

**MINUTES**  
**PINEDALE ANTICLINE WORKING GROUP (PAWG)**  
**SocioEconomic Task Group**  
**Committee Meeting June 28, 2005 10:00 a.m. Pinedale Library**

**Members Present:** Tom Burns, Jay Anderson, Jana Weber, Bob Jones, Ron Hogan, Roy Allen, Cyd Goodrich, Carmel Kail, Laurie Latta, Marilyn Filkins (joined the meeting at 1 p.m.)

**Members not present:** Steve Reynolds, Eric Sechrist, Judi Adler, Mary Byrnes

**Visitors:** Clint Gilchrist (PAWG cultural committee chairman); Prill Mecham (BLM)

Chairman Carmel Kail opened the meeting. Cyd Goodrich moved to approve the April and May committee minutes. Tom Burns seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bob Jones gave a brief overview of the new Shell Endowment that will be managed by the Wyoming Community Foundation.

Chairman Kail announced that the FNRPA grant has been funded for \$40,000.00 through the State of Wyoming. She also reported on the meeting with the Sublette County Commissioners regarding their potential financial support. The Commissioners indicated an interest in assisting in some capacity. The towns (Pinedale, Marbleton, Big Piney) have offered in writing their endorsement and support for the PAWG proposal.

Discussion was held on the development of an advisory board to oversee the consultant's work once a person is hired. Roy Allen indicated that the BLM will commit his time to continue to serve on the PAWG committee. Jay Anderson moved that an advisory board be created to hire a consultant and supervise the administration of the FNRPA grant funds. The advisory board will consist of 3 PAWG committee members (one PAWG member shall represent the BLM); one county representative and one representative from each incorporated town, totaling 7 members. Each entity will select their representative for the board. Cyd Goodrich seconded the motion. Motion carried. The PAWG committee will continue to meet. The Advisory Board will report to the PAWG group. PAWG members selected to serve on the Advisory Board are: Bob Jones, Roy Allen (BLM) and Tom Burns.

The Advisory Committee will create the position's duties and job description. **Roy** Allen and **Mary** Byrnes will continue to search for possible candidates and investigate where (professional newsletters, websites etc.) to best advertise the vacancy announcement.

Tom Burns suggested that PAWG ask the county to come up with the contractual language for the consultant.

Following a break for lunch at noon, the committee commenced their afternoon agenda at 1:00 p.m. Chairman Kail shared the Sonoran Institute's report on Sublette County and the Wyoming Family Photo publication.

Chairman Kail introduced Prill Mecham, who oversees the Pinedale BLM office. She explained that the BLM will serve in an advisory capacity and that they have no authority to regulate socio-economic issues.

The group then divided into two subcommittees: one working on Socioeconomic Analyst position description language, the other brainstorming a way to address the 'quality of life' topic only broached in the spring TG report. The entire TG reconvened; sub committees presented their results; and discussion ensued as follows:

The job description committee presented the following ideas:

The consultant will:

- Collect data identified from all elements of the county
- Review historical and new data; Analyze the data; and formulate projections
- Focus on meaningful elements (health, police, infrastructure, etc.)
- Distribute results
- Report to Advisory Board and to the PAWG committee and report to users and endorsers to show the value of the consultant's work
- Complete an assessment process to review scope of work; a group of three will be selected to evaluate the effectiveness of the effort—three Advisory Board members or others from the task force.

It was noted that the person might be involved in grant-writing and mitigation, though the initial monitoring and analysis process may take the entire two years to complete. Additionally, it was suggested the position could entail the researching of development alternatives and that the dialogue with constituents and the distribution of results as they become available, should be done monthly. Qualifications include strong verbal and organizational skills, familiarity with data bases, and statistics. Local connectivity to Wyoming is imperative. Application for the second year FNRPA grant will be made in January, 2006. **Roy** will type up the sub-committee's draft verbiage for the position description as soon as possible and circulate to the TG via email for further input/refinement. Members of the TG will attend a county commissioner meeting soon to update the commissioners on the FNRPA grant status and discuss the TG's recommendations for the Advisory Committee and position description. **Carmel** will contact county clerk Mary Lankford, and let the TG know via email when meeting with the commissioners is possible. **Tom, Laurie, and Marilyn** will try to be available.

Other TG members participated in a "quality of life" discussion. Lead by Jana Weber, the group discussed the need for citizens to evaluate their own existence. A survey was suggested as a means to assess community needs. All TG members will bring their definition of "quality of life" to the next meeting in July. **Laurie** Latta will research the Colorado College State of the Rockies 2005 Report and a county recreation board survey conducted several years ago; **Carmel** Kail will review the Community Assessment conducted two years ago by the Wyoming Rural Development Council; **Jana** Weber will contact Western Wyoming Community College and other survey sources for information to help devise the TG quality of life survey. **Carmel** and **Jana** will meet prior to the next TG meeting to begin planning the survey and disseminate info and ideas to the TG via email. Ultimately a set of survey questions will be devised by the TG; a rough draft will be developed and shared with legitimizers; the final survey will be created mid summer; it will be publicized mid-late summer; it will appear in the newspapers mid-September. It is hoped that students from the county high schools will help compile the results. Then focus groups will be developed for the purpose of prioritization and more definitive strategizing. It was noted that the cost of the ads must be investigated as the use of the papers will be expensive. Also drop points for completed surveys must be established.

The meeting was adjourned.

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