

LINCOLN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026

LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – LIBBY | NORTH ANNEX VIDEO CONFERENCE – EUREKA

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:32 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

☒ <u>Veronica Bovee Anderson, Chair</u>	☒ <u>John Damon</u>	☒ <u>Paul Johnson</u>
☒ <u>John Boyke</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,

PUBLIC: From Stimson Lumber Co. (Stimson): Tyler Madison, Barry Dexter, Sam McSherry; and from MT FWP: Leah Breidinger

AGENDA

- Meeting called to order at 17:32.
- **Approval of June 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes.**
 - *Motion to approve by P. Johnson, second by J. Damon. All in favor, motion carried.*
- **Conservation Easement – Stimson**

K. Smith introduces the proposed conservation easement which seeks to restrict certain uses and divisions on nearly 21,000 acres of land in Lincoln and Sanders County and maintain it for timber production and other extractive use. After some confusion learning that the Board did not receive the complete deed document, the Board decided to proceed with the discussion.

The Stimson representatives asserted that this deed finishes placing all of Stimson's holdings into easement timber production. They also affirmed that if a road on their property is open, it will stay open and if it is closed it will stay closed.

 - *Motion to recommend sending a letter that the board had no comments was made by Mattheis and seconded by Damon. All in favor, motion carries.*
- **Cell Tower letter to Commissioners**

K. Smith presents a draft letter for consideration to send to the BOCC directing the planning staff to research and draft recommended regulations for cell towers.

- *Motion by Damon and seconded by Mattheis to send the letter signed by Veronica to the commissioners. All in favor, motion carries*
- **Growth Policy Review letter to Commissioners**

K. Smith presents a draft letter to the BOCC summarizing the Planning Boards review process and recommendations for next steps.

 - *Motion by McCanse and seconded by Damon to send the letter signed by Veronica to the commissioners. All in favor, motion carries*
- **Planning Staff Update**
 - J. Haag informs that the planning department had an open position in the department for a land use planner and was hoping for some qualified candidates.
- **Public Comment**

NONE
- Meeting Adjourned at 18:20