

BLAINE COUNTY RESOLUTION Number 2008-71
CLARIFYING THE GOALS AND PURPOSES OF PROPOSITION 1
THE LAND, WATER AND WILDLIFE LEVY

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO CLARIFY FOR THE VOTERS OF BLAINE COUNTY THE PURPOSES AND GOALS OF A TWO YEAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY TITLED PROPOSITION 1, THE LAND, WATER AND WILDLIFE LEVY, THAT IS ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008 BALLOT .

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Blaine County Comprehensive Plan, adopted by Resolution No. 94-29 on November 7, 1994, Blaine County desires to protect and enhance existing natural resources, conserve fish and wildlife habitat, protect water quality, and preserve working farms and ranches in the County, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the "Blaine County 2025" planning process, the citizens of Blaine County indicated they wish to protect the rural character of the County and to guide new growth and development toward existing communities, and

WHEREAS, Blaine County enacted a Voluntary Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program in 2006 (Blaine County Code, Title 10, Chapter 10) with the goals of protecting the agricultural, natural, and scenic qualities of open lands in the County, and whereas to date this program has not been adequately funded/implemented, and

WHEREAS, two public opinion polls were conducted throughout the County in 2008, the results of which indicate widespread support for a two year levy for the purpose of protecting water quality and lands in the Big Wood and Little Wood River valleys, protecting wildlife habitat in the County, and protecting working farms and ranches in the County, and

WHEREAS, a board of county commissioners is authorized pursuant to Section 63-802, Idaho Code, to call a levy election to generate public funds for financing land and water conservation, and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2008 the Blaine County Board of Commissioners called for a two year property tax levy to be placed on the ballot for the next general election to be held on November 4, 2008, for the purpose of protecting land and water in the Big Wood and Little Wood River valleys, protecting wildlife habitat throughout the County, and protecting working farms and ranches in the County,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners sets forth these guidelines for determining how to allocate the proceeds of the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy, known as Proposition One:

Instrument # 562395

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1. If approved by the voters of Blaine County, this levy shall generate revenue which shall be deposited into a Special Fund of the County designated the Land, Water and Wildlife Fund (the "Fund"). Grants and donations also may be received into the Fund.
2. The Board of County Commissioners shall appoint a Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board ("LAB") to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the highest and best use of the funds to achieve optimal conservation value and public benefits as well as a standardized and transparent process for the consideration of eligible expenditures.
3. Land, Water and Wildlife Fund objectives include, but are not limited to:
 - Preserving natural areas and important open space; preserving water quality; protecting rivers and streams and their riparian corridors, flood plains and wetlands; protecting wildlife habitat and movement corridors including highway crossings; preserving agricultural lands; preserving or enhancing trail corridors; or providing public access to water bodies in the Big Wood and Little Wood River watersheds;
 - Supporting joint projects between counties and municipalities, or other governmental entities in the County;
 - Conserving, restoring, maintaining and otherwise providing for proper stewardship of lands and waters as provided herein.

Areas of greatest interest include the Big Wood River corridor and its major tributaries; the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program sending area; the Little Wood River watershed from the Little Wood Reservoir dam north to the boundary with U.S. Forest Service lands.

4. Fund objectives may be accomplished by measures including:
 - Acquiring fee title interest in real property for the purposes provided herein;
 - Acquiring less than fee interests in real property for the purposes provided herein, such as easements (including conservation and agricultural), future interests, covenants, development rights, subsurface rights and contractual rights, either on an exclusive or nonexclusive basis; and
 - Acquiring water rights for use in connection with the purposes provided herein.
5. The Land, Water and Wildlife Fund also may be used to advance the Blaine County Voluntary Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program, as defined in Blaine County Code, Title 10, Chapter 10, the purpose of which is:

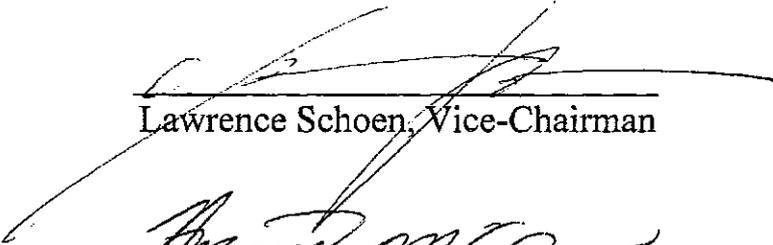
'To protect the agricultural, natural and scenic qualities of open lands, to enhance sites and areas of special character or special historical, cultural, aesthetic or economic interest or value and to enable and encourage flexibility of design and careful management of land in recognition of land as a basic and valuable natural resource. The preservation and maintenance of these resources will be ensured by encouraging countywide land use planning through the transfer of development rights from parcels suitable for preservation to properties meeting the criteria for development as receiving parcels.'

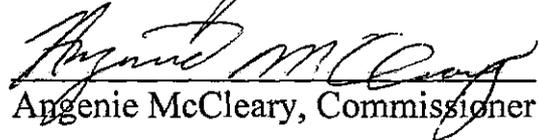
Passed this 21st day of October, 2008 by:

Blaine County Board of Commissioners

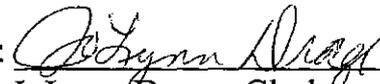


Tom Bowman, Chairman


Lawrence Schoen, Vice-Chairman


Angenie McCleary, Commissioner

Attested by:


JoLynn Drage, Clerk

