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Resolution 2008- 83

**RESOLUTION CREATING AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE CURRENT AND FUTURE USES OF THE MONOLITH RANCH FOR THE CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING.**

Whereas, the preservation on water rights on the Monolith Ranch is priority in all ranch operations;

Whereas, agricultural practices and benefits are a slow process and take long term management planning and investment.

Whereas, sound agricultural practices are necessary to protect and show increased beneficial and consumptive use of the Dowlin Ditch right for future transfer of agricultural water rights to municipal water rights.

Whereas, drought condition and water demands are increasing across southern Wyoming and the Front Range of Colorado as documented across the west due to climate change;

Whereas, municipalities across southern Wyoming are asking for help from the State Water Commission and looking into building pipelines to transfer water from far away;

Whereas, the City Of Laramie has an unprecedented water supply in the Dowlin Ditch priority water right on the Laramie River;

Whereas, the Fassett Report compiled in 2004 and public appearances by water specialists and legal authorities have outlined the invaluable nature of the Monolith Ranch and what the water rights mean to the future of Laramie;

Whereas, opportunities exist on the Monolith Ranch for alternative uses that are compatible with protection of water rights;

**NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF LARAMIE, WYOMING, RESOLVES:**

**Section 1.** That the foregoing recitals are incorporated in and made a part of this resolution by this reference.

**Section 2.** Committee Creation. That there is hereby created a nine (9) member Ad Hoc Committee, to be known as the Ad Hoc Ranch Advisory Committee (RAC) for Evaluating Current Grazing Management on the Monolith Ranch. All members shall have voting power.

**Section 3.** Members Appointed. That City Council shall appoint all committee members. Membership shall include one (1) City Council liaison and two (2) City staff members. Remaining membership shall include those individuals who best demonstrate

the skills necessary to provide sound and analytical decision-making in a committee atmosphere. It is desirable to include individuals with experience and knowledge in areas of; Wyoming water rights, agriculture, ranching, outdoor recreation, and business. The City Manager shall provide City Council a list of names for consideration and appointment to the Ad Hoc Committee.

**Section 4. Term of Appointment.** That the members of the Ad Hoc Committee shall serve a term of one (1) year from the date of their appointment and shall serve without compensation.

**Section 5. Vacancies.** That vacancies on the Ad Hoc Committee, should they occur, shall be filled for the unexpired term of the member whose place has become vacant, and shall be made by City Council.

**Section 6. Conduct of Meetings/Quorum.** That the City Public Works Director will serve as the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee. Meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee shall be set and held at the call of the Chair. All meetings shall be open to the public and duly noticed and conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. The presence of five (5) members shall constitute a quorum for the conducting of business and the holding of any meeting. The Ad Hoc Committee shall act only with the concurring vote of five (5) members. The Ad Hoc Committee shall act only as an advisory Committee and will have no power to change ranching or water protection operations on the Monolith Ranch. The Ad Hoc Committee shall keep motion minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member on every question.

**Section 7. Charge of the Committee.** That the role and responsibilities of the Ad Hoc Committee shall be as follows:

1. To identify and preserve the water rights for municipal operations and recommend cost-effective actions to more efficiently manage the Monolith Ranch;
2. To gather information and data from advocacy groups and public regarding attitudes and opinions relating to grazing operations as they pertain to the protection of Laramie water right for future transfer;
3. To evaluate current range and habitat conditions on the Monolith Ranch and suggest viable alternatives for better more holistic operations;
4. To engage in other specified duties or assignments as directed by City Council related to its review of issues such as; potential recreational activities, public access, wind-farm development, grazing operations, and overall management of the Monolith Ranch.

**Section 8. Deliverables.** That the Ad Hoc Committee shall deliver to City Council its report and recommendation of ways to identify costs specifically attributed to general fund activities and enterprise fund activities. Such report will also include

recommendations to utilize the Ranch and balance the various demands and opportunities envisioned for both near-term and long-term stewardship while fully protecting the water rights attached to the ranch. The report and recommendation shall include a summary of the information reviewed and considered by the Ad Hoc Committee. The recommendations shall be in writing and, once submitted to City Council, shall be considered a public document.

