

**GLACIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING – NRMC MILL LEVY INCREASE
TOWN OF CUT BANK, VOTING CENTER
Monday, November 9, 2009**

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners held a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2009 at the Town of Cut Bank, Voting Center. Commissioners Michael DesRosier and Ron Rides At The Door were present. Chairman Michael DesRosier called the meeting to order. Clerk and Recorder, Glenda Hall recorded the proceedings.

Present for the public hearing were: Larry Epstein, GC Attorney; Rick Billman, Gerald Ebel, Thane Bedwell, Irene Martin, and Becky Kimmet, all members of NRMC Board of Trustees; LeAnne Kavanaugh, Press; Nikki Lako, minutes

5:30 p.m. Public Hearing – NRMC Mill Levy Increase

Commissioner Michael DesRosier gave a general overview of the reason for the public hearing. NRMC is requesting approximately 14.6 mills to equal \$300,000. The decision will be based on public input. The mill levy increase will be added to the agenda for Thursday November 12, 2009. The NRMC would like to see it on the June Primary ballot. Once it is on a ballot, to pass it has to be a majority vote.

The NRMC board would like to use the mill levy increase for basic operation, maintenance and expenses.

Rick Billman, a citizen of Cut Bank, a member of NRMC Board, and a tax payer voiced that he believes that this mill levy increase is a great idea and a good investment. Irene Martin stressed to those present these funds would help with maintaining equipment. Becky Kimmet mentioned that surrounding communities receive county support derived from tax payers, oil and gas revenue, etc. Martin stated she thinks this would be an ideal time to do this. Thane Bedwell, CEO Northern Rockies Medical Center thinks that other counties receive lots of tax dollars. Ebel spoke of a 2000 Quorum study regarding the equipment and how accurate the study was. NRMC is going to need major remodeling and refurbishing.

LeAnne Kavanaugh from the press asked how does the board plan to sell this to the voters of Glacier County. The NRMC board members plan to assemble a committee and this committee will try to get communities involved. Martin suggested a “Grass Roots Campaign”.

Larry Epstein, GC Attorney asked if any of the NRMC Board members will be going to the Browning and East Glacier Public Hearings. Ebel replied, yes, that he would be attending both.

There being no further business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. with a motion by Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door and a second by Commissioner Michael DesRosier, motion carried.

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Michael J. DesRosier, Chairman

ATTEST:

Glenda M. Hall, Clerk and Recorder