

Airport Negotiation High-Level Goals (What does the “finish line” look like?)

Identified Objectives of the City:

- Protect the existing KRED Airport as a perpetual resource for the city for the safety and public health of the community. (more later)
- Minimize cost to the city of operating and maintaining the airport.
- Maintain maximum/acceptable input/control over city lands to represent/protect the city's interest.
 - Minimize the control ceded to another entity while still ensuring for the proper operations of an airport.
 - Eliminate the involvement of the county and the airport board in agreements between the city and the HOC rodeo association.
- Ensure master plan is well communicated to the community and the community has opportunity for comment.
- Ensure any new construction within the airport adheres to the Master Plan, when completed.
- Ensure leases executed by the Airport Board may only be offered with exact terms and prices as lease template approved by the council.
- Continue the historic auto-renewal after 5 years.
- Ensure acceptable risk/exposure in the dissolution clause (limited to addressing “detrimental reliance” – assets/maintenance of the airport may change significantly with federal funding.)
- Protect the lands adjacent to the identified Airport Operations Area as a perpetual resource for use by events critical to the Red Lodge tourism industry.
- Protect the trails in the vicinity of the Airport Operations Area (“inside” the road to the west, but outside the existing fence line).
- Ensure the city has appropriate liability protection for use of all public lands.

Identified Objectives of the County:

- Protect the existing KRED Airport as a perpetual resource for the county for the safety and public health of the community. (more later)
- Maintain acceptable input/control to represent the counties interest.
- Ensure acceptable risk/exposure in the dissolution clause.
- Ensure the county has appropriate liability protection.

Identified Objectives of the Airport Board:

- Protect the existing KRED Airport as a perpetual resource for the city and the county for the safety and public health of the community.
- Ensure adherence of all federal guidelines to ensure maximum federal and state funding opportunities for improvements ongoing maintenance.
- Maintain appropriate input/control over the full Airport Operations Area as granted by the participating municipalities.
- Ensure master plan is well communicated to the community and the community has opportunity for comment.
- Ensure any new construction in and around the airport meet “compatible use” guidelines as outlined by the FAA
 - Areas within the Airport Operations Area will adhere to the master plan, when completed (with the input/approval of the Airport Board)
 - Any new construction in the vicinity of the airport is a compatible use to ensure recognition and continued funding under the Airport Improvement Plan program.
- Ensure the Airport Board has appropriate liability protection.

Identified Objectives of the HOC rodeo association:

- Ensure the lands adjacent to the identified Airport Operations Area are protected as a perpetual resource for use by events critical to the Red Lodge tourism industry, including the HOC Rodeo.

Loni Hanson

From: LEE STEVENS <stevele03@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2024 11:26 AM
To: Loni Hanson; Dave Westwood; Doug Miller; Chelsea Toupin (Ditmore)
Subject: Planning Board Vacancy

To Whom it may Concern,
I am sending this as a notification of intent, to fill the vacant seat on Planning Board. A portion of my background is in event planning, production and logistics. I understand features of projects where and when 1,000 pieces must fall together. This and my desire to service my community motivates me to take this steps and offer myself and my abilities.

Respectfully,
Lee Stevens

Loni Hanson

From: Susan Foisy <susanfoisy@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:19 PM
To: Loni Hanson
Cc: Dave Westwood
Subject: Planning Board Membership

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Subject: Planning Board, request for appointment to an additional term

Since my current planning board term is scheduled to expire at the end of **March, this is my official request to be re-appointed.** As you well know, being on the board can be a lot of work, but it is a function that is much needed. Furthermore, due to the complex nature of some of the issues that come before us, there is a significant learning curve to become familiar with the ordinances and procedures. For this reason, there is some value in having been a member of the board since 2017.

I'm very active in the community, and my involvement with several non-profits has helped to broaden my outlook. I have been a member of the Red Lodge Lions for over ten years, serving terms as historian, VP, President, Treasurer, and Secretary. My Lions participation includes doing vision screening for students from throughout the County; helping to organize, publicize, and set up the annual egg hunt; ringing the Salvation Army bell at Christmas; and assisting with Halloween projects, scholarships, and grant-making.

I am a volunteer and co-manager of the Kids Corner non-profit children's thrift store on Broadway. This activity makes me very aware of many specific needs on Broadway, as well as how very variable our business seasons can be and how critical it is to have visitors to town to supplement the economic activity of our citizens. Through our grant making we are able to assist with supporting childcare providers, schools, Boys and Girls Club, and RLACF.

I am secretary of BRTA's Summer Trails Committee, which was formerly the Active Transportation Committee. We are very centered on maintaining walkability and pedestrian safety in Red Lodge, as well as promoting trail availability that helps bring visitors to our area (as well as bringing spending into the Red Lodge economy). I am also secretary of the Red Lodge Business Alliance, which gives me an opportunity each month to listen to various business representatives discuss current activities and needs.

For these reasons, I'm requesting to be appointed to another term on the Red Lodge Planning Board
Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Foisy

Appointed by: Mayor
Board Member since: 2017

City of Red Lodge
Planning Board and Zoning Commission

Letter of Interest

Pete Critelli

February 29, 2024

Please find this letter as my interest in serving on one of the available seats of the Red Lodge Planning Board and Zoning Commission.

Red Lodge is a vibrant and energized community. As such, measured growth is essential to sustain and improve quality of life, economic stability, health, education, safety, and the spirit of our residents.

The Planning Board and Zoning Commission serves as a vital entity to make recommendations that have an impact on the current and future direction of Red Lodge. Planning thoroughness, as well as zoning uses play not only a significant part in the livelihood of residents, but also the quality of life throughout the entire city.

Growth can be accomplished with common sense, as well as respecting and considering the interests of the entire community. The Red Lodge Planning Board and Zoning Commission is one of the key elements that provide significant research, along recommended direction.

My past and present community involvement is below.

Respectfully,

Pete Critelli

Red Lodge City Council
Red Lodge City Planning Board
Red Lodge Police Commission
Carbon County Planning Board

Red Lodge Police Department

Carbon County Sheriff's Office

Red Lodge High School substitute teacher.

Red Lodge Adult Education instructor.

Carbon County Growth Committee, (1990s).

Carbon County Detention Facility Committee.

State certified RADD Instructor.

Carbon County DUI Taskforce.

Currently assisting in a newly formed segment of the Carbon County Mental Health Service.

Loni Hanson

From: Al Bloomer <atbloomer@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2024 5:27 AM
To: Loni Hanson
Cc: Dave Westwood
Subject: Bloomer Planning Board Application
Attachments: Planning Board letter.docx

Importance: High

Loni,

Per the legal notice in the recent Carbon County News, I have attached a letter expressing interest in continuing as a member of the Planning Board & Zoning Commission. Even though you and the mayor know me pretty well, I was tasked with writing more detail as you may need to share the letter that do not know my background.

Serving the city on the planning board has been challenging but also satisfying. We are tasked with serving the city following zoning regulations while also working with citizens that want to develop their property and businesses. Encourage growth while maintaining the Red Lodge historic character. As chair I have tried to keep the board focused on the issues before us while facilitating better communication with the council, staff and the citizens. I would like to continue this effort.

Thanks

Al

RESOLUTION #3642

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED ARBOR DAY GRANT APPLICATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION REGARDING THE ARBOR DAY GRANT FOR TREE PLANTING PROJECT

WHEREAS, On January 8, 2024, a grant application was submitted on behalf of the City of Red Lodge to the Arbor Day Foundation to plant trees in Red Lodge particularly at flood-affected areas near Rock Creek, inadvertently without first obtaining pre-approval to do so from the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City received notification that we were selected to receive the \$38,000 award with no required match, on February 7, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the grant will help restore trees and natural beauty to park(s) and public area(s) including those that were damaged by the floods of June 2022, and is in accordance with the 2015 Red Lodge Comprehensive Parks Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Arbor Day Grant and tree planting project were discussed at the Parks Board Meeting of February 7, 2024, and the City Council meeting of February 27, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the City of Red Lodge hereby approves and ratifies the Arbor Day Foundation Grant application submitted on January 8, 2024; and

That the City Council hereby authorizes Mayor Dave Westwood to sign a contract on behalf of the City of Red Lodge accepting said Arbor Day Grant.

