

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO RECEIVE PUBLIC FEEDBACK PERTAINING TO THE STATUTORILY REQUIRED FINDING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST OR CONVENIENCE REQUIRES THE CREATION OF THE LAST BEST PLACE CITIZEN INITIATED ZONING DISTRICT, AND TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON.

WHEREAS, on December 30, 2025, a petition was filed with the Prairie County Clerk and Recorder by the affected real property owners of property within the area described in the petition and attached maps to create a planning and zoning district pursuant to Title 76, Chapter 2, Part 1 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA);

WHEREAS, the Prairie County Clerk and Recorder certified on January 22, 2026, that pursuant to MCA Section 76-2-101(1), 100% of the affected real property owners within the proposed district had signed petitions requesting the creation of Citizen Initiated Zoning District (the “District”) that consists of more than 40 acres, more particularly depicted in the attached map showing the approximate boundaries of the proposed District;

WHEREAS, the Prairie County Commission intends to hold a public hearing to receive public feedback regarding the Commission’s consideration of the creation of the Citizen Initiated Zoning District, and to receive written comment up until the date and time of said public hearing, noting that Montana state law requires the County Commissioners to consider whether the “public interest or convenience” supports the creation of said zoning district;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prairie County Commission as follows:

1. That the Prairie County Commissioners intend to receive public comment as to whether the public interest or convenience require the zoning sought by Petitioners, and based on such comment, to then consider the creation and establishment of the Last Best Place Citizen

Initiated Zoning District (the "District"), based on the petition so received and certified.

2. That Public Comment to assist the Commissioners in determining whether the public interest or convenience require the zoning sought by Petitioners, related to the creation of the Last Best Place District, may be submitted in writing to the Prairie County Clerk & Recorder's Office through the date and time of the Public Hearing called for herein.

3. That a Public Hearing shall be held to assist the Commissioners in determining whether the public interest or convenience require the zoning sought by Petitioners, related to the creation of the above described District, on the 2nd day of March, 2026, at 7.00 P.m. in the Evelyn Cameron Heritage Inc. The Clerk & Recorder shall cause notice of such hearing to be published in the Terry Tribune, in accordance with §7-1-2121 MCA, at least 2 times with at least 6 days separating each publication.

DATED AND PASSED this 28 day of January, 2026.

PRAIRIE COUNTY COMMISSION

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Attest: Shari Robertson
Shari Robertson, Clerk and Recorder