**Section 9. Budget and Expenditure.** This is a volunteer committee that will be called to make recommendations only. **There should be no expenditures to the budget.**

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 05<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

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ATTEST

Walter J. ...  
MAYOR

DWE Morris Jones  
CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE AD HOC RANCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Whereas, the Council for the City of Laramie, Wyoming (City) approved Resolution 2008-83 creating a nine (9) member Ad Hoc Committee, to be known as the Ranch Advisory Committee to evaluate current and future uses of the Monolith Ranch for the City of Laramie, Wyoming.

Whereas, pursuant to Resolution 2008-83, upon the recommendation of the City Manager and City staff of a list of names for appointment to the Ad Hoc Committee, City Council shall appoint one (1) City Council liaison and two (2) City staff members and the remaining membership shall include those individuals who best demonstrate the skills necessary to provide sound and analytical decision-making in Wyoming water rights, agriculture, ranching, outdoor recreation and business.

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF LARAMIE, WYOMING, RESOLVES:

Section 1. That, the following individuals are hereby appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate current and future uses of the Monolith Ranch for a one-year term expiring February 3, 2010.

Council member	<u>Erik Molvar</u>
Staff member	<u>Richard Elliot</u>
Staff member	<u>Linda Cope</u>
At Large:	<u>Joe Lord</u>
	<u>Grant Frost</u>
	<u>David Evertson</u>
	<u>David Moore</u>
	<u>Pete Burns</u>
	<u>Paul Recharad</u>

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2009.

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ATTEST

*Due Morris Jones*  
CITY CLERK

*David Morris*  
MAYOR

Resolution 2010 - 66

RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE RANCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TO SET STAGGERED TERMS OF SERVICE FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE MEMBERS OF THE RANCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND TO SET THE NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT SEVEN (7)

Whereas, the Ranch Advisory Committee was seated through Council Resolution 2009-14 on February 3, 2009;

Whereas, the need exists to continue the work of this committee to address various issues that are critical to the City of Laramie;

Whereas, agricultural practices and benefits are a slow process and take long term management planning and investment.

Whereas, sound agricultural practices are necessary to protect and show increased beneficial and consumptive use of the Dowlin Ditch right for future transfer of agricultural water rights to municipal water rights.

Whereas, drought condition and water demands are increasing across southern Wyoming and the Front Range of Colorado as documented across the west due to climate change;

Whereas, the City Of Laramie has an unprecedented water supply in the Dowlin Ditch priority water right on the Laramie River;

Whereas, to provide for greater efficiency, there is a need to adjust the terms of service for members of the Committee to provide for succession planning;

Whereas, there is a need to adjust the membership of the Committee to seven (7) members from nine (9) members;

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF LARAMIE, WYOMING, RESOLVES:

That the term of the Ranch Advisory Committee be extended until further action by the Laramie City Council.

That appointments to the Ranch Advisory Committee shall be set at the following total voting membership and terms of appointment:

Council member (1-each)	Two (2) years initially, and three (3) years thereafter
Staff members (2-each)	Continuous
At large members (2-each)	Two (2) years
At large members (2-each)	Three (3) years

Resolution 2014 – 59

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON THE  
RANCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE FROM SEVEN (7) TO FIVE (5)

Whereas, the Ranch Advisory Committee was seated as a nine (9) member Committee through Council Resolution 2009-14 on February 3, 2009; and

Whereas, the Ranch Advisory Committee was modified to a seven (7) member Committee through Council Resolution 2010-66 on October 5, 2014; and

Whereas, the need exists to continue the work of this Committee to address various issues that are critical to the City of Laramie; and

Whereas, The Ranch Advisory Committee will also, when appropriate, encourage participation from organizations such as Laramie Rivers Conservation District to assist with carrying out its duties on behalf of the City Council; and

Whereas, there is a need to remove staff members as voting members of this Committee; and

Whereas, there is a need to adjust the membership of the Committee from seven (7) to five (5) members;

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF LARAMIE, WYOMING, RESOLVES:

That the Staff members seats on the Ranch Advisory Committee will be eliminated from the makeup of the Committee and no longer be voting members but will continue as staff liaisons as assigned by the City Manager.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED T HIS 5thDAY OF Aug., , 2014.