City of Red Lodge

Mayor

ATTEST:

Loni Hanson, City Clerk

RESOLUTION #3643

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT EPA CPRG GRANT APPLICATION FOR A MICROGRID AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS, AND TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR ENERGY SERVICES PROVIDER

WHEREAS, the Red Lodge City Council passed and approved Resolution #3498 on October 23, 2018, adopting the City of Red Lodge Energy Conservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Red Lodge City Council passed and approved Resolution #3636 on November 14, 2023 adopting an updated Energy Conservation Plan with accelerated greenhouse gas reduction goal timelines, referenced as Exhibit A (“Updated Energy Conservation Plan, adopted by City Council November 14, 2023”); and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently administering a nationwide grant competition for funding for greenhouse gas reduction projects (Climate Pollution Reduction Grant or “CPRG”); and

WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has submitted its Priority Climate Action Plan to the EPA which includes measures to include microgrids and government energy efficiency projects, referenced as Exhibit B (“MT DEQ Priority Climate Action Plan, submitted to EPA on 3/1/2024”); and

WHEREAS, the EPA’s rules regarding CPRG grant applications allow Red Lodge to submit a grant application in alignment with the DEQ’s goals, referenced as Exhibit C (“Notice of Funding Opportunity”), with no required match; and

WHEREAS, the idea of applying for the CPRG grant for solar plus battery microgrids was presented and discussed at the Public Works Committee meeting on February 13, 2024, and at the Sustainability Board meeting on February 19, 2024, and at the City Council meeting of 2/27/24; and

WHEREAS, the idea of applying for the CPRG grant to help fund the ongoing Lazy M water pump bypass as described in the Water System Preliminary Engineering Report (“PER”), referenced as Exhibit D (“Water System PER”), and to help fund the the city’s stormwater

diversion project as described in the Storm Water PER, referenced as Exhibit E ("Stormwater PER"), were presented and discussed at the Public Works Committee meeting on January 23, 2024, and were presented and discussed at the Sustainability Board meeting on January 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, a grant for microgrids would be expected to result in significant energy cost savings for Red Lodge and would result in increased reliability and redundancy in power supply for vital city functions, as well as further reductions in greenhouse gas emissions for the City; and

WHEREAS, a grant for water infrastructure and efficiency improvements would be expected to result in significant benefit to the city's aging infrastructure systems including increased reliability and redundancy and would improve the Red Lodge Fire Department's ability to extinguish fires, and ongoing energy cost savings for the city.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Red Lodge City Council:

1. That the City Council approves the submission of a grant application for microgrids and/or for public works efficiency and infrastructure improvements on behalf of the city, to the EPA CPRG grant program.
2. That the city approve authorization to issue the request for proposals (RFP) for an energy services provider per Montana Code Annotated 90-4-11, referenced as Exhibit F ("MCA 90-4-11"), and per Montana Code Annotated 7-5-4315, referenced as Exhibit G ("MCA 7-5-4315"), for the solar plus battery Microgrid.
3. That this grant application shall be conducted by the Red Lodge City Council, Public Works Department, and Sustainability Board whose composition shall be determined by the Council.
4. Appointment of a project champion to coordinate the grant application and administer the RFP for energy services providers and/or the PER for the water services provider whose scopes of work would include:
 - a) assist with the grant application at minimal to no cost
 - b) engineer, procure, and construct the project(s) if a CPRG grant award is received
 - c) design and implement a 5-year performance plan to verify emissions reductions are achieved

INTRODUCED at a Regular meeting of the City Council on February 27, 2024.

City of Red Lodge

Mayor

ATTEST:

Loni Hanson, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A: Updated Energy Conservation Plan, adopted by City Council November 14, 2023

https://www.cityofredlodge.net/sites/default/files/fileattachments/community_development/page/11915/ecp_2023_update-10.18.23_draft.pdf

EXHIBIT B: MT DEQ Priority Climate Action Plan, submitted to EPA on 3/1/2024

<https://deq.mt.gov/files/About/CPRG/Montana%20Pollution%20Reduction%20Plan.pdf>

EXHIBIT C: EPA's Notice of Funding Opportunity for CPRG Grant

<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-01/cprg-general-competition-correction.pdf>

EXHIBIT D: Water System PER

https://www.cityofredlodge.net/sites/default/files/fileattachments/community_development/page/10657/watersystem_per-red-lodge-2019.pdf

EXHIBIT E: Stormwater PER

<https://www.cityofredlodge.net/com-dev/page/stormwater>

EXHIBIT F: MCA 90-4-11

https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0900/chapter_0040/part_0110/sections_index.html

EXHIBIT G: MCA 7-5-4315

https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0070/chapter_0050/part_0430/section_0150/0070-0050-

City Council Rules of Procedure Amended

Red Lodge, Montana, City Council Rules of
Procedure Amended on July 9, 2019

Part I. General Provisions

Section 1.

These rules are supplementary to the provisions of Title 7, Chapter 1, Part 41, MCA, Title 7, Chapter 5, Parts 41 and 42, MCA and Title 2, Chapters 2 and 3, MCA, as they relate to procedures for conducting meetings and public hearings before the City Council of the City of Red Lodge, Montana.

Section 2.

To assure effective participation by all members of the Council and to protect the right of participation by all individuals appearing before the Council, all Council meetings and hearings shall be conducted in conformance with "Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, 12th Edition (2020) except as otherwise provided by law or by these Rules.

Part II. Duties of the Presiding Officer

Section 1.

The presiding officer of the Council shall be the Mayor who shall arrange the meeting agenda, coordinate the affairs of the Council and preside at meetings of the Council.

Section 2.

In the absence or disability of the Mayor, the President of the Council shall serve as its presiding officer and may vote as other members of the council. In the absence of the Mayor and of the President of the Council, the council shall select one of its number to serve as its temporary presiding officer.

The Clerk of the Council shall record and maintain the minutes of the Council's proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon every question, or if failing to vote, indicating that fact; shall keep records of its examinations and other official actions; shall summarize briefly and accurately the substance of all matters proposed, discussed or decided; shall record the names and addresses of all persons appearing before the Council; shall, subject to the direction of the Council and presiding officer, conduct the correspondence of the Council; shall file said minutes and records in the office of the Council, which minutes and records shall be a public record; and shall be the custodian of the files and records of the Council.

Part III. Meetings

Section 1.

Regular meetings for the transaction of City Business shall be held the second Tuesday of each month and shall consist of a Work Session at 6:00 p.m. and a Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The fourth Tuesday of each month shall consist of a Work Session from 6:00 p.m. and shall conclude no later than 8 p.m.

Regular meetings for the transaction of City Business shall be held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. and shall conclude no later than 8:00 p.m. unless the council votes to extend the meeting.

If the council so choose, they can schedule a work session to focus on a specific topic and schedule the work session during the City Council regular meeting times. The agenda should reflect this work session.

Should the regular meeting day be a recognized holiday, affected by the council attendance, or dangerous weather or conditions, the Council may, with proper notice, either cancel the meeting or set an alternate day for the meeting.

Section 2.

Special meetings of the Council may be called in accordance to Sections 7-5-4102(1)(c) and 7-5-4122, MCA.

Section 3.

To ensure public participation all meetings of the Council shall be open to the public except as provided in Section 2-3-203, MCA.

Section 4.

A quorum of the Council shall consist of four (4) Council Members physically present at a meeting of the Council. The affirmative vote of four (4) Council members at a lawful meeting of the Council shall be necessary to adopt a resolution, or ordinance or pass any measure, unless a greater number is required by law. The Mayor shall decide all tie votes of the Council but shall have no other vote.

Section 5.

In the event of a declared state or national emergency, Council Members may vote remotely by the City's approved meeting site software and must be physically present in the city limits of Red Lodge.

Section 6.

The council may choose to hold standing committee meetings for the purpose of addressing topics concerning city matters and take additional time to work on city business. standing committee shall consist of three (3) city council members. The council president will be responsible for selecting the standing committee members.

standing committee meetings will be open to the public and public participation will be encouraged. The public is asked to only make comment as detailed in the agenda or when addressed by the committee.

standing committee meetings will be held in the council chambers on the date of council meetings at a time decided on by the committee members.

Each standing committee shall be required to keep and post meeting minutes and those minutes shall be maintained by the city clerk and distributed with council agenda packets. Minutes will be available to the public. Meetings may be recorded and available via electronic means. Meeting agendas will be submitted to the city clerk no later than the Thursday prior to the next meeting at 12:00pm.

standing committee will report their findings and discussion at the following city council meeting for council consideration and input.

Agendas for standing committees just be submitted to the city clerk by the wednesday prior to the upcoming scheduled meeting.

Part IV. Agenda

Section 1.

All reports, communications, ordinances, resolutions, contract documents or other matters to be submitted to the Council for consideration, discussion, or action at the next regular meeting shall be submitted to the Clerk by 12 p.m. on the Thursday before the meeting. The Mayor may approve late submission(s) when deemed to be in the City's best interest. The Mayor shall immediately arrange a list of such matters according to the order of business. The Mayor will

ensure each member of the Council is provided a copy not later than one working day before the Council meeting.

Section 2.

