

PAWG SOCIOECONOMIC TASK GROUP

Minutes December 14, 2005

Members present: Jeff Jacquet (ex officio member), Roy Allen, Carmel Kail, Laurie Latta, Dana Ward, Tom Burns, Jana Weber.

Members Absent: Marilyn Filkins, Steve Reynolds, Judi Adler, Eric Sechrist, Diana Hoff, Cyd Goodrich, Annette Pepin, Randy Johnson

Visitors: Geoff Sell (Shell Exploration-Pinedale), Mark Stewart (Schlumberger-Rock Springs).

Briefly: Linda Baker (PAWG), Matt Anderson (BLM-PFO)

Meeting held: Pinedale Library, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Jana Weber, Carmel Kail

Minutes from the Nov. 9 meeting were approved. It was decided that the next meeting would be on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 1:00 p.m. at the Pinedale library. Introductions were made for the new attendees, Geoff Sell and Mark Stewart.

Jeff gave a housing survey update. Jeff said he had about 500 responses and expected possibly another 200. Jeff is hopeful that Schlumberger and KSI will be providing more survey data. Jeff plans a major report when the anticipated data is in, probably by the next TG meeting.

Jeff distributed the Executive Summary of a report on crime he recently issued through SAAC. **Jeff** will email TG members the full body of the crime report.

The quality of life survey was discussed. Laurie Latta made a motion to approach SAAC with a recommendation to provide \$600.00 to pay for the publication of the survey. Geoff mentioned some concerns about the use of the survey. The collection process was discussed and agreed upon. It was agreed that the survey would go out the 4th Thursday in January and be due by Feb. 14. **Jana** agreed to make the newspaper arrangements, and **Laurie** volunteered to write an article for the paper in anticipation of the survey being published. A discussion ensued as to the appropriateness of the survey under the auspices of the PAWG socioeconomic task group. It was decided that the survey proposal would be taken to SAAC for funding and implementation. **Tom, Roy and Jeff** will bring the proposal forward to the SAAC.

Roy Allen reported on his conversations with the BLM solicitor's office regarding the Task Group's ability to lobby. Roy's conclusion regarding the solicitor's comments are that, in the solicitor's opinion, PAWG and TGs should not lobby. The group, with the input of Linda Baker, the PAWG chairperson, discussed the idea of lobbying, the need for further investigation into its appropriateness, and the need for funding the monitoring and possible mitigation that the charter described as the purpose of this adaptive management working group.

The TG's annual monitoring report to PAWG was discussed. Jeff proposed that the report be similar to last year's, but updated throughout where possible and much more detailed in the areas he has investigated via work for SAAC (i.e., crime, housing). Jeff plans to compile a report on health care soon, and has met with Randy Johnson for this. Dana shared a DFS report regarding Sublette Co. information on social services, and expressed interest in Jeff's investigating social services issues in the near future. To facilitate this, **Dana and Carmel** will review the Social Services section of the 2005 TG report and correspond with Jeff regarding next steps.

Carmel indicated that PAWG is planning their meeting schedule, and had asked whether the SocioEconomic TG would be able to provide the SETG annual monitoring report to PAWG by March 10. Following discussion, the group agreed that March 10 would be our report submission deadline.

Laurie reported that a housing conference is being planned and solicited input. Following discussion, Dana volunteered to help plan especially as relates to low-income housing issues, and Mark and Geoff volunteered to help plan especially as regards workforce housing. **Laurie, Carmel, Dana, Geoff and Mark** will meet in early January to further develop conference plans and report back to the TG at the next meeting.

Matt Anderson joined the meeting and spoke regarding the BLM's position as expressed during the Dec. 13 PAWG meeting. The BLM has decided that they will request drilling rig forecasts from the operators on the Anticline only, but that a request from the County for County-wide forecasting would be honored. It was suggested that the SAAC, on behalf of the county, run the same letter of request through the BLM to the operators outside of the Anticline area. **Tom, Roy and Jeff** will bring this matter to SAAC.

Questions regarding the winter drilling SEIS were raised. Roy indicated that he has no information on this. Matt reported that the draft SEIS is scheduled to come out in May, it will address the changes that have taken place since the 2000 ROD, and will include socioeconomic issues. Carmel expressed that the TG would like to collaborate as much as possible now with the contractor preparing the socioeconomic portion of the SEIS, to research and provide support data and to assist in the development of reasonable alternatives, and asked that the contractor attend the January- May TG meetings to facilitate this. Matt indicated that he would advise the contractor of the TG invitation to attend meetings, but that collaboration with the TG was not sanctioned. The group asked **Roy** to initiate any possible lines of communication with the contractor.

Geoff Sell and Mark Stewart indicated their commitment to participation in the TG, requested membership status, were accepted and welcomed. **Carmel** will inform PAWG of the addition of the new members.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00.