

# Road Review Committee Meeting Minutes

## April 10, 2018 1:30 PM

### Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:30 PM

### Roll Call

#### **Members Present:**

Al Hendricks (Chairman)  
Gary Hadley  
Mark Sant  
Ellis Thompson  
John Woodward



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### Review/Correction/Approval of Minutes

**Minutes of February 20, 2018:** Motion was made by Eli to accept the amended minutes from the February 20, 2018 meeting. Motion was seconded by John. Unanimous vote by those present to accept the meeting notes as presented.

**Minutes of March 13, 2018:** It was suggested to amend the draft meeting notes to include the discussion that was had at that time of the preservation of audio recordings of meetings that will be used by Tommy Luksha for the drafting of the minutes of each Road Review Committee meeting. Language for amending the meeting notes was drafted and Eli made a motion to accept the revised meeting notes. Motion was seconded by Gary. Unanimous vote by those present to accept the meeting notes as amended.

**Motion on the Keeping of Meeting Minutes:** In acknowledgment of past discussion of the audio recording of Road Review Committee meeting notes, Gary made the following motion: "Audio recordings of Road Review Committee meetings will be allowed for the purpose of preparing accurate summary of the minutes of the meetings held. The audio recordings of the meetings will be destroyed once official minutes of each meeting have been approved. A complete official transcript of a specific meeting may be created and maintained upon recommendation and approval of Committee members at the next meeting." John seconded the motion. Unanimous vote by those present to accept the motion.

### Committee Member Reports

None

## Correspondence

None

## Guest Comments

There were no guests in attendance.

## Old Business:

**Mammoth-Pony Road** - Last month, Al provided a summary of his meeting with the Forest Service in Butte regarding the recommendations made by the Road Review Committee. Al met with Dave Sabo-Butte District Ranger, Dale Olson-Madison District Ranger, and Ron Nye-Madison County Commissioner. Dave Sabo indicated that the Forest Service did not complete a Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation Plan for the Mammoth fire, and indicated that the State DNRC was responsible for overseeing the rehabilitation efforts. The person in charge was named Ellis(?). County Commissioners requested that county attorney contact the patented claim owners and inform them that the closed road is a county road that should be opened for access.

**Bertha-Kennett Road** - Committee members were wondering whether commissioners had taken any action on the Bertha -Kennett Road recommendations. Al indicated that the commissioners were waiting for better weather to go out and find the location of the Bertha Mill site as identified by local resident John Carey who has a personal recollection of the site.

## New Business:

**Adobe Town Road** - Eli provided a brief summary of the results of the sub-committee efforts in creating a timeline. He indicated that the toll road from Virginia City to Salt Lake is referenced along the boundary between Sections 16 and 17 in the GLO survey notes dating to 1870. GLO records also indicate that adjacent lands left federal ownership in 1875 and early 1892. The petition for the county road is dated to 1916(?), this would indicate that a county road encumbrance should be identified on the property deed. Eli indicated that the road encumbrance was identified as part of the deed transfer documents. It was agreed that the road review committee needed to look at the whole road and not just the first mile. Eli and his subcommittee will continue to put information together. After the discussion on the Adobe Town Road Eli had to leave and was not available for the discussion on the Gravelly Range Road.

Note: before leaving Eli indicated that he would be starting work again for the Park Service for the summer. He requested that the committee consider changing the meeting times to evenings and/or days that he would be available.

**Gravelly Range Road** - Al provided a brief synopsis of his sub-committee efforts. There is a road illustrated on the 1870 GLO survey that is identified as the Virginia City to

Henry's Lake road. The adjacent lands in the vicinity were patented to the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1897 and 1906. The BLM parcel in Section 15 came back into federal ownership in 1991. There appears to be good documentation of the petitioned county road called Horse Creek Extension beginning in Section 15, T8S, R1W and extending southward. There is also good documentation for county abandoning road from south end of Section 15 to Walsh Ranch headquarters. Al is still looking for county road petition from where road is blocked off south (T7S, R1W, Sec. 29). This location is close to where Gary lives, he suggested we need to go out for a field trip to look at the closure. It is also indicated that due to the other ranch roads used in the area, the county road would need to be clearly marked to avoid inadvertent trespass. Al, Gary, and Tom will continue getting background info together and creating time line. Will also look at property deeds to identify any road encumbrances that may exist.

**Adjournment:**

Gary made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mark seconded the motion, voting was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 3:46 PM.