



Sanders County Land Services Department

Subdivision Administration

RE: Relevant Verbal Public Comment Summary for Amendment to Conditional Preliminary Approval for McMillan Post RV Park Public Hearing December 3, 2024

Nancy Pickering – Concerned with whether the \$500 per site will be allowed with other developments. Wants to know if the state fire marshal has provided comments related to this development. Concerned if the NFPA has been contacted. Concerned with commercial liability with the insurance company. Wants to know if things were considered such as explosives within RV's, additional fire mitigation, fire department training specific to RV fires, OSHA approvals of the fire prevention plan, patrons of the RV being aware of the fire prevention plan, campsite spacing, has DPHHS been notified for licensing, and response time of the fire department.

Lee Ann Overman – Suggests that other residents in the area should provide a water source for the fire district. Believes that others have no right to tell someone what they can do on their property.

Ben Miller – Wants to know why the change is being asked for. Believes that the requirement for the water source should stand.

Shana Miller – Believes that a landowner should be able to do what they want on their property. Concerned that the \$500 per RV site being requested by the fire district sounds like a bribe. Does not see how the \$500 per RV site would mitigate the water source not being provided. Supports upholding the water source being required to be installed.

Greg Hinkle – Discusses that 750,000 gallons of water was used for a house fire in Plains recently. States that whether the water source is there or if the \$500 per RV site is provided the impact would not matter and the point is moot. If they are meeting the mitigation provisions that are requested or required, this should be approved.

Kristen Wing – States that the cost of providing the system should be considered. Suggest that the community come together to provide the firefighting water source.

From: [Brian Meaden](#)
To: [Chris McComas](#)
Subject: Concerns with McMillan Post RV Park Amendment
Date: Thursday, November 14, 2024 10:31:47 AM

Dear Chris and the Sanders County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed amendment to the preliminary plat approval for the McMillan Post RV Park, which would replace an on-site firefighting water source with a \$500-per-site payment to the Plains-Paradise Rural Fire District. This amendment is a serious misstep in ensuring adequate fire protection for our community, especially given the recent, devastating fire in our area with the River Road East Fire.

Last year's fire season showed just how rapidly fires can spread, threatening lives and taking property across our region. In this high-risk fire environment, an on-site firefighting water source is not a luxury; it's a necessity. By removing this requirement, the county would be compromising the safety of both RV park residents and neighboring property owners, relying on stretched rural fire district resources and longer response times. The proposed monetary contribution does not and cannot replace the immediate, life-saving value of a dedicated, on-site water source. The suggested amount of \$500 per site cannot be even close to the amount that would be needed in case of a fire.

Furthermore, if a fire were to break out at this RV park and spread to neighboring properties, causing significant property damage, it could expose the county to potential liability for allowing this critical safety measure to be removed. Approving this amendment would show a disregard for the proven fire hazards in our area and could leave the county accountable in the event of a disaster.

I urge you to prioritize the safety and well-being of all residents by rejecting this amendment and upholding the original condition for an on-site firefighting water source. The stakes are too high to compromise on this essential safety requirement.

Thank you for considering the serious implications of this decision.

Warmly,

Brian Meaden

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