

Lolo Community Council | Minutes

April 14, 2026 | 7:00 p.m.
12345 US Highway 93 S., Lolo, MT 59847



Council Members: Danica Nelson (Chair), Angela Previte
(Vice Chair/Secretary), Steven Mazur, Marta Brown, Patrick Moore, Tyler Pike, Paul Rossignol (Alternate)

This meeting held in person Recording and transcript available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5RNWRSdFq8s>

I. Meeting Called to Order

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call

Marta Brown

Tyler Pike

Angela Previte

Patrick Moore

- c. Welcome and Overview of Meeting Process and Public Comment

Patrick called out what he believes to be a discrepancy in minutes about CC voting to close the checking account in 9A and 9B from March meeting and would like for them to be amended.

Marta commented that she would also like the minutes to be amended and would like to see the wording of the minutes. Tabling the amendment of the March minutes until the next CC meeting.

II. Reading/Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Approve minutes as presented.

III. Approval of Expenditures

- a. Agenda printing

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items

V. Communications & Reports

- a. Communications Received

- i. FEMA recently released new floodplain maps, and Missoula County hosted open houses in impacted communities. If you missed the open house, you can schedule a one-on-one appointment with the floodplain administrator and ask questions. Go to MissoulaCountyVoice.com to find the maps, more information, and the floodplain administrator's contact information.
- ii. Community council applications are now open, and you can apply to serve on the advisory board. Deadline to apply is Friday, May 1. Go to <https://boards.missoulacounty.us/application/>
- iii. Missoula County is accepting grant applications for both the Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) Mill Levy and Community Assistance Fund (CAF). Government and nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply for one or both opportunities online at <http://missoula.co/grantportal> before 11:59 p.m. Friday, May 8. Funding is for fiscal year 2027 (July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027).
- iv. Missoula County conducted a housing and community development survey to help identify needs and gaps in services related to public infrastructure and facilities, economic development and housing. The survey opened on March 2 and closed on March 31. Residents are welcome to the public presentation on survey findings at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 23. In-person and virtual attendance options available. Find the meeting information on MissoulaCountyVoice.com

- v. The next All Community Council Town Hall is April 22nd at 6:30pm. This meeting includes representatives from the seven community councils as well as county staff and one commissioner, report on recent news and activities. All residents are welcome to listen and comment during these meetings.
- vi. Interested in serving your community? Consider applying for a Missoula County board. Whether you have a niche interest or a general passion for community service, joining a board can be a great way to be engaged and provide your insight and guidance to Missoula County commissioners and other agencies on important issues. The county commissioners appoint board members following an application and interview process.

The following boards have vacancies and are accepting applications:

- Aquatic Invasive Species District Board
- Clinton Rural Fire District
- East Missoula Rural Fire District
- Greenough-Potomac Rural Fire Service Area
- Lolo Mosquito Control Board
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Tax Appeal Board
- Weed Control Board

Some boards have special requirements for certain positions, so check to make sure you are eligible before applying. Go to <https://boards.missoulacounty.us/application/>

b. Treasurer Report

Account is closed, and \$157.60 will be sent to Missoula County

c. Mail Received | Pat Moore

Only mail was the check received by the closure of the account.

VI. Committee and Special Reports

a. RSID Status | Missoula County Public Works

b. Lolo School | Superintendent Dale Olinger

- Track is in session
- Middle school dance coming up on Friday (4/17),
- PTA-hosted bookfair
- The close up trip for 8th grade has 24 kids going to Washington D.C.
- PTA organizing community event on May 15th to fundraise
- Two school board trustees here to speak on a proposed General Fund levy
 - Mail-in ballot, postage page.
 - Ryan
 - State provides just under 75% of the funding
 - Trustee board asking for 2% gap between local community.
 - Looking to close gap of \$99,312, about \$3 per medium-priced home
 - Laura Gay
 - Spoke on reducing burden on local school staffing.
 - Not trying to grow, just sustain.
- Missoula Rural Fire Dept. | Deputy Chief Cory Horsens
 - Officially, the second accredited agency in MT
 - Was a five-year project
 - Accreditation sets a standard to become better and provide better community service
 - Awarded \$50k grant through the MT Emergency Tourism Assistance Program
 - Swift water rescue powered watercraft will be ordered, but Cory will have a meeting with the Department of Commerce first.
 - Lolo Duty Crew in attendance

- 43 calls in March
- 1st quarter calls down 6% from last year
- March 3rd, delivered baby.
 - Same day, there was a structure fire that the crew also responded to.
- March 21st
 - Responded to a suicide attempt and performed at a high level

d. Woodman School | Principal Jon Martin

- Kids went to Helena to tour the museum and meet with the governor.
- Younger students went to the insectarium and the butterfly house
- Received a grant from for new soccer goals
- 3/24 highway cleanup event
- 4/27-5/1, hosting Missoula Children's Theater
 - Every student has at least one part
- Agriculture classes upcoming
- Quizz bowl student group competing
- 53 students, up over 20 students from last year
 - Some older students are online/hybrid
 - Preschool program almost full
 - 3 year old pre school
 - 4 year old pre school
- No election for trustees
- No levy this year, with the growth, they might try to issue a bond later
- Spring fundraiser has raised over \$2k to help fund field trips
- Hosts family literacy events with grants, students are getting free books
 - Hosted event with 90% family participation

VII. Adjustments to Order of Agenda (if any)

VIII. Unfinished Business

- a. **Missoula Growth Policy/Lolo Regional Plan Update Standing Agenda Item** i. Missoula County is in the beginning stage of developing a countywide comprehensive plan for the unincorporated parts of the county. Unincorporated areas include anywhere outside Missoula city limits but within Missoula County.

A comprehensive plan provides a legal foundation necessary for the development of responsible policy and regulations. It will address a number of community concerns, including how communities would like to grow and develop and what services they would like to see.

The County originally adopted a comprehensive plan in 1975, and the comprehensive planning document currently in use was adopted in 2016, with a substantial amendment in 2019. The process of updating the plan will be a two-year process that will likely continue into 2027. Public engagement for this process is planned to begin in the fall of 2026. Follow the project on Missoula County Voice.

- b. **Summer BBQ proposal (Discussion and possible action)**

- June 9th proposed date
 - Tyler proposed motion to move June meeting to June 2nd so Lolo CC can host a BBQ
 - Marta seconded motion
 - Motion passed, all CC members
 - Angela has a potential sponsor lined up for the meat to be grilled
 - Marta encouraged us to discuss the details of the BBQ in the next CC meeting

IX. New Business

X. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

- Open public comment about Bonner Data center June 3rd
- Patrick Moore wanted the public to be aware that homeowner's insurance will likely not cover wartime activities not being covered by his policy
- Tyler spoke on revamping the Lolo Community Council social media
 - Danica has contacted county staff, but the staff member was out of office
 - Marta will reach out to KT Hayloft about getting notice of the meeting on their electronic board

XI. Informational Items

- a. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting May 12, 2026

XII. Adjournment