  
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David A. Paulekas, Mayor and President of  
the Laramie City Council

Attest:

  
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Sue Morris Jones, MMC  
City Clerk

**Resolution 2017 – 32**

**RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON THE RANCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE FROM FIVE (5) TO SEVEN (7)**

Whereas, the Ranch Advisory Committee was seated as a nine (9) member Committee through Council Resolution 2009-14 on February 3, 2009; and

Whereas, the Ranch Advisory Committee was modified to a seven (7) member Committee through Council Resolution 2010-66 on October 5, 2010; and

Whereas, the Ranch Advisory Committee was modified to a five (5) member Committee through Council Resolution 2014-59 on August 5, 2014; and

Whereas, the need exists to continue the work of this Committee to address various issues that are critical to the City of Laramie; and

Whereas, The Ranch Advisory Committee will also, when appropriate, encourage participation from entities such as Laramie Rivers Conservation District and Wyoming Game and Fish to assist with carrying out its duties on behalf of the City Council; and

Whereas, there is a need to adjust the membership of the Committee from five (5) to seven (7) members.

**NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF LARAMIE, WYOMING, RESOLVES:**


**The Monolith Ranch Committee will be modified to a seven (7) member committee.**

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2017.**



**Andi Summerville, Mayor and President of  
the Laramie City Council**

**Attest:**

  
**Angie Johnson  
City Clerk**

**Resolution 2017 – 37**

**RESOLUTION TO SET THE TERM LENGTH OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON THE RANCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Whereas, the Ranch Advisory Committee was seated as a nine (9) member Committee through Council Resolution 2009-14 on February 3, 2009; and**

**Whereas, the Ranch Advisory Committee was modified to a seven (7) member Committee through Council Resolution 2010-66 on October 5, 2010; and**

**Whereas, the Ranch Advisory Committee was modified to a five (5) member Committee through Council Resolution 2014-59 on August 5, 2014; and**

**Whereas, the need exists to continue the work of this Committee to address various issues that are critical to the City of Laramie; and**

**Whereas, The Ranch Advisory Committee will also, when appropriate, encourage participation from entities such as Laramie Rivers Conservation District and Wyoming Game and Fish to assist with carrying out its duties on behalf of the City Council; and**

**Whereas, on May 16, 2017, the Ranch Advisory Committee was expanded to a seven (7) member committee through Resolution No 2017-.32; and**

**Whereas, current membership of the Ranch Advisory Committee is as follows:**

**Amy Nagler, whose three-year term expires October 10, 2019;  
Marius Favret, whose three-year term expires October 5, 2019;  
Paul Rechar, whose two-year term expires October 5, 2018;  
Keith Rittle, whose two-year term expires October 10, 2018;  
Vicki Henry, Council liaison.**

**NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF LARAMIE, WYOMING, RESOLVES:**

**Section 1. The two new seats will be appointed by separate resolution and serve a term ending on October 31, 2020.**

**Section 2. All future appointments will be three (3) year terms ending on October 31<sup>st</sup> of the appropriate year.**

**Section 3. The Council liaison appointment shall be determined in a manner as set by City Council.**



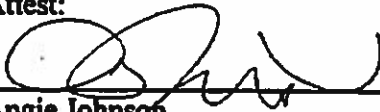
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 6TH DAY OF JUNE, 2017.



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**Andi Summerville, Mayor and President of  
the Laramie City Council**

**Attest:**



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**Angie Johnson  
City Clerk**

**RESOLUTION 2017-56**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING MONOLITH RANCH COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT  
AND LONG TERM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

WHEREAS, Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee was formed to evaluate current and future uses of the Monolith Ranch for the City of Laramie; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2017, City Council adopted goals in which one is to "Initiate a long-term Monolith Ranch land use plan (recreation and water)"; and

WHEREAS, Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee developed and adopted Management and Long Term Goals and Objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee's Management and Long Term Goals and Objectives were presented to City Council on August 8, 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING, that the Management and Long Term Goals and Objectives of the Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee be adopted by City Council.


This resolution shall become effective after passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.



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Andi Summerville, Mayor and President of the  
City Council of the City of Laramie, Wyoming

ATTEST:

  
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Angie Johnson  
City Clerk