Copies of the agenda and supporting documents shall be available to the public from the Clerk of the Council and one copy of the agenda shall be posted at the designated posting board in City Hall for public viewing. Pursuant to 7-1-4135 MCA, the City Council has designated, by resolution, its official posting places to be the posting board in the lobby of City Hall located at 1 South Platt Ave., Red Lodge, Montana, and in a publicly accessible area at the Red Lodge Post Office, 119 S Hauser Street, Red Lodge, Montana. The agenda and supporting documents will also be available for public viewing on the official website of the City of Red Lodge, www.cityofredlodge.net, the City's Google Group Email and official Facebook page, "City of Red Lodge, Montana".

Part V. Order of Business

Section 1.

The Mayor, or in his/her absence, the President of the Council, shall prepare the Council agenda, which shall be in substantially the form outlined in Red Lodge Municipal Code 1-6-3.

At the hour appointed for the meeting, the Council shall be called to order by the Mayor, or in his/her absence by the President of the Council; the Clerk shall then proceed to call the roll, note the absentees and announce whether there will be a quorum present. If it appears that there is a quorum, the Council shall proceed to the transaction of business.

Any item that is not listed on the agenda for the current meeting may be scheduled for a future Council meeting by an affirmative vote of four (4) Council members present at the meeting. No matter shall be decided by the Council without prior notice to the public as a scheduled Council agenda item.

Section 2.

The order of business may be adjusted by consent of the Council.

Part VI. Rules of Council Debate

Section 1.

Council debate shall proceed in accordance with the following rules:

1. Every member desiring to speak shall address the presiding officer and, upon recognition, shall confine himself/herself to the question under debate, avoiding abusive and indecorous language.

2. A member, once recognized, shall not be interrupted when speaking unless it be to call him/her to order, or as herein otherwise provided. If a member, while speaking is called to order, she/he shall cease speaking until the question of order be determined, and, if in order, he/she shall be permitted to proceed.
3. Order of rotation in matters of debate or discussion shall be at the discretion of the presiding officer.
4. A motion to reconsider any action taken by Council, may be made only on the day such action was taken or at the next meeting of the Council. Such a motion shall be made by a member of the prevailing side, but may be seconded by any member; it shall be debatable and requires a simple majority for adoption.
5. Any member of Council who has an interest as defined by the laws of the State of Montana (Title 2, Chapter 2, MCA) or as advised by the City Attorney shall not participate in the debate nor vote in the matter nor seek to influence the vote of members of the Council. Any Council member attempting to participate may be censured by the affirmative vote of four (4) Council members. (Censured is defined as a formal resolution of the legislative body reprimanding a member for specified conduct. It is an official reprimand or condemnation.)
6. If the presiding officer of the Council has an interest in a matter pending before the Council, as defined by the laws of the State of Montana or as advised by the City Attorney, he/she shall yield the chair to a member of the Council during the course of debate and decision concerning the matter in which he/she has an interest.
7. After a motion is duly made and seconded by the Council, no person shall address the Council without first securing the permission of the presiding officer.

Part VII. Presentation to the Council (Other Than a Public Hearing)

Section 1.

The general manner in which items other than public hearings are handled by the Council shall be as follows:

1. The presiding officer or staff member presents the item to the Council along with a brief summary of the matter for discussion, with or without recommendation.
2. For the purpose of clarification, Council Members, after recognition by the presiding officer, may direct questions to the presiding officer or staff member.
3. Upon recognition by the presiding officer, comments from the applicant will be heard by the Council.
4. After recognition by the presiding officer, Council members may direct questions to the applicant.

5. Members of the audience will be invited to present comments. The presiding officer has the discretion of the order in which the audience will be recognized for comments.
6. All comments shall be directed to the presiding officer.
7. The Council may, upon a proper motion and second, vote on the matter at hand or table the matter until a date certain.

Part VIII. Public Hearing

Section 1.

The Council may conduct a public hearing or may appoint a subcommittee or hearing examiner for that purpose as provided in Section 7-1-4131, MCA.

When required, the city council shall conduct public hearings for the purpose of providing reasonable opportunity for citizen participation prior to final decisions. Public hearings may be held at regular or special meetings of the City Council.

In addition, when a public hearing is being conducted and it is anticipated that a large number of citizens may wish to comment, the presiding officer, with the consent of the Council, may, prior to opening the hearing, establish reasonable guidelines for the conduct of the hearing (such as placing time limits on speakers' statements). The presiding officer shall explain these guidelines to the audience prior to taking public comments.

A public hearing shall provide for submission of both oral and written statements (testimony) for and against the action or matter at issue. If a hearing is not held before the ultimate decision makers, provision shall be made for the transmittal of a summary or transcript of the statements (testimony) received to the ultimate decision makers prior to their determination.

Petitions and letters received by the council or Mayor prior to the hearings shall be entered by reference into the minutes of the governing and considered as other statements (testimony) received at the hearing. Hearings may be adjourned from day to day or to a date certain.

A public hearing, which has been formally closed, may not be reopened. If the Council determines that additional information is required before a decision can be made, the Council, upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, may call for an additional public hearing shall be duly noticed, specifying date, time, place and subject matter of the hearing.

Part IX. Addressing the Council

Section 1.

The public is invited to speak on any item under discussion by the Council after being ~~recognition~~ recognized by the presiding officer.

The speaker shall, if requested by the presiding officer, step to the lectern or front of the room and shall in all cases, for the record, give his/her name and address and, if applicable, the person, firm, or organization he/she represents. All statements at all times shall be directed to the presiding officer or Council. The presiding officer shall rule anyone out of order who directs any remark or question to anyone other than the presiding officer or Council.

Prepared statements are welcomed and should be given to the Clerk of the Council. Prepared statements that are also read, however, shall be deemed unduly repetitious. All prepared statements shall become a part of the hearing record.

Section 2.

While the Council is in session, the members must preserve order and decorum. A member shall not delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the Council nor disturb any member while speaking or refuse to obey the orders of the Council or its presiding officer.

Any person making personal, impertinent or slanderous remarks or who shall become boisterous or disruptive during the Council meeting shall be forthwith barred from further presentation to the Council by the presiding officer, unless permission to continue be granted by a majority vote of the Council.

Part X. Ordinances and Resolutions

Section 1.

Any ordinance or numbered resolution shall be prepared for presentation to the Council upon being ordered by the affirmative vote for four members of the Council present at a meeting or upon being requested by the Mayor.

Section 2.

All proposed ordinances and numbered resolutions shall, before presentation to the Council, be presented to the City Attorney for review and advise as to form and legal sufficiency and shall have been examined by the Mayor, who may refer it for comment to the head of the department under whose jurisdiction the subject matter of the ordinance or resolution is to be administered.

Section 3.

A proposed ordinance or resolution must be introduced by a member of the Council or the Mayor. A draft of the proposed ordinance or resolution shall be presented to the Council for review and comment prior to a motion to approve the proposed resolution or ordinance.

If the draft ordinance is approved by the Council, it shall then be placed on the agenda for first reading and provisional adoption, with second reading and final adoption occurring at least twelve (12) calendar days after the first reading and provisional adoption. After being adopted provisionally, the ordinance shall be posted on the City's posting board and copies thereof shall be made available to the public by the Clerk of the Council. The reading of the ordinance's title and number shall be sufficient to constitute a reading and an actual oral pronouncement of each word contained therein of the proposed ordinance is not required and shall be waived unless required by a majority vote of the Council.

Section 4.

All ordinances, except emergency ordinances, shall become effective thirty (30) calendar days after the second reading and final adoption. All resolutions and emergency ordinances shall become effective at the time indicated therein.

