

**FERRY COUNTY RECREATIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE
BY-LAWS**

EXHIBIT A

1. CREATION, LEGAL BASIS, PURPOSE

The Ferry County Recreational Trails Committee, hereafter referred to as RTC, has been established by the Ferry County Board of Commissioners by resolution. The scope and charge of the Recreational Trails Committee shall be to:

- A.** Assist Ferry County in the development of a management plan regarding the use and maintenance of the rail corridor.
- B.** Review and comment on proposed recreational management rules, policies or ordinances prior to their adoption and advise the Board of Ferry County Commissioners.

2. COMPOSITION

- A. Members:** The Ferry County Recreational Trails Committee shall be composed of nine (9) volunteer members who are permanent Ferry County residents. The RTC members shall represent a balance of interests among the following groups: three adjacent land owners, one non-motorized, one motorized, one small business owner, one Curlew School Community Association (CSCA) member, one Back Country Horseman member and one Kettle River Advisory Board member. Members shall provide on-going public input, coordination and information exchange between the groups.
- B. Ex-Officio Members:** The Ferry County Commissioners may appoint non-voting ex-officio members to the RTC who will serve at their discretion.
- C. Appointment:** Members shall be appointed by the Ferry County Commissioners. Additional members shall be recommended by the RTC and appointed by the Ferry County Commissioners.
- D. Terms:** Members shall serve a term of two (2) years, which shall expire on December 31st, 2010. Appointments and re-appointment shall be subject to confirmation and approval by the Ferry County Board of Commissioners.

- E. Chair:** A majority of the Board shall elect one of its members as Chair and shall serve a term of one year. The election shall take place at a regular meeting during the last quarter of the year to begin at the first meeting in January of the next year. The Chair shall represent, or select from the RTC a designate to represent the RTC at the County Commissioners meeting and other functions as required.
- F. Vice-Chair:** A majority of the Board shall elect one of its members as Vice-Chair. The term of the Vice-Chair shall be for one (1) year. The election year and term of the Vice-Chair shall begin at the first meeting in January of each year. The Vice-Chair shall carry out duties of Chair in his/her absence.
- G. Vacancies:** Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the term of the vacant position in the manner described in the initial appointment. Chair and Vice-Chair vacancies shall be filled by the election process. Terms will continue to be renewed every January.
- H. Attendance:** A member of the RTC who misses three (3) consecutive meetings in one calendar year may be removed from the Board by recommendation of the RTC, approved by the Ferry County Board of Commissioners.
- I. Participation:** If Board members feel there is a Committee Member that is not participating in good faith they can be removed from the Committee. This can be achieved with a recommendation to the Board of Ferry County Commissioners by 2/3 majority of the Committee Members and approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

3. MEETINGS

- A. Regular Meetings:** Meetings of the RTC shall be monthly or called when necessary by the Chair, but not less than quarterly. The meetings day's and time is to be determined by the Committee. Such regular meetings shall be held on the set days of each month, or any other day hereafter designated and approved by a majority vote of members present. At least six days prior notice shall be given by phone, e-mail or mail to members.
- B. Special Meetings:** Special meetings can be called by agreement of a minimum of three (3) members who submit their request to the Chair, who then must arrange to notify all members in person or by telephone/e-mail not less than 48 hours prior to the meeting of the time and place of the special meeting.

- C. Rules:** The parliamentary rules known as “Roberts Rules of Order” shall apply to and govern the procedures of all meetings of the Board.
- D. Official Action:** The RTC shall adopt no recommendation, except in a regular or special meeting.
- E. Quorum:** A regular meeting shall be called to order only when five (5) or more members are in attendance. Should a quorum not be in attendance within a period of twenty minutes after the announced time for the meeting, a meeting can be held but no action shall be taken.

If a meeting is opened with a quorum, action can be taken if a quorum is lacking as a result of members excusing themselves under the “Appearance of Fairness Doctrine”. This allows action to be taken and prevents a minority group’s control by excusing themselves so that a vote cannot be taken.

- F. Minutes / Agendas:** Minutes of all meetings shall be kept by an appointed Committee member (Secretary). Agendas shall be prepared jointly by the Secretary and Chair prior to the regularly scheduled meeting and distributed to the members at the meeting. Meeting minutes shall be approved by a majority vote of the members present.
- G. Public Access:** All meetings shall be open to the public. Provision shall be made for public comment at the beginning of each meeting, or by the request of the Chair.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

The RTC shall make formal, written recommendations to the Ferry County Commissioners, Ferry County Public Works Department and the Ferry County Planning Department as necessary.

5. AMENDMENTS

To the extent that such an amendment would not conflict with any ordinance, any of these By-Laws may be amended or repealed, and new By-Laws may be adopted, by two thirds vote of the entire RTC pending approval of the Board of Ferry County Commissioners.

6. Duration

The Duration of the RTC shall be for a two year period (2010) and at that time will be reevaluated by the Board of Ferry County Commissioners and the decision will be made if a longer period is necessary.

7. Savings Clause

Should any portion of these By-Laws be declared unconstitutional or otherwise contrary to the law, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of these By-Laws.

Approved by Resolution No. 2009-26

Dated this 27th day of April, 2009.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BRAD L. MILLER, Chairman

RONALD "JOE" BOND, Vice Chair

ROBERT L. "BOB" HEATH, Member

ATTEST:

Debbie Bechtol, Clerk of the Board

