



## Lockwood Steering Committee

Lockwood School Administration Building

January 23, 2014

**Attendance:** State Senator Taylor Brown, State Representative Jonathon McNiven, Stephanie Freeze, Earl Blakley, Jim Schmid, Lucy Schmid and Bob Riehl

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by acting chairman Bob Riehl.

### **Introductions**

**Do it for Dustin Campaign** – Stefani Freese reported on the campaign and the Streets and paths committee. They kicked off the do it for Dustin campaign on January 18<sup>th</sup> behind the First Interstate Bank of Lockwood. The first rally had an attendance of about one hundred. The goal is to reach every residence with a flyer and answer any questions. About half of the homes have been reached. It is planned to meet at the First Interstate Bank back-lot Saturday, Jan 25<sup>th</sup> and complete door to door campaign.

The ballots go in the mail on February 7 and are due back to the elections office on February 25<sup>th</sup>. A second appreciation rally is planned for February 1<sup>st</sup> in the Lockwood First Interstate Bank back-lot at 11 AM.

It was pointed out that the funds that this levy would raise go strictly to Lockwood improvements. The district would be administered by the county commissioners. The county charges no administrative fees for managing the special districts. The commissioners would be advised by a board or committee. These will be unpaid positions. It will be required that you be a Lockwood resident to serve. Thus all monies will go to benefit Lockwood.

A special Thanks to Western Security for their contribution of \$2100 for the campaign.

## **District Reports**

*Fire District* - None

*Water and Sewer* - None

*Lockwood School* - None

*Irrigation District*– Bob Riehl reported that the District is currently addressing some issues with FEMA on a grant received for the work on the intake. The issue is whether the work was a repair or an improvement.

The district continues to work with a consulting firm on the rate design for water service fees.

## **MEDA – Committees**

*Business* – Bob Riehl reported on activities of the committee. They continue to meet at the Hitt's the Spot café. Next meeting will be February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 AM. Lisa Harmon from the Down-Town Billings Association will talk with the committee about the structure and options used by the businesses for their organization.

*Media and Image* – Jonathan McNiven reported on the activities of the committee. There is a Lockwood Clean-up Day planned for Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>. The committee is also working with the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Classes to make “Welcome to Lockwood” signs to participate in a community pride activity. There will be one sign placed close to each highway entrance to Lockwood. Our hope is to have the first signs completed by this year's graduating class.

*Streets and Paths* – See Stefani's report above.

*Governance* - Earl Blakley reported that the committee has been meeting at the Harvest Church on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. Currently, they supporting the other activities and have nothing to report.

*Schools and Education* – No report.

**Next meeting** - February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

**Adjourned** at 7:45 PM

Notes Submitted by Earl Blakley and Bob Riehl