Red Lodge Planning Board & Zoning Commission

Zoning Review Ranking

2/3/24

Topic	Al	Jeff	Marie	Polly	Susan	Sandy	Theresa	Average Rank	PB Priority	Jody	Shinta	Kris	Doug	Chelsea
Downtown Revitalization Plan Update	1	1	1	1	4	2	2	1.500	1	A				
Review/Update Growth Policy	2	2	2	2	6	1	1	2.000	2	A				
Accessory Dwelling Unit/Dwelling/Structure Definition	6	6	4	8	5	5	6	5.000	3	A				
Review State Regulations (Compliance with SB 52B) - Application to Zoning and subdivisions	10	8	7	10	1	9	4	5.375	4	B				
Revisit Art 4.6.0 Outdoor Advertising Clarification in Hist Dist. - Failed Council 2nd Reading	3	3	11	4	8	16	5	6.250	5	C				
Airport Master Plan - 2024 Review Impact*	13	9	3	9	9	6	3	6.500	6	B				
Revisit Art. 4.4.22 L STR Rules Regulations - Failed Council Second Reading	4	4	12	3	3	17	12	6.875	7	C				
Multi Dwelling/ Multiplex Clarification	9	7	5	7	14	7	7	7.000	8	B				
Urban Marijuana Commercial Cultivation Review	8	5	13	12	2	10	9	7.375	9	C				
Urban RV Park / Camping Zoning Review**	7	11	9	6	15	8	8	8.000	10	B				
Allowed Use Tables and Definitions Update	5	10	10	5	17	13	11	8.875	11	C				
Work Force Housing / Affordable Housing Role of Planning Board	11	13	14	13	7	4	10	9.000	12	B				
Prohibited Use List	12	12	9	11	16	12	13	10.625	13	C				
Minimum Lot Size?	14	14	6	14	13	11	15	10.875	14	B				
Review Wireless Communication Facility Zone	17	15	8	15	12	14	16	12.125	15	C				
Sexually Oriented Business	15	17	17	17	11	9	17	12.875	16	C				
City Wide Noise Level Reviews	16	16	16	16	10	15	14	12.875	16	C				

Two additional topics were suggested at the Land Use & Planning Standing Committee -- they were:

Annexation / De-Annexation Requirements/Procedure

A

Building on City-Owned Land Requirements/Procedure

A

The Land Use & Planning Standing Committee felt those highlighted in pink(ish) should be the highest priority for 2024

The Land Use & Planning Standing Committee felt those highlighted in green should be the next highest priority for 2024

The Land Use & Planning Standing Committee felt those highlighted in yellow should not be a priority for 2024.

Those topics that were not highlighted may need to be looked at again. For instance "Allowed Uses..." and "Prohibited Use..." seems that only one of these topics need to be done.

City Council suggestion was that each Alderman group these topics in "A", "B", and "C" --- Please get back to the Committee with your preferences!

* would like to see updated zoning in the RPZ to reflect the wishes of FAA in these areas

** zoning for commercial RV Parks and not City Managed Camping Areas

RESOLUTION NO. 3645

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO OBTAIN PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH FURTHER EVALUATION OF A LAND EXCHANGE TO RESOLVE AN ENROACHMENT ON CITY LAND

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary to provide a community-based destination for residents of the Beartooth Front Region (consisting of Red Lodge and Carbon County, Montana) to have an opportunity to observe and study non-releasable wild animals native to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary uses their property for community good, including the enhancement of the area as a place to live and work, through providing community services and educational programming; and

WHEREAS, Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary uses a portion of City-owned property, and the City has significant infrastructure since the installation of a major storm drain system, and requires access to said city property; and

WHEREAS, Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary has real property located on the Northern edge of their facility that is not utilized by the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary, but borders City owned property; and

WHEREAS, the City could utilize the real property located on the Northern edge of the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary;

WHEREAS, the City is requesting preliminary approval from the City Council to proceed with further evaluation of a land exchange to resolve an encroachment on City land. The evaluation will determine if the property proposed for exchange would adequately compensate the City for the value of the land encroached upon, and whether the exchange is in the City's best interest.

WHEREAS, the City has conducted a preliminary review of the proposed Land Exchange as set forth below:

EXCHANGE CRITERIA ANALYSIS

The following preliminary review documents how the land exchange meets or exceeds the land exchange criteria and accrues benefits to the City.

1. EQUAL OR GREATER VALUE

The fair market value of both properties will determine, likely from a Brokers Opinion of Value, if the City Council gives preliminary approval for this proposed exchange. No value has been determined yet, but the potential utilization of the property owned by the City is limited based on sewer and stormwater infrastructure contained therein. An easement will be provided by the

Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary to preserve the City's ability to access such infrastructure. Whereas, the ability to utilize and develop the real property the City would be obtaining in exchange is mostly level ground, contiguous with other City property.

The City and the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary will equally divide the cost of obtaining a Market Opinion of Value of the parcels to be exchanged.

Preliminarily Meets Criteria

2. CITY LAND BORDERING ON NAVIGABLE LAKES AND STREAMS

The City property involved is in close proximity to Rock Creek but does not border the waterway and there is no water frontage involved in the proposed land exchange.

Preliminarily Meets Criteria

3. EQUAL OR GREATER ACREAGE

The proposed land to be exchanged includes 1.14 acres of City land, for 0.87 acres of land from the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary.

Preliminarily Does Not Meet Criteria

4. CONSOLIDATION OF CITY LAND

Both parcels involved in the exchange are continuous with City land. The net change would be a flat and developable parcel for the City.

Preliminarily Meets Criteria

5. POTENTIAL FOR LONG-TERM APPRECIATION

As stated above, the City parcel to be provided to the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary is of limited value due to the amount of stormwater and sewer infrastructure contained therein. Furthermore, the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary will be providing an Easement to the City for the City to continue to maintain and access said infrastructure. In exchange, the City will obtain a developable parcel of land contiguous with other City real property.

Preliminarily Meets Criteria

6. ACCESS

The City land will still have an Easement, granted by the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary, in exchange the City will obtain a parcel with greater access and usability.

Preliminarily Meets Criteria

CITY PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor believes this proposed land exchange would benefit the City and bring an encroachment on City Land to a satisfactory conclusion. As such, the Mayor requests that this exchange receive preliminary approval from the City Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

The City Council hereby establishes its intent to proceed with further

valuation and review of the proposed land exchange and hereby authorizes the Mayor and City to take such action necessary evaluate said land exchange and to provide a report to the City Council concerning its findings.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Red Lodge, Montana, on the _____ day of March, 2024.

BY:

David Westwood, Mayor

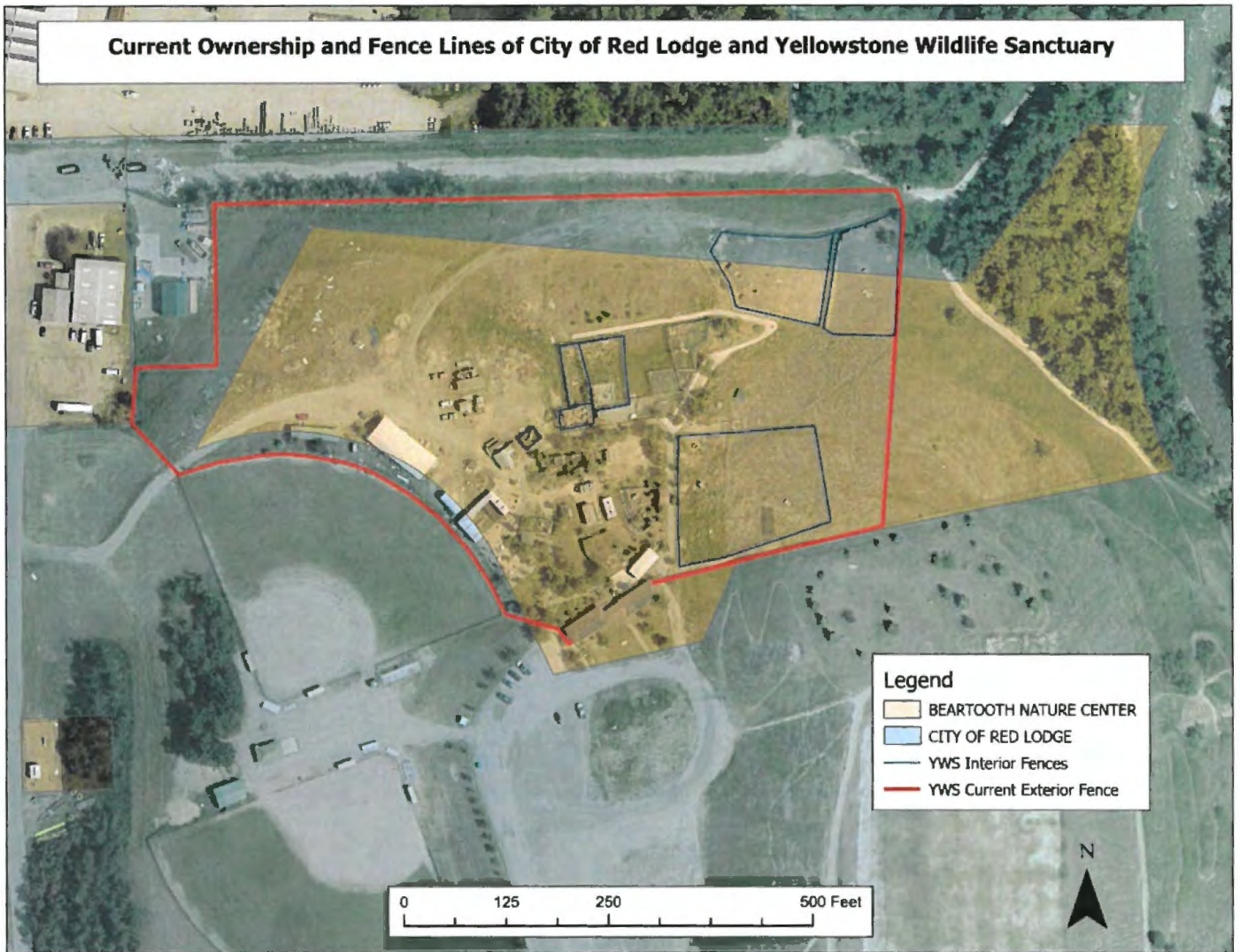
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Loni Hanson, City Clerk

