

LINCOLN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025 – 5:30PM
LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – LIBBY | NORTH ANNEX VIDEO CONFERENCE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:31 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

☒ <u>John Damon, Chair</u>	☒ <u>Veronica Bovee Anderson</u>	☒ <u>Paul Johnson</u>
☒ <u>Ernie Anderson</u>	☒ <u>Roberta McCanse</u>	☐ <u>Jim Gibson</u>
☐ <u>Kurt West</u>	☒ <u>Scott Mattheis</u>	☒ <u>Doug Fryer</u>

STAFF: Jesse Haag, Kristin Smith, Alisha Osborne

PUBLIC: None.

AGENDA

- Meeting called to order at 17:34.
- Approval of June 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes.
 - V. Bovee-Anderson Motions to approve.
 - S. Mattheis seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carries.
- Introduction to Regulatory Update Process
 - K. Smith explains the steering committee formation and purpose. She provides a synopsis of the contents of the chapters that will be reviewed first, and the standards. She explains the changes to the regulations surrounding Buildings for Lease or Rent.
 - S. Mattheis asks for clarification on the Buildings for Lease or Rent portion.
 - K. Smith explains the reasons for the regulatory changes.
 - J. Haag explains the RV park notice requirements in counties without zoning, and explains that public notice can be added.
 - P. Johnson asks about public comment.
 - J. Damon asks if it goes to commission.
 - K. Smith says there will be a link to the schedule.
 - The Board discusses the differences in the Growth Policy and the Land Use and Planning Act. They discuss their perspectives and reasoning. They discuss the infrastructure and administrative aspects of the documents.
 - J. Haag explains the history of the Land Use and Planning Act and process of community adoption.
 - K. Smith says that the Lincoln County Growth Policy is not as outdated as other counties' policies.
- Growth Policy 5-year Review (Continued)

- J. Haag says we need a group consensus with a rationale for the decision, and the department can summarize and present it to Commission.
- J. Haag explains the process.
- K. Smith explains the effects of increased population on the growth policy.
- The board discusses the implementation tables and board coordination.
- J. Haag asks the board to consider the usefulness of the information, the existing impacts.
- The Board discusses procedures policy items that can be covered by the subdivision regulations and the proper timing of updates.
- P. Johnson says he does not think it needs updated at this time. He asks if the stakeholders know they are assigned items to keep track of.
- K. Smith says the Port Authority has shifted their focus to master stewardship at this time.
- The Board discusses the problems with the growth policy and potential goal tracking methods.
- K. Smith explains the purpose of the NRDP.
- J. Damon asks the members in Eureka if there are any comments. The comment is made that partners need held accountable and one has to call around to get the right department.
- V. Bovee-Anderson says not to touch the growth policy.
- S. Mattheis agrees.
- J. Damon says to look at it in one year.
- V. Bovee-Anderson reiterates the purpose of the meeting.
- E. Anderson agrees that it does not need changed this year.
- J. Haag says the main growth issue will be Eureka and that the Land Use and Planning Act would work best in that situation.
- J. Damon asks if it is available online.
- K. Smith says we can send it to you.
- J. Haag says it can be a recommendation as well.
- E. Anderson motions to not review the growth policy, and to review the Implementation Tables in a year.
- S. Mattheis seconds the motion.
- J. Damon calls for the vote. All in favor, motion passes.
- J. Haag asks the Board for written statement of reasoning for their decision to be summarized by the Department and then presented to the Commission.
- The board discusses the benefit of using the LUPA instead.
- Planning Staff Update
 - J. Haag explains the enforcement issues being encountered to include the RV parks and the recent lakeshore permit for Thompson on Crystal Lake.
- Public Comment.
 - None.
- Adjournment 18:46

- V. Bovee-Anderson motions to adjourn. P. Johnson seconds the motion.