

Conservation Lands Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2017 4:00 to 6:00pm

Headwaters at Currents

600 Cregg Lane

Missoula, MT 59801

Committee Members Present: Liz Bradley, Terry Carlson, Giles Thelen, John Pierce, Carol Fischer, Karen Sippy, Beverly Dupree

Absent: Jen Heinsek, Aaron Olsen, Chris Ryan, Kathleen Kennedy, Kevin Verlanic

Staff: Morgan Valliant, Conservation Lands Manager, Kate Sousa Conservation Lands Maintenance Tech, Chris Carlson, Research Specialist, Betsy Willett, Administrative Manager

Public Comments:

- None

Action Items:

Minutes from the December 5, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

Annual Chair and Co-chair elections.

Giles Thelen is currently serving as the Committee Chair. Bert Lindler was the Co-chair but has stepped down from the committee.

Beverly Dupree moved that Giles Thelen hold the position of Committee Chair for another year. Carol Fischer seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Beverly Dupree moved to nominate Terry Carlson as Co-Chair of CLAC, Giles Thelen seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Committee discussed the options for filling Aaron Olsen's vacancy. Those options are: reuse the application pool from last vacancy to fill or do not fill vacancy and keep committee at nine (9) members. This is a benefit if there is a tie vote.

John Pierce moved to recommend that Missoula Parks & Recreation Board vote to change the CLAC By-Laws to include a nine member committee. Terry Carlson seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Morgan Valliant presented [2016 Seasonal update](#) on Conservation Lands Management activities, challenges and opportunities and priorities for the 2017 season.

Review of report of resources documented on the South Hills spur properties. Preliminary review of the [draft trails plan for the South Hills spur properties](#).

Future items:

None discussed

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

Submitted by Betsy Willett