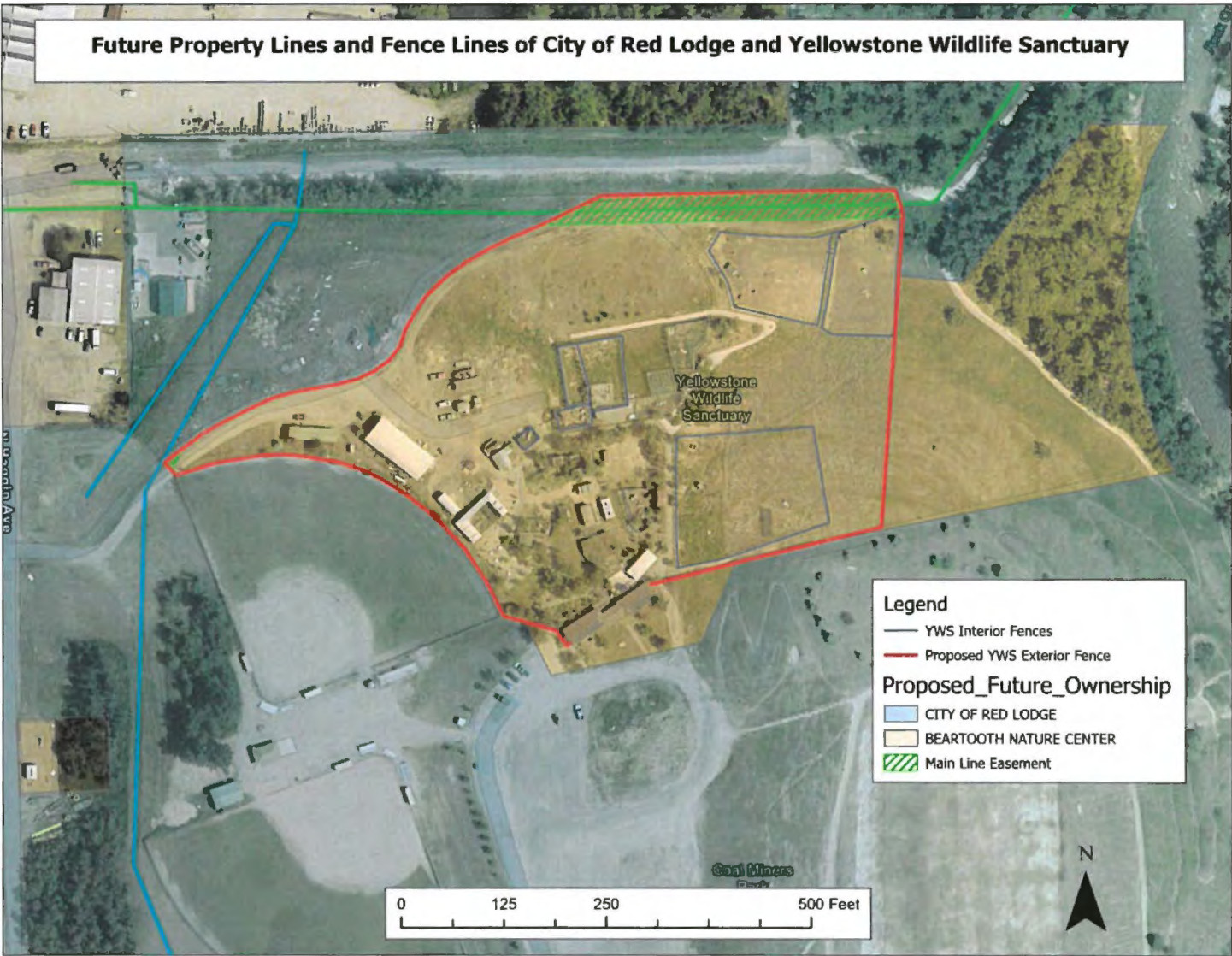
EXHIBIT A



Current Ownership and Fence Lines of City of Red Lodge and Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary



Future Property Lines and Fence Lines of City of Red Lodge and Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary



Ordinance No. 968

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE, MONTANA TO SET THE PROCESS IN WHICH FEES ARE COLLECTED FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the City and Republic Services, Inc. (hereinafter the "Contractor") entered into a Municipal Contract (For Residential and Municipal Facilities), approved by the City Council on June 9, 2020 (hereinafter the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the City and the Contractor entered into the Contract valid for a five year term ending June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Fees in effect at the present are adequate to provide revenue to defray the cost of the City's Solid Waste contract; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Fees is currently collected through a utility assessment on the Citizen's yearly taxes; and

WHEREAS, the audit completed for FY2022-2023 identified a budget short-fall based on the manner in which fees are currently being collected; and

WHEREAS, the current budgetary requirements, with respect to the operation of the City's Solid Waste program, require fees for Solid Waste services be collected in the month services are rendered; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous to set the process in which Solid Waste fees are collected; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Red Lodge, Montana:

1. The City of Red Lodge shall not, and is not, increasing any rates for the payment of Solid Waste fees, not already approved or provided for; and
2. The City of Red Lodge shall modify the process in which said fees are collected by removing the utility assessment from Citizen's yearly taxes, already in existence, and placing said payment for Solid Waste onto the monthly utility bill; and
3. The City of Red Lodge hereby resolves to collect the already approved Solid Waste fees by billing Citizens monthly, on the monthly utility bill, in the month in which the services are rendered.

Effective Date of Ordinance

This Ordinance shall be effective 30-days after approval of second reading by the City Council of the City of Red Lodge, Montana.

BE IT ORDAINED BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE:

PASSED AND APPROVED on the first reading by a majority of the members present of the City Council of the City of Red Lodge on the XX day of XX, 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the second reading by a majority of the members present of the City Council of the City of Red Lodge on the XX day of XX, 2024.

City of Red Lodge

Dave Westwood, Mayor

Attest:

Loni Hanson, City Clerk

FY23-24 – July 2023 through December 2023

Garbage has been billed on taxes for services rendered through the end of December 2023. As December 2023, the uncollected tax balance was \$244,568.55. This is to pay for services through December 2023, but will not be collected from residents until May of 2024. The available cash balance as of the end of December 2023 was (\$4,878.26) after payments made to Republic Services for December's services. The anticipated cash balance once that revenue has been collected is \$239,690.29.

FY23-24 – January 2024 through June 2024

For tax reasons, we have billed by calendar year. To transition charges to utility bills, we will do so at the beginning of our new FY24-25. The first 6 months of 2024 will need to be billed through taxes. This will be at a rate of \$29.17 per user, per month. Anticipated revenue based on user numbers in 2023 will be \$272,331.12. Expenses for contractor agreements and admin are anticipated to be \$272,085.88. This will leave a cash balance of \$245.24 for these 6 months of service, however, the revenue assessed to taxes will not be collected until tax due dates of November 2024 and May 2025 causing a shortfall for FY23-24. The anticipated shortfall will be (\$32,395.59). Herein lies the problem, the full revenue is not collected for up to a year and 5 months passed the time services have been rendered.

This will correct itself in FY24-25 with the movement of charges to utility bills.

FY24-25 – July 2024 through June 2025

For FY23-24, charges would be moved to the utility bills so that revenue will be collected the month after contractual services are paid for. As it stands, there is uncollected tax revenue anticipated in November of 2024 and May of 2025 for services rendered Jan-June 2024 in the amount of \$272,331.12 (see above). This is where the shortfall will correct itself. The rates for FY24-25 will increase to \$30.05 per user, per month. The anticipated revenue based on user numbers from 2023 will be \$561,093.60. Contractual agreement and admin expenses are estimated at \$560,042.96. This will leave an estimated cash balance of \$240,986.17.

-\$32,395.59 [Short-fall FY23-24]
+\$272,331.12 [Uncollected tax revenue for FY23-24, collected in FY24-25]
+\$561,093.60 [Anticipated revenue for FY24-25]
-\$560,042.96 [Anticipated expenses for FY24-25]
\$240,986.17

There will be two factors that would affect this ending balance. First is assuming everyone has paid their tax bill and there is outstanding tax revenue to be collected. Second will be that June contractual services will be paid for in June, but not collected on utility bills until July, therefore, reducing that revenue by \$46,757.80. A truer ending cash balance will be \$194,228.37.

