

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

January 20, 2015 TUESDAY 7:00 PM

**CARBON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
102 NORTH BROADWAY AVENUE
RED LODGE, MT**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Julie Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Those present:

Julie Jones
Diann Fischer Larson
David Alsager
Gene Koch
Annette Anderson
Mike Creeden

Those absent:

John Francis
Mike Schara
Pete Critelli

Staff attending:

Brent Moore

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 16, 2014, were corrected as follows: Gene Koch corrected the spelling of Ron Kapor, Annette Anderson corrected the spelling of John Hayden. Ms. Anderson spoke after Deb Muth during the Public Hearing last month, and she asked for the inclusion of her comment regarding the percentage of the County's economy attributed to recreation and tourism at 17%, as stated in the Growth Policy. Ms. Anderson commented that her written comments addressing the suggested edits from the Carbon County Resource Council (CCRC) were not posted to the County website was stated in the minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected, Gene Koch seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Public Hearing resumed. Brent Moore reported that no additional written comments regarding the Growth Policy Update have been received. Brent encouraged additional public comments at this meeting. Julie Holzer (CCRC) spoke stating the CCRC was satisfied with the Planning Board's consideration of their proposed edits to the Growth Policy Update. Ms. Holzer re-addressed item 3.4.C in that she would like language to be proactive on the potential of large developments impacting public services and the economy. Ms. Holzer was uncertain of the use of the word "augmented" in 3.4.C. and wanted the Planning Board to revisit.

Chairperson Julie Jones called for additional public comments. There being none the Public Hearing closed at 7:10pm.

III. A. BOARD DISCUSSION

Brent Moore reviewed the revisions of the "Goals" section of the Growth Policy Update, his Memorandum dated 1/20/15, to the Carbon County Planning Board. After discussion the Board agreed to deleting the word "augmented" in Goal 3.4.C and inserting "supported or impacted" in its place. Annette Anderson suggested removing the word "current" from Objective 3.8 and the Board concurred. Mike Creeden thought the language in Goal 5. "while preserving the existing agriculture and tourism economies." was redundant to the language in Objective 3.8. The Board concurred and agreed to strike "while preserving the existing agriculture and tourism economies." from Goal 5. Julie Jones and Annette Anderson commented on the potential cost incurred to the county in implementing Goal 5.2.D. Diann Larson commented the Growth Policy does not mandate these goals be implemented and that including this goal would be beneficial should an entity seek grant funding to collect the data. Brent Moore supported by saying the Growth Policy is a guiding document and non-regulatory and that it is used in applying for grant funding. Annette Anderson questioned if the Board knew

what "best practices" in Goal 5.1.A. were. Ms. Anderson wants a better understanding of "best practices" and is hesitant of allowing outside entities to dictate them. Mr. Moore responded that "best practices" is a common management term meaning a standard way of doing things within that industry.

A motion was made by Diann Larson to approve all of the revisions at the same time, the motion received a second from David Alsager. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Julie Jones – "aye", David Alsager – "aye", Mike Creeden – "aye", Annette Anderson – "aye", Gene Koch – "aye", Diann Larson – "aye", motion passed unanimously.

IV. REGULAR BUSINESS

Julie Jones read aloud the "RESOLUTION" a resolution by the Carbon County Planning Board recommending approval of an update to the 2009 Carbon County Growth Policy to the Carbon County Board of Commissioners in accordance with MCA 76-1-603. A motion was made by Gene Koch to approve the RESOLUTION, David Alsager made the second. A roll call vote was taken as follows: David Alsager – "aye", Mike Creeden – "aye", Annette Anderson – "aye", Gene Koch – "aye", Diann Larson – "aye", Julie Jones – "aye", motion passed unanimously.

Brent Moore distributed the current "Development and Permit" resolution and reviewed in general. An update of this process will be the next undertaking of the Planning Board.

V. PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM AUDIENCE

Ron Kapor spoke expressing his opinion that future county regulations should not be prohibitively restrictive, that they should lean toward agriculture, farming and ranching, and that property rights stay with the property owner. Audrey Walleser-Lindgren spoke requesting future

development projects contain full disclosure, statements are true and accurate, and that facts are checked.

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

none

VII. REPORTS FROM PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES

David Alsager and Brent Moore reviewed a letter from Pete Critelli requesting an excused absence from the next four to five Planning Board meetings as he is attending a class those same evenings. Mr. Critelli expressed he wanted to remain on the Board and would participate by written communication. All Board members agreed Mr. Critelli should remain on the Board.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

Brent Moore reported Bearcreek will be appointing a new Planning Board member soon. Mr. Moore will discuss with the County Commissioners the possibility of replacing Mike Schara on the Board as Mr. Schara has not been attending Board meetings.

IV. ADJOURN

Mike Creeden made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by David Alsager, motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Diann Fischer Larson
Board Secretary

Approved: _____