussed by that group are affordable day care and affordable housing.

Ron Hogan joined the meeting, indicated that he will be retiring, and introduced Diana Hoff who will replace him as project supervisor for Questar operations in the county. Questar will designate a representative to serve on the SocioEconomic TG, but it is not known whether this will be Diana. **Ron** will encourage that an appointment is made soon, and will also make contacts to recruit other industry representatives (e.g., Halliburton) to join the TG.

The TG discussed our past recommendation to BLM that 10-year annual rig forecasts be requested from operators. The TG would still like to see this data collected, and now SAAC / Jeffrey Jacquet could provide administrative assistance. Elements of the data request were discussed. The group agreed that Jonah Field operators should be included. **Carmel** will write a letter to PAWG requesting that PAWG recommend to BLM that BLM ask operators for rig forecasts. **Ron** will draft a letter which could be used by the BLM to gather this information from the operators. Both of these letters will be submitted to PAWG for action at their October 25 meeting.

Jana Weber presented information relative to a survey she has drafted to assess “quality of life” in Sublette County as perceived by both residents and visitors. Jeff Jacquet presented a preliminary survey on housing, which he plans to use to survey the workforce in the gas fields. The TG broke into two groups to review the two surveys in detail.

Following discussions, the 'Q of L' survey work group reported to the TG that the survey would be reworked with an eye toward: 1) keeping the survey simple as possible, i.e., on a 4th grade reading level, 2) making the survey a catalyst for community conversation, 3) gathering info which would be of interest / use to elected State and local officials, and 4) gathering info which would be helpful in directing TG activity / focus. **Jana, Mary, Randy, Carmel and Diana** will collaborate via email and present a revised draft to the TG before our next meeting.

The gasfield workforce housing survey work group presented to the TG several newly-formulated changes to the survey and discussed administration/dissemination of the survey. The possibility of a cash prize to encourage participation will be investigated. Following input and approval by SAAC, Jeffrey will finalize the survey. Distribution is expected to begin within a week.

Carolyn Bing reported on the 'Sublette Group', of which she is a member. This group has been meeting for some months now and shares many of our interests / concerns. They have been gathering information on a variety of topics, currently the foremost of which is affordable housing. **Carolyn** will discuss with the Sublette Group possibilities for collaboration / coordination and report back to the TG.

Randy Johnson, Annette Pepin, and Dana Ward indicated that they would like to become members of the SocioEconomic Task Group. The TG agreed unanimously. Carmel will ask PAWG to record addition of these new members.

Review of the TG (April 2005) Monitoring Report Recommendations and discussion of current TG priorities was deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints. **TG members** are asked to come with suggestions for TG priorities and related TG action.

SAAC meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month. To coincide with this, the next SocioEconomic Task Group meeting was set for 1 pm on Wednesday November 9 at the Big Piney Library. **Tom** to reserve meeting room.

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