FY 23-24 July 2023 - December 2023

*Billed on taxes in 2023

Expenditures

	Cost per unit: \$	28.33	per user/per month
Cash Balance as of December 2023	\$	(4,878.26)	

Revenues

	Cost per unit:	\$29.17	per user/per month
Uncollected Tax Revenue	\$244,568.55	Collected in FY23-24 > November 2023 & May 2024	

FY 23-24 January 2024 - June 2024 (6 months)

*To be billed on taxes in 2024

Expenditures

	Cost per unit: \$	28.33	per user/per month
Contracted Expenses for 6 months:	\$	264,488.88	
Admin Expenses for 6 months:	\$	7,597.00	

Revenues

	Cost per unit:	\$29.17	per user/per month
Anticipated billed revenue	\$272,331.12	Collected in FY24-25 > November 2024 & May 2025	

Projected cash balance at end of FY23-24	\$ (32,395.59)
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*Shortfall due to uncollected tax revenue. \$272,331.12 has been bill but will not be received until FY24-25

FY24-25 July 2024 - June 2025 (12 months)

*To be billed on utility bills monthly

Expenditures

	Cost per unit: \$	29.18	per user/per month
Contracted Expenses for 6 months:	\$	544,848.96	
Admin Expenses for 6 months:	\$	15,194.00	

Revenues

*Collected monthly in FY24-25

	Cost per unit:	\$30.05	per user/per month
Anticipated billed revenue	\$561,093.60		

Projected cash balance at end of FY24-25	\$ 240,986.17
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*Uncollected tax revenue of \$272,331.12 will be received in FY24-25 (\$272,331.12-\$32,395.59+\$1,050.64)

RESOLUTION NO. 3644

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CREATE A RODEO PARK TO BE USED FOR OPEN SPACE, CAMPING, AND PARKING

WHEREAS, the area describe on Exhibit A has historically been used by the public for open space, camping, and parking; and

WHEREAS, the area has been used by the public for parking and camping for events located at the Rodeo Facilities including, 4H Events, Fairs, and Rodeos; and

WHEREAS, the area has also been used by the public for parking and access to the Double Ditch Dog Park; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Red Lodge would like to explore the potential for establishing a Rodeo Park in that general location for open space, camping, and parking; and

WHEREAS, the potential Rodeo Park is located to the West of the Red Lodge Airport, and therefore additional information is necessary to establish the boundaries of said Park; and

WHEREAS, additional information and considerations may come to light in reviewing a potential Park for open space, camping, and parking.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

The City Council hereby establishes its intent to create a Rodeo Park, to be used for open space, camping, and parking, located to the West of the Red Lodge Airport, generally described on the attached Exhibit A, and hereby directs that the Land Use and Planning subcommittee review any potential issues concerning the establishment of said park, and to provide a report to the City Council concerning its findings.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Red Lodge, Montana, on the _____ day of March, 2024.

BY:

David Westwood, Mayor

ATTEST:

Loni Hanson, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A





CPRG Grant Application

March 12, 2024 Red Lodge City Council Meeting

Big thanks to **Mike Maples (Public Works Director)** for review and feedback, and **Matt Thompson (Ameresco)** for professional analysis

What is it?



CPRG = “**C**limate **P**ollution **R**eduction **G**rant”

A \$5 Billion nationwide grant program from the EPA

Goal: to reduce greenhouse gas emissions nationwide

Minimum grant award: \$2M (!)

Red Lodge can apply for its own grant, because on March 1 the MT DEQ has listed Government Efficiency projects and Electrical Grid Resilience as their priorities.

Application Deadline is April 1. “Think Big and Fast”.

What will it let Red Lodge do?



Build our own energy self sufficiency, by generating our own energy right here

Make us resilient to disasters like floods or fires, with 2 independently functioning microgrids in case of electrical grid failures

Save the city a ton of money (\$75k/year) that can otherwise pay for teachers, fund vacant police officer positions, hire lifeguards, fill potholes, etc, and **Protect against energy price volatility**

Invigorate the local economy with stronger city finances, sufficient water pressure for possible Airport expansion, etc

Accelerate our water infrastructure projects

Create quality jobs and build future-oriented skills for our neighbors and nearby communities

Meet our GHG-reduction goals in the Energy Conservation Plan, 10 years early



What projects could we apply for?

1. Microgrid at the Wastewater Treatment Plant **\$1.8M**
2. Microgrid at the Water Works Road Pump Station **\$0.7M**
3. Lazy M Pump Station Bypass **\$0.4M**
4. Stormwater Diversion Project phases II/III \$???

TOTAL GRANT REQUEST: \$2.9 M.

No matching funds required

What's a Microgrid?

A self-contained source of electricity generation, storage, and distribution

Large number of solar panels coupled with large batteries to store energy until it's used at night or in case of grid failure

Functions as a self-contained electrical grid

Retains a grid connection as backup or times when solar production is limited and batteries are already discharged





1. Waste Water Treatment Plant Microgrid

Would save us \$50k in electricity per year - the largest single electricity consumer in the city

We'll be completely self-sufficient, most of the time

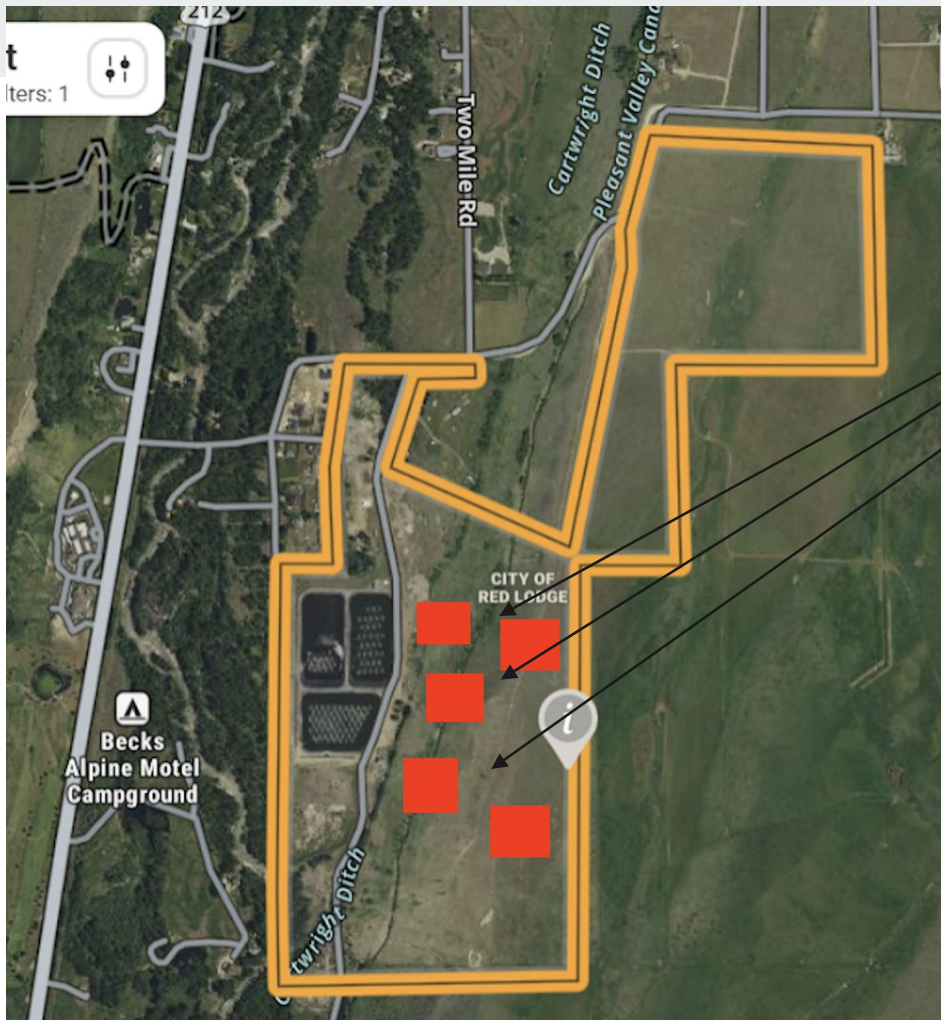
1,000 solar panels, and a 1.2 MW battery on-site

Fits on 2 acres of space

Cost approx. \$1.8M

Where would we put it?





Here or here or here... (each red rectangle is 2 acres)

Ameresco responses in **Red**.

