

# LINCOLN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023 – 5:30PM

LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – LIBBY | NORTH ANNEX VIDEO CONFERENCE

- MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

☒ Michael Hobbs, Chair

☒ John Damon

☐ Vacant

☒ Ernie Anderson

☒ Scott Rodich

☒ James Gibson

☐ Laura Garner

☒ Scott Mattheis

☐ Tracy McNew

**STAFF:** Jesse Haag, Lincoln County Planning; Kristin Smith, KMR Planning

**PUBLIC:** Mike Fraser (project engineer), Jacob Feistner(Consultant), Sean Donovan (Project Engineer)

- AGENDA

- Meeting called to order at 5:30pm
- **Approval of Minutes;**
  - Mar 21, 2023 –Two errors are identified, year correction on line 3 (change 2027 to 2023), and discussion bullet 5 (change J. Gibson to S. Mattheis). Motion by E. Anderson to approve as written with 2 corrections. Seconded by J. Damon.
    - Motion passes – Unanimous
- Lakeshore Permit Review – Hughes (Dickey Lake)
  - K. Smith gives an overview of the proposed project. State that retaining walls are not usually ideal unless in a case of active erosion.
  - J. Damon asks for clarification on stated variance in report.
  - K. Smith says no variance, was a typo.
  - M. Hobbs asks for clarifications on who conducted tests associated with the project design.
  - J. Feistner says that Bill Simpson is the project designer and S. Donovan is contractor.
  - M. Hobbs has questions about the fill materials and proposed slope angles.
  - S. Donovan provides details on fill and slope.
  - K. Smith reads proposed Planning Dept. Conditions of Approval
  - M. Hobbs proposes adding two additional conditions:
    - 1. The project shall be constructed and installed pursuant to the plans submitted by Gradelta Engineering with the application
    - 2. The geotechnical engineer and site civil engineer shall stamp and Sign and Return Letters of Completion, along with photos,

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within fifteen (15) days of completion of the Lakeshore Project for Final Review and Approval by the Lincoln County Planning Department.

- S. Rodich motion to approve with the 2 added conditions. Seconded by J. Damon.
    - Motion Carries – unanimous
- Lakeshore Permit Review – Shepard (Middle Thompson)
  - K. Smith gives project introduction
  - E. Anderson motion to approve as written with variance. Seconded by J. Damon.
    - Motion Carries – Unanimous
- Lakeshore Permit Review – (After the Fact) Lincoln County (Bull Lake)
  - J. Haag introduces the project and reads the staff report. After the fact permit was necessary as contractor initially thought project was exempt. Rising lake water disturbed the temporary road access which caused a sloughing of material into the lake, and created unsafe conditions of the temporary road. Project seeks to remove sloughed materials, remove temp road, and restabilize the main road. Planning department recommends approval with 11 conditions.
  - Board discusses the need to ensure machinery is clean of grease before commencement of work in lake.
  - M. Fraser discusses project details including the existing creosote pilings.
  - S. Mattheis motion to approve with conditions as written. Seconded by E. Anderson.
    - Motion carries – unanimous
- Planning Board Items
  - Board unanimously approves J. Damon as new Vice Chair
  - Board discusses attendance and requests the resignation of T. McNew.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**
  - None
- **MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:48 pm**
  - Motion by S. Rodich, seconded by S. Mattheis
- **NEXT Meetings**
  - June 20, 2023 (Cancelled due to lack of agenda items)
  - July 18, 2023