

LINCOLN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2011

1. 5:35 – Meeting Called to Order by Vice-Chair, Paul Tisher

Present: Mark Romey, Paul Tisher, Frank Dierman, Ted Clarke, Dave Johnson, Ted Andersen Staff: Kristin Smith

Not Present: Kelly Palmer, Heather Carvey, Joe Kelly

Other: Brett McCully (48 Degrees North); Bruce Vincent, Communities for a Greater Northwest

2. **Approval of Minutes from March 15th** – No one read them – deferred till June.
3. **Approval of Minutes from April 19th** – Mark moved to approve, Ted Anderson seconded.
4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Planning Board Items – NONE**

5. Agenda

a. Lazy AJ Acres Subdivision Review

Kristin presented the staff report and recommendations. One of the recommended conditions was to redesign the internal road length so as not to exceed the 1000-foot limit. The reason for the condition was that the applicant was discouraged from requesting a variance as there were no physical conditions that prevented the subdivision from meeting the regulations. The Board asked how it might be re-designed and Kristin demonstrated that the lot lines would only need to be adjusted slightly once the road was pulled down to meet the length limit, which was not very far.

The Board asked if the Glen Lake Irrigation District had provided comments since one of their ditches borders the property. Kristin reported that they did receive comments requesting a 20-foot easement and there is a condition of approval that reflects that.

Another question was raised about the drainfield mixing zones and the new law and whether an additional condition needed to be added. Kristin stated the Board could certainly do that if it wished, but that the DEQ would be reviewing for that requirement.

Brett McCully addressed the Board's concerns.

Ted Anderson moved to recommend preliminary approval; Ted Clarke seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

6. Update from CGNW on Natural Resource Plan

Bruce Vincent from the Communities for a Greater Northwest provided the Board with a status report on the efforts to prepare a natural resource plan. He stated they were working on a searchable database of the historical accounts gathered at their community meetings to meet the RS2477 (?) findings.

He reminded the Board that the plan would not be a silver bullet, but that it was important to have it be actionable and not sit on a shelf. The ad hoc committee is working on the various sections (he distributed the Table of Contents) and putting it into a format for public comment and presentation to the Planning Board. He also noted that it was not just intended to be used with the Forest Service by with any federal agency. He commented that the biggest issue all activity is facing is the Grizzly Bear habitat. [He gave a brief history of NEPA which intended to level the playing field for local communities but those communities must be engaged for its efficacy].

He posed some questions about how it would work with the County Plan and stated that it cannot trump any federal laws (like the ESA) but it can influence plan.

7. Planning Department Report

Kristin updated the Board that Kelly Palmer had resigned from the Board for reasons associated with time commitment. She also informed the Board that the Osler/Higle lakeshore permit on Dickey Lake was approved by the Commissioners after the applicant submitted revised drawings.

8. Planning Board Comments and Questions

9. 7:30 – Meeting Adjourned