

Madison County Housing Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 22, 2022, 9 a.m.

Courtroom, 2nd Floor, County Administrative Building

Virginia City, Montana

Board Attendees: Cindy Gockel, Martha Klaumann, Ray Shaw, Mary Beth Walsh.

Absent: Jaime Edmundson, Les Gilman, Mary Oliver

Others in attendance: Kevin Germain (Vice President of Moonlight Basin), Jackie Haines (Northern Rocky Mountain Economic Development District), Commissioner John Heckler, Bill Todd (Commissioner Candidate)

Meeting was **called to order** by Chair Mary Beth Walsh and was recorded by IT Department. Guests were introduced.

Minutes: Ray moved, Cindy seconded and motion carried to approve the June minutes.

Bills: None

Old Business

Region Wide Housing Study: Mary Beth spoke with Kelly Sullivan at Headwaters RC&D. Kelly is looking into the status of the study and potential funding to pay for the study.

Affordable Housing resource List: Mary Beth will email to area rental property managers.

Budget 2022-2023: The Commissioners have not completed the final budget approval process, which is scheduled for August.

Economic Development/Housing joint board discussion with County Commissioners: A good discussion continued regarding an economic development board/ Madison Local Development Corporation. No board members indicated opposition to pursuing this possibility.

Jackie suggested a resident owned community project where residents of a mobile home park purchase the land/mobile homes at a mobile home park and become owners/landlords. This is one option of affordable housing. The board could not identify any mobile home parks in the county.

Commissioner Heckler will contact someone at MSU Extension to find out the feasibility of sharing an Economic Development Specialist with Jefferson County. Martha will share suitable contact information with John.

Commissioner Heckler suggested we look at building codes from towns within Madison County to see how restrictive they are.

New Business

Big Sky Housing Trust information: Shared by Commissioner Heckler and emailed to all prior to the meeting. It is a good guide for Madison County housing projects.

Big Sky is part of Madison County and should be included on the Housing Advisory Board. Each town has its own personality. Kevin encouraged a tour of the Big Sky Housing Trust projects. Dave O'Connor from Big Sky Housing Trust would be interested in being on our board.

Montana Housing Affordability Task Force: The 25 member board has been appointed by the Governor. Board members are encouraged to follow their activity.

Commissioner Heckler stated that it takes 70 new housing units per year to meet the current needs of Madison County.

Montana Excess Revenue Housing Project: A group of legislators have proposed using \$1,000,000 of the state's budget surplus for affordable housing projects. This will be discussed by the Montana Legislature either during a special session or most likely the 2023 session.

Mercatus Center: Information from George Washington University emailed out by Mary Beth.

Moving In, Moving Out and Moving Over: The Future of the Rural Housing Supply: This educational session provided by MSU Extension is August 16th at 11:30 am. Mary Beth emailed the invitation from Tara Mastel to join this zoom session.

Opportunity for Public Comment for items not on the agenda: Kevin Germain would like to share information about the proposed Moonlight Basin TEDD (Targeted Economic Development District). He is unable to attend our regular August meeting. A special meeting on August 19th was proposed. Kevin is asking for letters of support for this effort.

We discussed the value of working with a TEDD consultant. Possible contacts located in Missoula and the City of Bozeman were suggested.

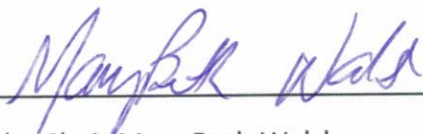
Having no further business, the meeting was **adjourned** at 10:35 am.

Next meeting: Friday, August 26, 2022 at 9 am at the 2nd Floor Courtroom, County Administrative Building, Virginia City.

Proposed special meeting: August 19, 2022 with Kevin Germaine as guest. Details to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Klaumann, Secretary



Approved by Chair Mary Beth Walsh