

RECDA Minutes 07/22/2010

Present: Alan Moore, Teri Moore, Lew Diehl, Garry Burnette, Linda Burnette, Scott Ratliff, Roger Bower, Richard Emond, Jim Davis, Phil Christopherson, Larry Bauman, Eli Bebout, Dave Miller, Eddie Amend, Sandy Dean and Guests: John Snell, Jason Wilson, Shawn Tessman.

Alan called our meeting to order and introduced our guests with the Riverton Shooting Club: John Snell, Secretary; Jason Wilson, President; & Shawn Tessman, Treasurer.

John began the presentation with some history & goals of the RSC. He said that they have been looking for a good location since 2004. He said that Riverton does not have a shooting range & the police shooting range was not in a good location because of the range being too close to homes that have been built in that area. The RSC wants to include the police shooting range into their new venture. There are 160 acres that are located beneath the old historic dump site off of East Monroe & Smith Road location. Jason passed around a detailed map showing the plans for the site. The City has the surface rights but not the mineral rights. RSC has made an agreement with the City & is currently leasing the property for a dollar a year for 99 years.

Jason and Shawn provided more information concerning the development. The DEQ has monitoring wells on Lot 12, at the end of the North side of East Monroe. The DEQ would like more monitoring wells. The water table is about 6 feet. The building of the shooting range would include mounting dirt, making a pad on the property; & the DEQ is in favor of this. The funding for the project includes: an in-kind grant for \$24,000; \$20,000 at the state level from NRA; & \$25,000 from the federal level from the NRA. The RSC had to secure the land before they could get any funding. The money has to be spent within a year or it will not be available. There are no codes for shooting ranges, but there are practices. It will be built to the NRA standards. There would be 400 yard targets every 50 yards w/a parking lot (this could be done this fall); 800 yard targets; law enforcement range; the Riverton Trap Club (wants to be included in this site); there are youth plans for the 4-H, scouts; educational gun handling & hunting safety courses; shooting matches that could bring 200 people here for a weekend; shot gun matches that could bring 350 people here for a weekend; & other youth & general public activities that accompany shooting ranges.

There is an aggregate company that wants to get the gravel under the mineral rights. However; gravel is not included in mineral rights (court decision). This aggregate company is still trying to get the mineral rights & working with an attorney. The mineral rights belong to the heirs of the tribes. The rights date back to 1940. In order to buy the mineral rights, the heirs would need to be found; & the company would need to purchase at least 51% of the leases. Meanwhile, the RSC has their lease from the City, but no work has begun to establish the shooting range as the City is concerned about being sued by the aggregate

company for failure to mitigate risks. The City would like the RSC to sign an agreement stating that RSC is responsible for any lawsuits. RSC's legal representative advised that they should not sign the agreement. He also advised that the RSC should begin using the land for their development.

Jason said that they wanted us to know their story & the issues. Garry asked what we could do to help. Gary asked if we could write a letter of support for them. Jason said that it couldn't hurt.

A motion was made & seconded that RECDA write a letter of support for the Riverton Shooting Club. Alan asked Garry to assist the secretary in the writing of the letter.

Meeting adjourned.