

LINCOLN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2019 – 5:30PM

LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – LIBBY | NORTH ANNEX VIDEO CONFERENCE

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:30PM

2. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Michael Hobbs, Chair</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>John Damon</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Kenny Rayome, Jr</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Ernie Anderson</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Kate Arpin</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Robert Haidle</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Laura Garner</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Scott Mattheis</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Tracy McNew</u>

STAFF: Jake Mertes, County Planning, Kristin Smith, KMR Consulting, Dave DeGrandpre, Land Solutions

PUBLIC: Ray Stout, KVR, Citizens x 7

3. AGENDA

- Meeting called to order
- Approval of July 2019 minutes
 - Approved.
- Growth Policy public hearing
 - Kristin and Dave presented draft growth policy.
 - Mr. Hobbs explained to the public in attendance how the public comment process works and how their ideas may be incorporated into the draft document.
 - Mr. DeGrandpre was given the floor and explained to the room what a growth policy is and what it may contain. He explained how the data was collected from the public and other stakeholders and how that information was used to create the draft document. Comments were then solicited from the board.
 - Mr. Rayome felt that the targeted incentives (Action 2.3) for businesses should be considered medium priority and not low priority. Motion for change passed.
 - Mrs. Garner felt the time frame for Action 1.1 should be moved from mid-term to short-term. Motion for change passed.
 - Mr. Rayome suggested that Action 8.2 and Action 12.3 be moved to high priority with an on-going time frames. Motion for change passed.
 - Mr. Anderson believed that Action 17.3 be moved from low to high priority. Motion for change passed.
 - Mr. Hobbs listed a few “housekeeping” items to clean up format in Goal 16 and grammatical items on Pgs 1, 19, and 49.
 - Mr. Hobbs opened public comment. (See section 4 below)
 - Mr. Hobbs closed public comment.
 - Mr. Rayome moved to give item 10.1 a High priority and a midterm timeframe. Motion for change passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Claudine Merrell (Libby) - Asked if the PB has gotten input from the cities and towns (govts) concerning how the County growth policy will serve them?
- Tina Oliphant (Libby) – Questioned where funding would come from to implement actions such as 2.2. Also, felt that Action 16.1 be moved to high priority. Board motioned, seconded, and approved amendment to priority level of 16.1.
- Jennifer Nelson, County Forester (Libby) – Felt that many of the items relating to the forest management in the document were antiquated and/or erroneous and requested an opportunity to suggest changes to the document prior to any resolution by the PB to send the draft to County Commissioners for adoption. PB, Staff, and Consultants agreed to postpone action until September meeting for that purpose.
- Joel Chandler (Libby) – Public notice needs other avenues outside of News Papers, Courthouse Bulletin Board, Website and Facebook. Economic development should be of the highest priority.
- Jessie Grossman (Troy) – Very supportive of upgrades to broadband internet and any action to increase economic development and entrepreneurship. Suggested county-wide mailings in response to Mr. Chandlers call for more effective public notice. She also pointed out that many of the mill employees in Moyie are actually residents of Lincoln County. Wildlife and Natural beauty should be considered in regard to development of highway corridors.

5. Next Meeting – September 17th, 2019

6:50 pm meeting adjourned.