

Madison County Housing Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 30, 2023, 9 a.m.

Thompson-Hickman Madison County Library Meeting Room

Virginia City, Montana

Attendees: Dawn Conklin, Martha Klaumann, David O'Connor, Mary Beth Walsh

Absent: Jaime Edmundson, Mary Oliver, Ray Shaw

Guest: Cindy Gockel, Michael Romney (Big Sky intern)

Meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Beth Walsh and recorded by IT Department. A quorum was established.

Minutes: David moved to approve the June 2nd minutes. Dawn seconded and motion carried.

Bills: None

Old Business

Housing Flyer: Dawn will email flyer to Board members.

Madison County Housing Advocacy Position: Mary Beth reported that we really need to wait for the Commissioners to approve the 2023-2024 budget which includes the prospective Advocacy Position. Approval of new budget is slated for August.

Listen and Learn Session with DNRC: A Listen and Learn Session with DNRC was held in Twin Bridges regarding a parcel of State Land between Twin Bridges and Sheridan on the North side of the highway near the Mormon Church. Mary Beth reported that the meeting was well attended including many who did not receive a personal invitation. There was good representation from the HNA stakeholder members from Twin Bridges and Sheridan. There was considerable hostility but that diminished as more was explained about the potential of using this land for housing. DNRC explained how it would work using a Belgrade project as an example. People living near this land expressed concern about lack of adequate water.

HB 819: HB819 is intended to create a Montana community reinvestment act to fund workforce housing. It has been signed by the Governor as of June 14th.

Twin Bridges City Council Affordable Housing Project: Jordan High has no progress to report due to the overload of the TB City Council.

Madison County Housing Action Plan: Michael Romney compiled examples of housing action plans for Board members to review. They were sent to Board members by email.

New Business

Revised 2023-2024 Budget: The proposed budget for FY24 has been revised to include \$1500 for advertising for the prospective Housing Advocacy position.

Public Comment: Mark Jacobs has met with Courtney from Headwaters RC&D and she has laid out a plan for funding for the proposed project of refurbishing the Schoolhouse in Virginia City to include apartments.

Mary Beth reported that the Legislative Districts have changed so that the Madison County section of Big Sky is now in the Gallatin County House and Senate Districts.

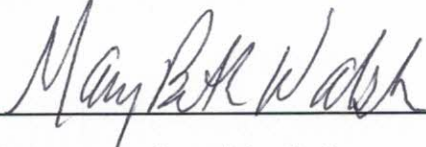
A portion of the Children's Center in Twin Bridges has been sold. New owners plan to release a plan for the project in August. Water/sewer continue to be an issue there.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

Next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for July 28th at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Klaumann, Secretary



Approved by Mary Beth Walsh, Chair