

PAWG SocioEconomic Task Group
May 26, 2005 Minutes

Meeting held at: Pinedale Library Lovatt Room

TG members present: Roy Allen (via speaker phone), Jay Anderson, Tom Burns, Marilyn Filkins, Cyd Goodrich, Steve Reynolds, Carmel Kail, Laurie Latta (Pinedale Mayor's Assistant replacing Ward Wise)

Minutes taken by: Carmel Kail

Carmel reported that on May 19, Prill Mecham had informed the PAWG of which monitoring recommendations BLM approved and funded. The SocioEconomic recommendations were approved, but not funded. Prill encouraged looking for funding elsewhere, and offered to speak to the County Commissioners about the SETG if desired. Also at that meeting Nylla Kunard, as the Town of Pinedale's representative on the PAWG, urged that the TG approach the Town for funding ASAP as the Town budget first reading had already passed. Carmel consequently attended the Pinedale Town Council meeting May 23, and presented basic information about the TG in a letter. The Town invited TG members to attend their budget workshop June 2 to discuss this further.

Steve Reynolds summarized the current status of the TG's FNRPA grant application. Based on input from the TG, verbiage in the draft application has been modified, all TG members have now reviewed and approved the body of the draft. The grant deadline has passed, but the State Office of Planning which administers this program has indicated they will accept it if submitted promptly. Administrative elements for the grant cover page (applicant title, contact person, etc.) were discussed and agreed upon. Steve will email the grant application to Carmel this afternoon. Carmel will add a page listing the TG members and append to application, print out, sign, and deliver the complete application to the Governor tomorrow. Carmel will email a copy of the submission to all TG members.

The TG determined to approach the County Commissioners and all 3 incorporated Towns for FNRPA grant application co-sponsorship and related funding. Carmel will modify the letter to the Pinedale Town Council and send it with a copy of the TG report to each of these entities ASAP. TG members to attend and present the request at meetings are as follows.

June 2 (4 pm) - Pinedale Town Council – Laurie, Carmel

June 7 (9:30 am) – County Commissioners - Marilyn, Tom, Laurie, Carmel.
Also will invite Kunard & Hagenstein as PAWG reps.

June 7 (7 pm) – Big Piney Town Council – Jay, Carmel

June 13 (8 pm)– Marbleton Town Council – Jay, Tom, possibly Marilyn

Possible actions to facilitate hiring of a SocioEconomic Analyst were discussed. If the County Commissioners agree May 7 to fund the request, Roy and Mary Burns will contact relevant agencies and persons in order to come up with a list of possible applicants. Marilyn will contact County Clerk Mary Lankford in order to work out a possible administrative and logistic framework.

Jay Anderson suggested that an article or guest editorial about the TG's current situation be submitted to the local papers. Ideally this would be out before the June 7 Commissioners and Town Council meeting. Carmel agreed to prepare a rough draft and email it to the TG for input. The entire TG would be signatories.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

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