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## **For Immediate Release**

### **LaPlata Liberty Coalition Appoints First Board**

La Plata County, Colorado - The LaPlata Liberty Coalition (LLC) elects its first board members at their meeting last night. The new board members are Jon Fossel, Lorene Bonds, Mae Morley and Naomi Dobbs.

Lorene Bonds, Co-Chair (Bondad)- a 4th generation La Plata rancher. A life-long resident, she has been a volunteer with the 4-H, and extensively involved in the agriculture community in numerous capacities. "I would like to thank the hard working people of La Plata County for giving me the opportunity to represent them through this grassroots organization. We will work to protect our citizens' constitutional rights for present and future generations."

Jon Fossel, Co-Chair (Bayfield)- has extensive business, not-for-profit and political experience. Fossel stated, "The silent majority has found its voice. I look forward to helping lead the effort to actively involve our citizens in issues that are important to our lives and the future of La Plata County."

Mae Morley, Vice Chair (Breen)- a 5th generation La Plata Rancher.

Naomi Dobbs, President, and Board Member (Durango)- has been engaged in many volunteer efforts in the community and has been a successful fundraiser for a number of charitable organizations. Her special interest is in perseveration of historic buildings.

The LLC is presently focused on working with the County Officials to improve the proposed Land Use Code (LUC) to better reflect the needs of La Plata County residents. We are specifically working to update the 12 District Land Use Plans. The LLC urges the commissioners to take no action on the proposed Land Use Code until all the District Plans have been completed.

At last night's meeting the (LLC) approved the following policy: *No donations shall be accepted from or made to any outside organization without the approval of the Board. Any such donations shall be disclosed in 30 days.*

The LaPlata Liberty Coalition (LLC) is a large and rapidly growing group of concerned citizens whose purpose is to stimulate citizens' participation on issues that affect them and the future of La Plata County.