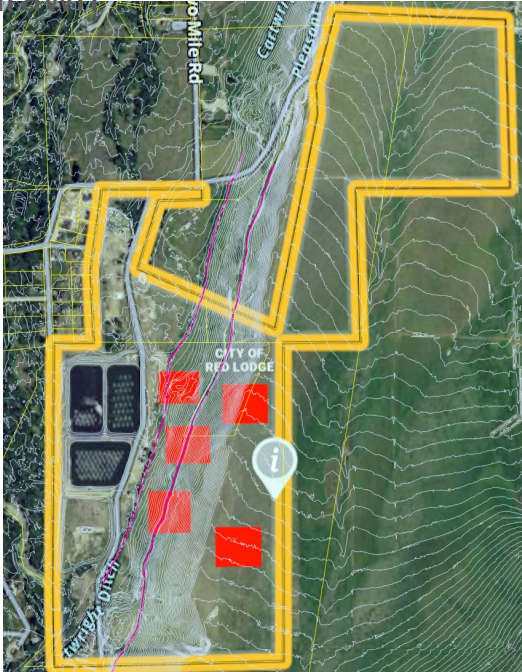
What if we need to go over Cartwright Ditch?

“We never obstruct streams or other waterways understanding these types of concerns... if we had to install across the ditch from the interconnection point we could bore under the ditch without disturbing it... I would not be surprised if there is already buried infrastructure crossing under them.”

-Ameresco

Is it too steep to put panels and batteries?

1 meter contour lines
drawn



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“I’m sure there is an area that would be suitable and grading to improve the topography is not out of the question. We did use geo-ballasted, non-penetrating racking at the Missoula WWTP due to buried obstructions.”

What about flood plains?

Proposed sites are **not** in flood plain.

Other considerations:

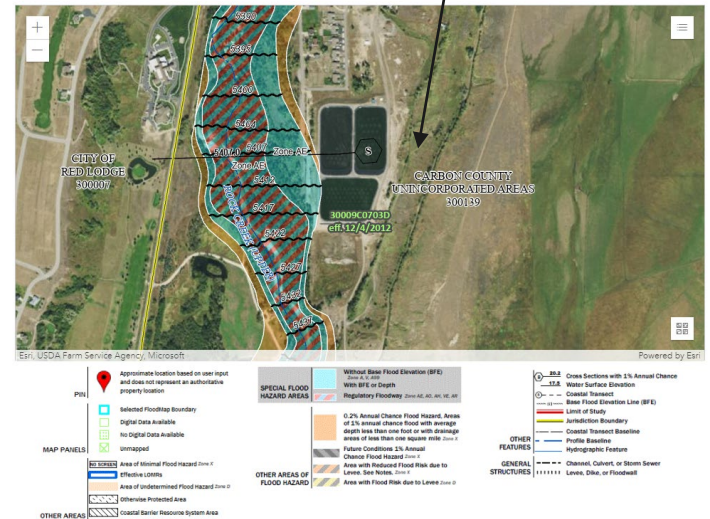
Distance from the point of interconnection
Amount of grading needed

“Suffice to say with 229 acres we can find somewhere that will work.”

-Ameresco

Proposed sites are not in flood plain.

You can choose a new flood map or move the location pin by selecting a different location on the locator map below or by entering a new location in the search field above. It may take a minute or more during peak hours to generate a dynamic FIRMette. [Go To NFHL Viewer »](#)



What about snow build up on the panels?

Avg. # of days snow-covered is already included in
Energy Production analysis

Angled arrays helps shed snow

We get most of our annual production in sunny summer
months



Do batteries work in the cold?



Yes.

Climate is always a design consideration

Other installations in similar climates:

Colorado's Holy Cross solar battery

London School District in Ontario

Does solar work this far north?

Yes. **Missoula** installed an even larger solar array for their Waste Water Treatment Plant last year.

2 BIG DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEIR PROJECT AND OURS:

1. Missoula doesn't own their panels; they have an energy contract. We would own ours outright, saving \$\$ every single month, thanks to the grant.
2. Missoula only has solar panels, and only provides 20% of their power needs. Ours would have panels and also batteries, and would cover 100% of our needs.



Engineering manager for the City of Missoula, Ross Mullenbauer, stands under a row of solar panels recently installed at the wastewater treatment facility. (Kavin Moriarty/Missoula Current)

Comments from Missoula Engineering Manager Ross Mollenhauer re: recently installed 1,000 panel array

"It's gone really well."

"It requires zero maintenance, aside from occasionally mowing the fields in the summer. "

"All equipment is under warranty."

"We're really proud of it. We presented it at this year's state-wide WasteWater conference."

"It meets all our goals."



Engineering manager for the City of Missoula, Ross Mullenhauer, walks between rows of newly installed solar panels at the city's wastewater treatment facility. (Kevin Moriarty/Missoula Current)

-Missoula Engineering Manager Ross Mollenhauer,
3/11/2024, on phone call with Alan Best



Q: Will a microgrid make our vital infrastructure services **LESS RELIABLE?**

A: No. We still maintain our connection to the utility's electrical grid.

We'll have 2 grids to rely on, not just 1.



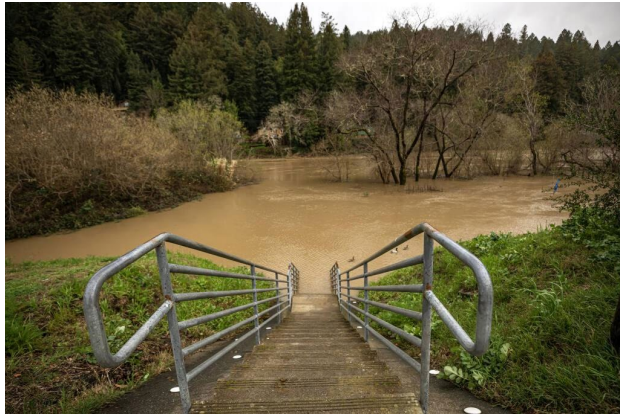
Q: Will it make it even **MORE RELIABLE?**

A: Yes. If the Grid itself goes down, we'll have our own Backup Energy Source.

Example: Water Works Road pump went down when the grid failed during the floods of June 2022


March 8, 2024:

“Partially treated wastewater spills into Russian River after treatment plant power outage”



<https://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/news/partially-treated-wastewater-spills-into-russian-river-after-treatment-plan/?artslide=0>

Psst: a microgrid would have prevented this mess.

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- What's the cost of NOT having a backup microgrid?
 - *"As we're seeing in Louisiana, inoperable pumps at a water utility mean there's **no clean water for drinking or bathing**. But it also means there's **no water for fire departments, hospitals and nursing homes, stores and restaurants**. Pressure losses can allow **contaminants to enter the drinking water distribution system** from surrounding soil and groundwater. Power failures are equally troublesome for wastewater utilities. When pumps fail, **untreated sewage can be discharged into rivers and streams**. This can also cause **sewage backups in homes and businesses**."*

-Corey Miller, energy

specialist in New Orleans, LA



Q. Cost of installation, maintenance, replacement?

A: **Installation:** paid by the no-match-required grant

Maintenance: Typically, there's nothing to do. We can include cost of ongoing **Ops & Maintenance contract with the installer for 10 years**, in the grant budget. Monitoring and any repairs or issues will be addressed by the solar installer.

Replacement - We don't ever have to replace it. We can always go back to taking more energy from the (expensive) grid. Systems typically degrade about 1%/year, but keep most of their original capacity for decades.



**Maybe I'm still concerned about maintenance cost.
Is this like gifting someone an airplane or a pet?**

There's no moving parts. They just sit there and work for decades.

Upkeep and repairs are not typically a concern.

We can put M&O costs for 10 years into the budget.

If it gets old, you don't have to replace it. Just go back to the old ways.



