

MISSOULA COUNTY OPEN LANDS CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

August 13, 2026

6:00 p.m.

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This will be a hybrid meeting, held in-person in the Lands and Communities conference room (127 E. Main, 2nd floor), and via Microsoft Teams

- Call to Order and Roll Call
- Land Acknowledgement

Today, we are gathered together in the homelands of the Salish and Kalispel people. We respect their tribal ways and their stories. We are thankful for their ancestors and for the people today. Today we are caring for this land for those yet coming.
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 2026
- Public Comment and Announcements on items not on the agenda
- New Business (6:05pm: 15min)
 - 1. 2026 Land Stewardship Award Nomination Approval for BCC Recommendation
- Subcommittee Reports/Communications/Questions
 - 1. Staff Communications (6:20pm: 10min)
 - i. Open Space Bond Project Updates
 - 2. Subcommittee Communications (6:30pm: 30min)
 - i. Communications
 - Good Neighbor Handbook Update
 - Open Space Bond Committee
 - Discuss next steps to update OLC Bond Project Review document
 - ii. Board Chair/Vice-Chair Communications
 - 3. General Communications and Questions (7:00pm: 20 min)
 - i. Round Robin updates
- Future Agenda items (7:20pm: 5 min)
- Adjourn

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Missoula County Open Lands Citizens Advisory Committee is to advise the Board of County Commissioners and represent the citizens of Missoula County in the protection and preservation of open space and rural lifestyles for present and future generations.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Establish policy and adopt rules for its operations consistent with any and all plans and policies adopted by Missoula County and approved by the Commissioners.
2. Keep records and have responsibility for the custody of all records and documents of the OLC.
3. Advise and assist the Commissioners in:
 - Review and implementation of plans, policies, programs, and regulatory and non-regulatory tools that support or impact open space and rural lifestyles;
 - Implementation of the Open Space Bond Program by reviewing applications and recommending funding to conserve open space in accordance with the Program's Interlocal Agreement;
 - Outreach and two-way communication with rural communities relative to open space and rural lifestyles.
4. Collaborate with Lands, Culture and Recreation staff and other city and county advisory committees.

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OLC Administrative Subcommittee Agenda

Date: May 20, 2026 10:00a via Microsoft TEAMS

Attendees: Sarah Holden, Sharon Sweeney, Bonnie Buckingham & Jenny Zaso

A. Land Acknowledgment

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B. Follow-up from May OLC/OSAC Joint meeting

- General debrief of the joint meeting discussed. Some suggestions for next time are: To have the first half hour or so (doesn't need to be part of agenda) be the social and mingling time vs. the end when there is potential to run out of time. Have OLC and OSAC members sit intermingled with each other for the meeting. Two hours seems like a more sufficient time for a future meeting and there is a desire to plan a joint meeting annually.
- Jenny mentioned that the audio was missing from the joint and regular OLC meetings, but is being put together as best possible through collaboration with the City. Jenny may send minutes to OLC admin for a first review before including in packet for the full OLC Board.

C. Follow-up from May OLC meeting

- Lovell-Bonner Level II OSB Presentation – Discussion focused on the fact that it was a good presentation and great questions were asked.
- Lovell-Bonner Site visit – June 4 or 5 – Jenny confirmed that the site visit will be Friday, June 5th from 3-4p. Logistics on where to meet will be sent to all attendees beforehand.
- Lovell-Bonner Project Evaluation Criteria process – OLC Admin confirmed the next part of the process would be to send the Evaluation Criteria form out to OLC prior to the site visit and request all OLC members, whether they attend the site visit or not, return their evaluation forms to Jenny by a deadline prior to the June meeting. Jenny will then summarize OLC evaluation criteria feedback to kick-off the project discussion at the June meeting where it will be voted on to recommend to the Commissioners.
 - Sharon mentioned that after getting one project done using the eval form, that we could check-in with OLC to see if that form was helpful or needs to be updated in any way for any reason. If OLC felt the form needed to be updated, the Bond Committee could take the feedback and propose a new format for approval.
 - Jenny also mentioned that the Level 1 OLC process document that was updated recently by the Bond Committee needs to go to the full OLC Board for approval.
- OLC OSB Training Needs
 - Training on process is going well so far as OLC moves through the OSB process for the first time in over a year. OLC Admin did suggest that a presentation more focused on bond history, purpose and the creation of OLC may also help new Board members understand the bigger picture of bond funding in Missoula County and their role in this important process.

D. Upcoming Agenda Items for June

- a. Jenny will start the June meeting with a OSB History, Purpose and Background presentation that includes OLC creation and history.
- The next agenda item will be the Lovell-Bonner OSB Project Vote to Recommend
 - Next, Derek from FVLT will give a Locke-Ninemile Level II Application presentation followed by OLC discussion and questions.

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- Jenny will give an update on Land Stewardship Award nomination process
- GNH Committee/Jenny will give an update on Good Neighbor Handbook

E. Other Future Agenda Items

- a. July Meeting: Locke-Ninemile Project OSB Funding - Vote on BCC Recommendation
 - b. July: Land Stewardship Awardee – Vote on BCC Recommendation
- Ranching/conservation producer speaker: Food Policy Advisory Board would also be invited to listen to this speaker. (TBD timing)
 - Small Ag Land Conservation program update

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