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CPW records indicate candidate violations

Bill Dvorak, Greg Felt, CPW talk about river violations

by Brian McCabe
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The Mountain Mail filed two Colorado Open Records Act requests to Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area for any violations by Chaffee County commissioner candidates Bill Dvorak and Greg Felt and their respective businesses.

Dvorak's violations were:

- Five counts of failure to maintain adequate guide records, such as CPR and first aid cards, and missing trip mileage (2000, 2002, 2005, 2012 and 2014).

- One count of operating commercial trips without a proper spare flotation device (2014).

- Three counts of operating commercial trips without proper first aid kit (2005, 2005, 2015).

- Two counts of failure to identify river outfitter's company on a vessel used for commercial trip (2005, 2005).

- One count of using state wildlife land without a permit (2008).

- One count third-degree criminal trespass citation (1997).

- One count commercial use of state wildlife area without concession contract (1998).

- Seven counts of individual rationing violations (2006, 2007, 2007, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015) with fines totaling \$2,575.

- Three counts of probation of special use permit (2007, 2009, 2011).

The CORA response also stated there was an "additional ROL (River Outfitters

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Photo by Joe Stone

BAM rocks out at The Lariat

From front right, Salidans Brooke Beasley, Alan Mueller and Mitchell Tanner of Collegiate Rok Skool perform as BAM Saturday at The Lariat in Buena Vista. Opening for Salida Din, BAM, whose name comes from the trio's first initials, played classic rock standards like "Old Man" by Neil Young and "Amy" by Pure Prairie League as well as "Roll the Dice," an original composition that left the audience cheering for more.

Planning Commission tables gravel pit

by Brian McCabe
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The Chaffee County Planning Commission voted unanimously Tuesday to table until Nov. 29 the major impact review for a proposed construction aggregates surface mining pit at 14110 CR 140, after it was discovered that not all of the adjacent neighbors had been notified of the meeting within 15 days.

Several neighbors were missed during the initial mailing and did not receive their registered letter informing them of the meeting.

Patti Baldwin, county administrative assistant, said the county will double check before sending out notices for the Nov. 29 meeting.

About 25 people were on hand to speak Tuesday during the public hearing. While some neighbors spoke in favor of the

project, most were against, citing objections to increases in traffic, dust and noise in the area.

The applicants for the project are ACA Products and Frank Holman.

An objection also was raised that the Planning Commission had a conflict of interest in hearing the major impact review because Holman is on the Chaffee County Board of Commissioners, which had appointed the planning commissioners to their positions.

Planning Commission Chairman Mike Allen dismissed that argument, pointing out there are two other county commissioners, and Holman had only one vote of the three in making appointments.

"If Frank Holman had been the sole appointer, I would agree with you," Allen said. "There were, however, two others at each appointment. He

would not rule in his favor with one vote. Also, we are only a recommending body, and it is up to the commissioners to decide to move forward or not."

An objection was also raised about board member Karen Adams, saying she had done business with both Holman and ACA. Adams said while she had done business with them, she had no financial interest in either of their businesses, nor they hers.

Board members Rob Treat and Rick Shovald noted that if someone on the commission had to recuse themselves because they had done business with someone else in the county, the Planning Commission wouldn't be able to meet.

When ACA originally presented its application during the Aug. 30 meeting, planning commissioners asked for a traffic study of the area. ACA officials reported Tues-

day that they estimated 550 trucks per year on average would be using the road, mostly between the months of May and September.

Both the commissioners and the locals on hand to speak out against the project said they were concerned that these were only averages, and they wanted to know how the peak traffic would affect that roadway.

Planning commissioners requested that ACA come back with a traffic study that meets Colorado Department of Transportation standards, specifically addressing some of the 90-degree turns on CR 140 and how many trucks will be in use during peak periods.

The commission also requested that ACA work with Chaffee County Road and Bridge Superintendent Mark Stacy to review the trucks' impact on the roads.