2. Water Works Road Pump Station Microgrid

Would save us \$20k in electricity per year. Second biggest electricity consumer

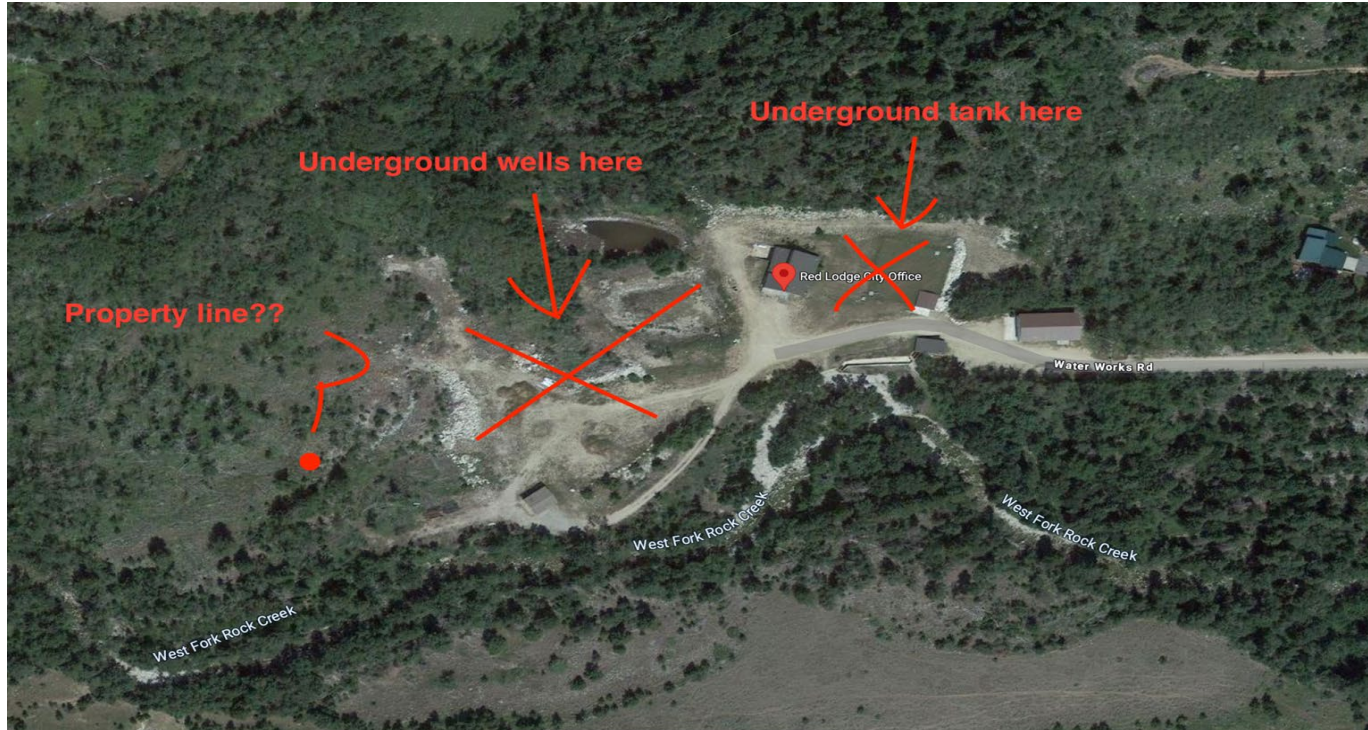
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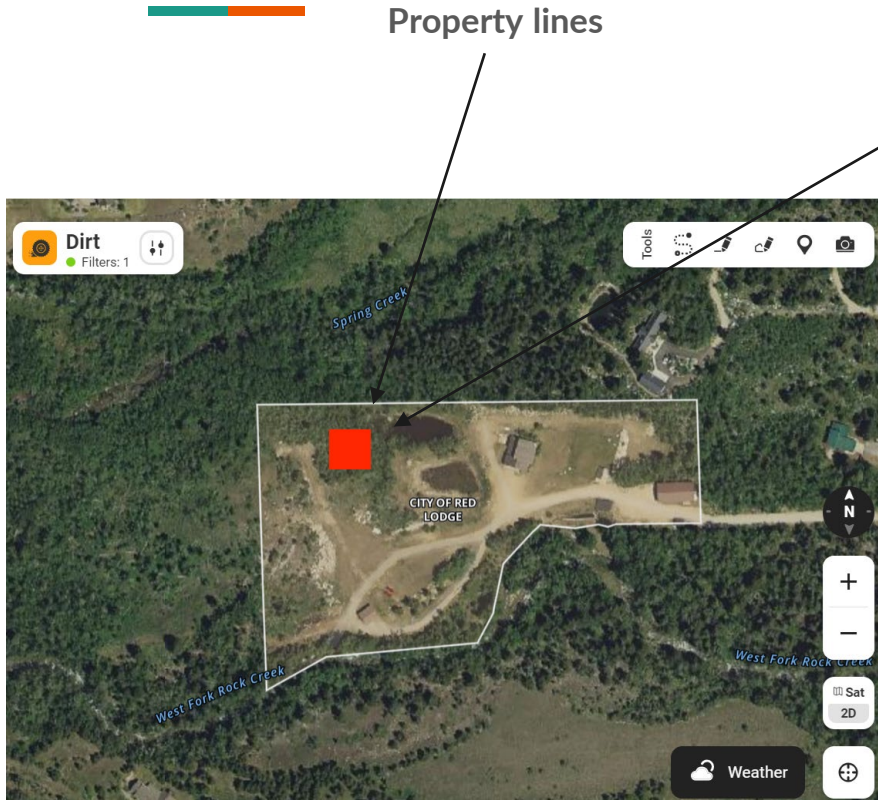
370 solar panels, 350 KWh battery, so **about a third of the size of WWTP microgrid**

Fits on 1 acre of land

Cost approx \$700k

Where would we put it?





Most likely this 1 acre **Red** square on undisturbed land.

Still need to verify location of underground pipes.

3. Lazy M Pump Station Bypass

A pre-approved \$1.25M city project to dig a 16" pipe diversion to *let gravity do its job*.

Grant request: \$400k for the currently unfunded portion.

Increased resilience: The pump system still works if the electricity goes out or an electric pump fails.

Would provide enough water pressure for our firefighters to do their jobs.



Lazy M Pump Station Bypass

This pump probably shouldn't exist.

It consumes \$5,000 per year in electricity, and it “pumps” water downhill, and doesn't provide enough water pressure for our firefighters to put out fires on the



**Discounted fire insurance
premiums for homes in
West Bench subdivisions**

Lazy M Pump Station Bypass means more water pressure

Sufficient water pressure for the proposed Airport Expansion:

Expanding
the
airport...



Or building an
airport biz
park...



First requires fixing this:



4. Stormwater Diversion Project, phases II/III

Diverts rainwater/snowmelt from our energy-consuming Waste Water Treatment Plant, saving money and Wear and Tear.

Need more time to research:

How much stormwater does it divert?
Millions of gallons per day on average?

Need to quantify how much energy/money
does it save us

What would it cost?

Rainwater doesn't need to be
intensively treated like sewage
does!





City Attorney's concerns:

1. Obligations that come with the grant. Can the lawyer review the Notice of Funding Opportunity in the coming days?
 - a. <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-09/CPRG%20General%20Competition%20NOFO.pdf>
2. PW Director's concerns:
 - a. Site for microgrid, steepness of terrain - See prior slides for discussion
 - b. Presence of irrigation ditches - See prior slides
 - c. Effect of heavy snow and cold temps on equipment - See prior slides
 - d. Cost of installation, maintenance, replacement - See prior slides
 - e. Lack of other projects of this type in similar environment - See prior slides



City Attorney's concerns, cont'd

3. Appointing a Grant Coordinator who needs to be a City Employee

Our current Contract Planner's term expires soon (Great West Engineering)

Renew contract, or Hire a new one: Brent Moore of Interstate Engineering?

City Planner Job Opening was posted in newspaper just this week.

TIMELINE



Order of Operations:

1. CC to approve (?) this Resolution incl. PER for energy services provider tonight (or by Monday March 18 at the latest)
2. Alan Best finishes writing all possible sections of the grant (done by March 18)
3. Meanwhile, our Energy Services Provider (Ameresco?) to write these parts of the application: Budget, prior experience, review technical specs (done by March 20)
4. Give to City Attorney to review (done by March 26)
5. Pass on application materials to Loni/Monica to upload to Grants.gov to upload by deadline (By close of business April 1)
6. Mid July, hear back from EPA re: grant decision. **We can easily withdraw up to this point, if we find No-Go type fatal flaws.**
7. October 1 - EPA mails out checks, with construction starting soon thereafter
8. Save approx \$75k per year for decades, with our most vital services being prepared in case of disaster/grid outages
9. Discounted fire insurance; sufficient water pressure for proposed Airport Expansion



SUMMARY:

This CPRG Grant is a huge pot of money for a good cause.

The EPA is looking for shovel-ready projects that will decrease GHGs and do good for communities.

We are uniquely in a good position to implement these funds for the greater good.

Red Lodge will benefit from large, perpetual cost savings, as well as resilience of our critical infrastructure in a time of increasing natural disasters.

Uncertain if we'll be awarded a grant, but **Guaranteed Failure if we don't apply by April 1!**



SUMMARY, cont'd:

Build our own energy self sufficiency, for Waste Water Treatment and Domestic Water supply.

Make us resilient to disasters, like floods and fires that disrupt the electrical grid.

Save the city a ton of money - **\$75k per year for decades to come.**

Protect against energy price volatility

Invigorate the local economy with stronger city finances, sufficient water pressure for possible Airport Expansion, etc

Create quality jobs and build future-oriented skills.



Thank you for your consideration.

We've been working breakneck speed since it was announced in October.

Grant application submission deadline: **9:59 pm mountain time zone, Monday April 1.**

Questions?



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Would request a Vote on this issue today, if possible.



Big thanks to my 9 year old son Jack for this cool slide transition