

# Lincoln County Port Authority Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2026 @ 3:30 PM

Lincoln County Courthouse

512 California Ave., Libby, MT

The Lincoln County Port Authority Board met on August 17, 2026, at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, MT.

1. Roll Call: Board members present were Rob Delmas, Jerry Bennett, Tony Petrusha, Kevin Peck, and Brent Teske, with Director Jennifer Brown. Chris Bache was excused. Members of the public were Matt Williams, Noel Duram, and Stu Crismore.
2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: There were no public comments made.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items: There were no public comments made.
4. Approval of Minutes – July 27, 2026: Discussion was held regarding whether the \$53,000 must be allocated to repair the trail or if the funds could be used for an alternate project.  
Brent made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment that the language state “**must be used**” rather than “**may be used.**” Rob seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.
5. Approval of Financials – July: The July balance sheet was presented. Tony made a motion to approve, seconded by Kevin. All were in favor, and the motion carried. The July profit and loss statement will be presented at the next meeting.
6. Old Business:
  - a) **Tahoe Bids:** Brent made a motion to set the reserve bid at \$45,000, seconded by Tony. The reserve amount was based on the value of the vehicle, which ranged from \$43,500 to \$49,800. All were in favor, and the motion carried. Two bids were received and opened, one for \$15,000 and one for \$21,155. Both bids were below the reserve amount. The Tahoe will be placed up for bid again.
  - b) **Approval of Brownfields Application on Behalf of FHW:** Discussion was held regarding what would be addressed through the Brownfields application. It was noted that asbestos is not going to be addressed through this application. Jerry stated that, in the past, an MOU with the federal government was put in place to allow the sale process to move forward. Jennifer will look into whether an MOU is an option for this application.

The statement in the application referring to a "public hearing" will be changed to "public meeting."

Tony made a motion to approve the application as corrected, seconded by Rob. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

- c) **Approval of Recreation Property Boundaries for Conveyance:** A map showing the proposed boundaries of the parcel to be conveyed to the County was reviewed. Jerry stated that the museum was allowed an easement and the County road should be extended to the property line, with a 40-foot easement reserved for the railroad.

It was clarified that the trail remains within the proposed parcel boundary while the canal remains with the Port property. A legal description and proposal will be needed to present to the County Commissioners.

Tony noted that the turbine on the flow meter is jammed.

A motion to approve the proposed boundary was made by Kevin and seconded by Rob. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. New Business:

- a) **Port Access from Spruce Street:** Kevin reported that he had a brief conversation with Bryce Petersen of Nomad. Bryce was not aware that Nomad does not currently have an easement to access Spruce and indicated that he would like to work toward resolving the issue. Kevin will set up a meeting with Bryce to discuss the access and easement situation.

Jerry stated that if Spruce Street is not going to be paved, barriers should be placed to prevent traffic from using the road and protect the roadway. Kevin would like to have a conversation with Bryce before any barriers are placed.

- b) **Landfill Discussion:** The landfill was closed out by DEQ, and that was not the intention of the Board. Tony motions to reactivate the landfill permit, seconded by Brent. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

- 8. **Director Updates:** Jennifer asked if someone could move the loci around on the tracks so it is not sitting in one position. Jerry said it will be important to do this, especially heading into the fall, and to make sure the batteries are hooked up.

The Order Denying the Motion to Amend the water rights was discussed. Jennifer was directed to file an appeal without the expense of an attorney.

- 9. **Unscheduled Matters:** Brent updated the group that the fish pond will not be stocked until the water issues are fixed.

Tony thanked Jerry for his work during the last 9 years.

Adjourn 4:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 21, 2026

LINCOLN COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY BOARD

  
Jerry Bennett, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Jennifer Brown